Basic Data Carving Test #2

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Introduction

This test image is an EXT2 file system and is intended to test data carving tools for indirect block detection and removal. With large files, EXT2 allocates blocks (called indirect blocks) to store file metadata and the blocks are frequently allocated in between blocks that contain file content. Therefore, the file becomes fragmented and a basic carving tool may include the indirect block in the carved file. This file system image contains several allocated and deleted files, none of which have been modified. This image was created from a USB thumb drive that was wiped clean and formatted using the `mkfs.ext2` program. The super block has been corrupted so that the image cannot be mounted and therefore data carving methods must be used to extract the files.

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This test image is a 'raw' partition image (i.e. 'dd') of an EXT2 file system. The file system is 124MB and is compressed to 1.1MB. The MD5 of the image is `6cbd2c5248fa7030d699eb6cde051623`. This image is released under the GPL, so anyone can use it.

- zip

Files

The following files exist in the image. The sectors marked as "(IND)" and "(DIND)" represent the indirect and double indirect block pointer locations.

Num	Name	MD5	Size	Note	Sectors
1	haxor2.bmp	f9633fe6b9ef2a0a5edd6de70d22c0f5	163878	A deleted BMP	(0-22):5162-5184, (IND):5186 (24-320):5188-5484
2	jimmy.doc	2f3f914dd74819df42d1d941c7275c16	12800	A deleted DOC	(0-22):5486-5508, (IND):5510 (24):5512
3	jn.jpg	270a0a913fa9603db8121fdf78d63aca	28949	A valid JPG	(0-22):5514-5536, (IND):5538 (24-56):5540-5572
4	lin_test.pdf	1c64456776075d1f0a662e1f6c09e340	26618	A valid PDF	(0-22):5574-5596, (IND):5598 (24-50):5600-5626
5	main_dive.jpg	937846adb96773ee25fcb34821230976	8463	A valid jpeg	(0-16):5628-5644
6	n_lin_ss.pdf	97be95ed3e710b63bc75e5c0775062d9	734652	A valid pdf	(0-22):5646-5668, (IND):5670 (24-534):5672-6182, (DIND):6184, (IND):6186, (536-1046):6188-6698, (IND):6700, (1048-1434)6702 7088
7	blogo.gif	5e10b2176016885a85bffc074a142524	18663	A valid gif	(0-22):5122-5144, (IND):5146 (24-36):5148-5160
8	sherry.jpg	3834e72d2ee266ccfb9733d716b89f2b	133249	A valid	(0-22):7090-7112, (IND):7114

				JPEG	(24-260):7116-7352
9	stats.xls	6351df9c1543c41c3df8eea63e06a219	15360	A valid XLS	(0-22):7354-7376, (IND):7378 (24-28):7380-7384
10	test.ppt	99941c129cc8cfbadc15c55086982efc	17408	A valid PPT	(0-22):7386-7408, (IND):7410 (24-32):7412-7420

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Disclaimers

This is a simple test case I composed when testing data carving tools. It is by no means all inclusive.
