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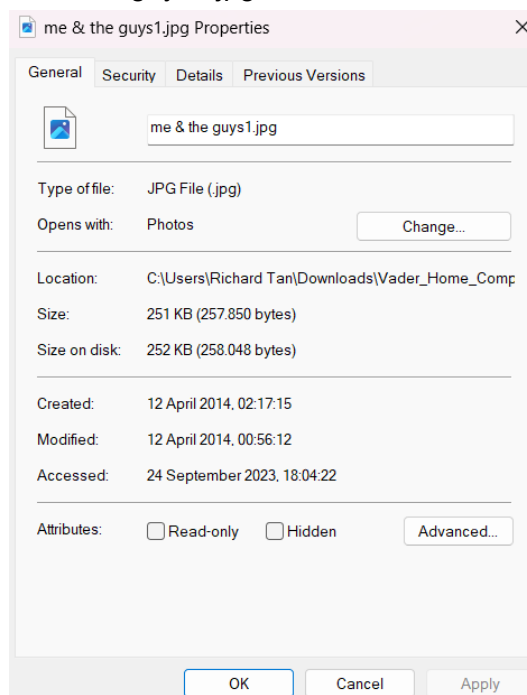
Objectives:

- Use HashCalc to determine the hash values of the files.
- Use HxD Hex Editor to change a single byte in a file.
- Use Hashcalc Re-hash the files.
- Use HxD Hex Editor to examine the end of each file and determine the difference.

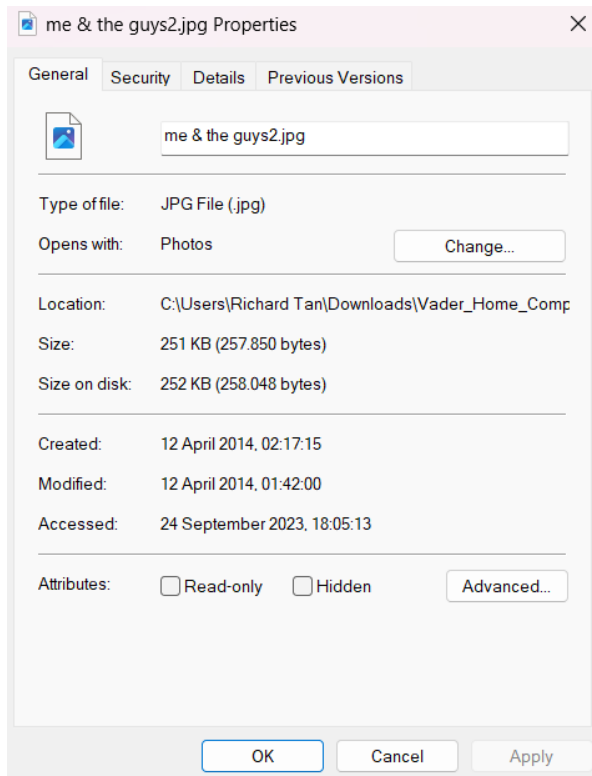
1. **Open / Install Access Data's FTK Imager 3**
2. **Select File > Add Evidence Item > Select Image File > Browse to Vader_Home_Computer.001 image and add it.**
3. **Navigate to the C:\Documents and Settings\Owner\My Documents\Secret pics folder.**
4. **Export the "Secret Pics" folder to your local hard drive.**
5. **On your computer, examine the three pictures inside the Secret pics folder. Using Windows, right click on the three provided pictures and record the size of each file**

	me & the guys2.jpg	12/04/2014 1:42	JPG File	252 KB
	me & the guys1.jpg	12/04/2014 0:56	JPG File	252 KB
	me & the guys3.jpg	12/04/2014 0:56	JPG File	252 KB

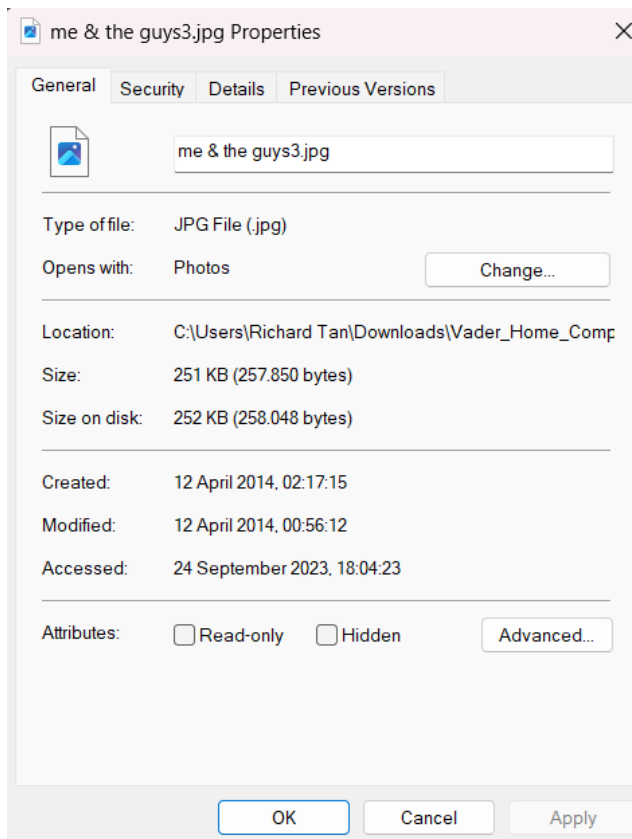
me & the guys1.jpg



me & the guys2.jpg




me & the guys3.jpg



6. **Open each image and describe the contents.**

Me & the guys1,2 and 3 have the same image content, however, there might be a slight difference in the checksum if a hex value has been edited.

Image content	Description
	The Image contains various Darths (Sith lords), the most iconic one is Darth Vader

7. **Are the pictures all identical?**

Image-wise, the three pictures are identical, but If we check using **sha256sum** to validate each picture we can see a slight difference here. Thus, only “**me & the guys1.jpg**” and “**me & the guys3.jpg**” are identical.

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88c1f94bca3c647924c88c385e07f657af1095c01ecfb33927092848ef36381f me & the guys1.jpg
9f1ddbcb43a7d81228e71c2ec4d1e7cd817596701bbd3a2b8f3b2384fa737900 me & the guys2.jpg
88c1f94bca3c647924c88c385e07f657af1095c01ecfb33927092848ef36381f me & the guys3.jpg
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8. **Install Hashcalc.exe.**

9. **Use Hashcalc to calculate the hashes of all 3 files. Record the Md5 Hash value for each file**

Image name	MD5 Hash Value
me & the guys1.jpg	2c88e88976c4379d117854d216e36681
me & the guys2.jpg	f22d2acd1b884af86b40d72f447eca2
me & the guys3.jpg	2c88e88976c4379d117854d216e36681

10. **Install the HxD Hex Editor on your computer and open it.**

11. **In HxD, select “open” under the file menu. Open one of 2 duplicate files. You know they are duplicates because they have an identical hash.**

12. **Go to the bottom of the file and change the last byte by selecting it and typing any character.**

I decided to change the “me & the guys3.jpg” file.

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me the guys3.jpg

Offset(h) 00 01 02 03 04 05 06 07 08 09 0A 0B 0C 0D 0E 0F
0003EEA0 A9 06 36 B5 18 5C 16 B5 91 E2 D7 6D D4 31 8F 7E @.6p.\.µ`â*mÔ1.~
0003EEB0 59 7C 17 BF 35 C5 A7 F9 BE 50 62 43 BE 59 2D B4 Y|.¿5Å$ù%PbC%Y-`
0003EEC0 4E 83 0D A8 DC E1 94 6C F0 0D 82 19 00 B5 31 23 Nf."Üá"1ð.,..µl#
0003EED0 89 B9 B6 10 49 2D 76 77 CA A8 1D CF 74 7B 71 C9 %²q.I-vwÊ".İt{qÉ
0003EEE0 97 3C 1E AE 9F 15 97 32 D1 B6 E4 55 15 FA 9A CA -<.@Ÿ.-2ÑqâU.úšÊ
0003EEF0 3C AC BC 83 ED B8 FF 00 47 4E 67 2B A6 47 78 C9 <-¼fi,ÿ.GNg+!GxÉ
0003EF00 1D EF 0C 61 13 83 93 84 DD 3C 87 A3 B2 E1 85 EA .i.a.f"„Ÿ<+£²á...ê
0003EF10 D1 E3 35 04 8D 2F AD 8F 5E 32 7C 06 D6 0B 0C E4 ÑâS../...^2|.Ö..ä
0003EF20 89 05 69 18 77 A1 B1 1D 0F 2D 52 5F AD 7C 03 93 %.i.wj±...-R_.|. "
0003EF30 A7 D0 2D 8D 18 DB 06 97 FF D9 6A 39 30 31 64 63 SÐ-..Û.-ÿÜj901dc|

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13. Select “Save as” under “File” and save this picture under a different name.
14. Use Windows to record the file size and hash calc for the md5 hash of the new file new file.

File name	Hexed_me & the guys3.jpg
File Properties	<div> Location: C:\Users\Richard Tan\Downloads\Vader_Home_Comp </div> <div> Size: 251 KB (257.856 bytes) </div> <div> Size on disk: 252 KB (258.048 bytes) </div> <hr/> <div> Created: 24 September 2023, 18:26:03 </div> <div> Modified: 24 September 2023, 18:26:03 </div> <div> Accessed: 24 September 2023, 18:26:03 </div>
File Md5 Hash	b6fe38c8a29e9879bc9c94cc80c67a6f hexed_me & the guys3.jpg
File Md5 Comparison	<div> 2c88e88976c4379d117854d216e36681 me & the guys1.jpg </div> <div> f22d2acd8b1884af86b40d72f447eca2 me & the guys2.jpg </div> <div> 2c88e88976c4379d117854d216e36681 me & the guys3.jpg </div> <div> b6fe38c8a29e9879bc9c94cc80c67a6f hexed_me & the guys3.jpg </div>

15. Based on the results of this test, what are your thoughts on the reliability of Md5 as a “digital fingerprint”?

Md5 is very useful to identify the integrity of a file, with just a single byte change making the Md5 value change, we can easily make sure the file we have now and the file used as evidence are exact matches or if the file has been tampered or forged.

16. Use HxD to examine the last few bytes of each of the files provided and record anything that might be of suspicion.

Inside the hex of “me & the guys2.jpg” we could see there is a message saying
“DEATH_START_PASSWORD IS: CutePuppies123;)”

Offset (h)	00	01	02	03	04	05	06	07	08	09	0A	0B	0C	0D	0E	0F	
0003EE70	63	AE	31	8E	CC	2C	7C	BE	7C	B9	78	AD	DF	A8	87	E9	c@lŽİ, % ^x.B`#é
0003EE80	CB	B8	A7	38	5B	6D	77	E6	A0	E9	2E	F9	92	DA	86	1D	Ě,\$8[mwæ é.ù'Ú†.
0003EE90	43	8D	5A	79	67	86	6F	43	D4	3A	D8	B7	35	FC	D8	76	C.ZygtoCÔ:Ø·5üØv
0003EEA0	A9	06	36	B5	18	5C	16	B5	91	E2	D7	6D	D4	31	8F	7E	@.6µ.\.µ'â*mÔl.~
0003EEB0	59	7C	17	BF	35	C5	A7	F9	BE	50	62	43	BE	59	2D	B4	Y .¿5Ā\$ù%PbC%Y-'
0003EEC0	4E	83	0D	A8	DC	E1	94	6C	F0	0D	82	19	00	B5	31	23	Nf."Üá"l8.,..µl#
0003EED0	89	B9	B6	10	49	2D	76	77	CA	A8	1D	CF	74	7B	71	C9	%²q.I-vwÊ".İt{qÉ
0003EEE0	97	3C	1E	AE	9F	15	97	32	D1	B6	E4	55	15	FA	9A	CA	-<.@Ÿ.-2ŇqäU.úšÊ
0003EEF0	3C	AC	BC	83	ED	B8	FF	00	47	4E	67	2B	A6	47	78	C9	<-4fı,Ÿ.GNg+!GxE
0003EF00	1D	EF	0C	61	13	83	93	84	DD	3C	87	A3	B2	E1	85	EA	.ı.a.f"„Ÿ<+£²á...ê
0003EF10	44	45	41	54	48	5F	53	54	41	52	5F	50	41	53	53	57	DEATH_STAR_PASSW
0003EF20	4F	52	44	20	49	53	3A	20	43	75	74	65	50	75	70	70	ORD IS: CutePupp
0003EF30	69	65	73	31	32	33	3A	29	20	20							ies123:)

17. Based on your answer to the previous question, do you think it may be possible for criminals to effectively hide information within a jpeg file? Why?

Yes, it is possible. A criminal can hide various types of data ranging from just a simple message/text like the previous answer, or even using the jpeg to hide a reverse shell or even malware that can harm the victim's devices.