

Digital Forensics

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The basic of digital forensics and detection
the primer for getting start

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1. What is forensic science.

Forensic Science is an application of science to solve legal & crime related problem. In PS the law and science were integrated together.

2. Digital Forensic Computer

The application of science and investigational procedure for an legal purpose investigating the analysis of digital evidence. After proper search authority chain of custody, validation with multi-use of validated tools. (Repeatability, reporting) and possible expert presentation.

3. Digital Forensic Process -> can be boiled down or segregated ^{into} series of stages. These phases are as follows

- * ① Search authority
- * ② Chain of Custody
- * ③ Imaging and Hashing function
- ④ Validated tools
- ⑤ Repeatability
- ⑥ Analysis

Analysis linking some activity with specific user account

Established in a timeline for event

- (g) Reporting
- (h) Possible expert presentation

a) Which are the devices & elements applied to the digital forensic

- (i) laptop
- (j) desktop
- (k) Hard disk
- (l) pen drive(s)
- (m) mobile devices
- (n) Network
- (o) Cloud
- (p) image
- (q) audio
- (r) video
- (s) text messages
- (t) Word, Excel, PowerPoint documents

b) Usage of digital forensic

Denis Radler

- (a) Civil Investigation : Case Study [BTK Killer]
- (b) Civil litigation : eDiscovery
e-dis - electronic discovery. It refers to any process in which data is located, secured and searched with intent of using it as evidence in a civil or criminal legal case.

- (c) Intelligence : Case Study [Missouri K-11]
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- (d) Administrative matter : Case Study [SEC]

Security & Exchange Commission of America

A hash table of length 10
How we are filling this table

0
1

2 31 42
3 23
4 39
5 52
6 46
7 33
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9

④ insert (42, 'D')

function $h(k) = k \mod 10$

④ Insert 42

⑤ insert (46, 'A')

$$h(k) = k \mod 10$$

$$46 \mod 10$$

⑥ insert (34, 'B')

$$h(k) = k \mod 10$$

$$34 \mod 10$$

⑦ insert (46, 'C')

$$h(k) = k \mod 10$$

$$46 \mod 10$$

1) Search Authority :-

- (i) To initiate a digital forensic investigation we need a proper search authority released document.
- (ii) Search Authority released document is required for collection the digital evidence.
- (iii) Without a search Authority released document we are not allowed to investigate. If we investigate without a proper SA document then all the evidence which are collected are suppressed and not being consider as a valid document.
- (iv) For criminal investigation, Search Authority released document is 'Warrant' or 'Subpoena' etc - issued by the court.
- (v) For any civil investigation, Search Authority released documents are issued by the public prosecution and from the side of to be accused.

2) Chain of Custody :-

- (i) C of custody is issued for every digital evidence in order to maintain integrity.
- (ii) C of custody is documented from reports, notes and marking the actual evidence item.
- (iii) Each time during analysis if an item change it should be recorded.

3) Imaging & Hashing.

- (i) After collecting a digital evidence experts avoided to work on the original evidence rather they prefer to make a clone of that evidence in order to prepare the clone of the original evidence an exact copy of every bit of that media is done , this copy is known as bit by bit copy and the whole procedure is known as imaging .
- Hashing technique - is mathematical process via an algorithm that produces a unique value that is essentially the digital fingerprint or DNA of a particular file piece of media etc .
- (i) Validated Tools :
 - (j) Forensic tools needs to be validated & tested before they are use so that we can ensure that this tools will give us correct result or accurate result .
 - (k) Newly collected tools & updated tools both needs to be verified & validated .
- (l) Repeatability : Quality assurance
 - (i) The result of forensic examination should be able to be duplicated . So that the separate examiner should be able to repeat the process using same evidence same steps & same tools and come up with same result .
 - (ii) Quality assurance is a procedure and practice in the digital forensic process which will help us

To give a warranty of the accuracy based on my findings.

(5) QA address multiple issues such as skill and training of the examiner, security of the evidence facility, reliability of the tools, case processing infrastructure and many more.

(6) Analysis :-

i) Linking some activity with the specific user A/c

ii) Establishing a timeline of the events

iii) Determining whether USB storage device is connected to your storage machine (Laptop) or not

iv) Breaking encryption

v) Identifying relationship or connection between individuals

vi) Identifying that website that may have been visited

vii) Determining whether certain files are open or downloaded.

viii) We recover the data

(7) Reporting :-

i) In almost every center where Digital F is used some type of reports needs to be generated.

ii) Report may be of different forms or format

The name, length, format of the report needs to be described

specified by the reporting authority

Many forensic tools are used to generate the report as we process a case we are able to

select specific artifact files to be included in the

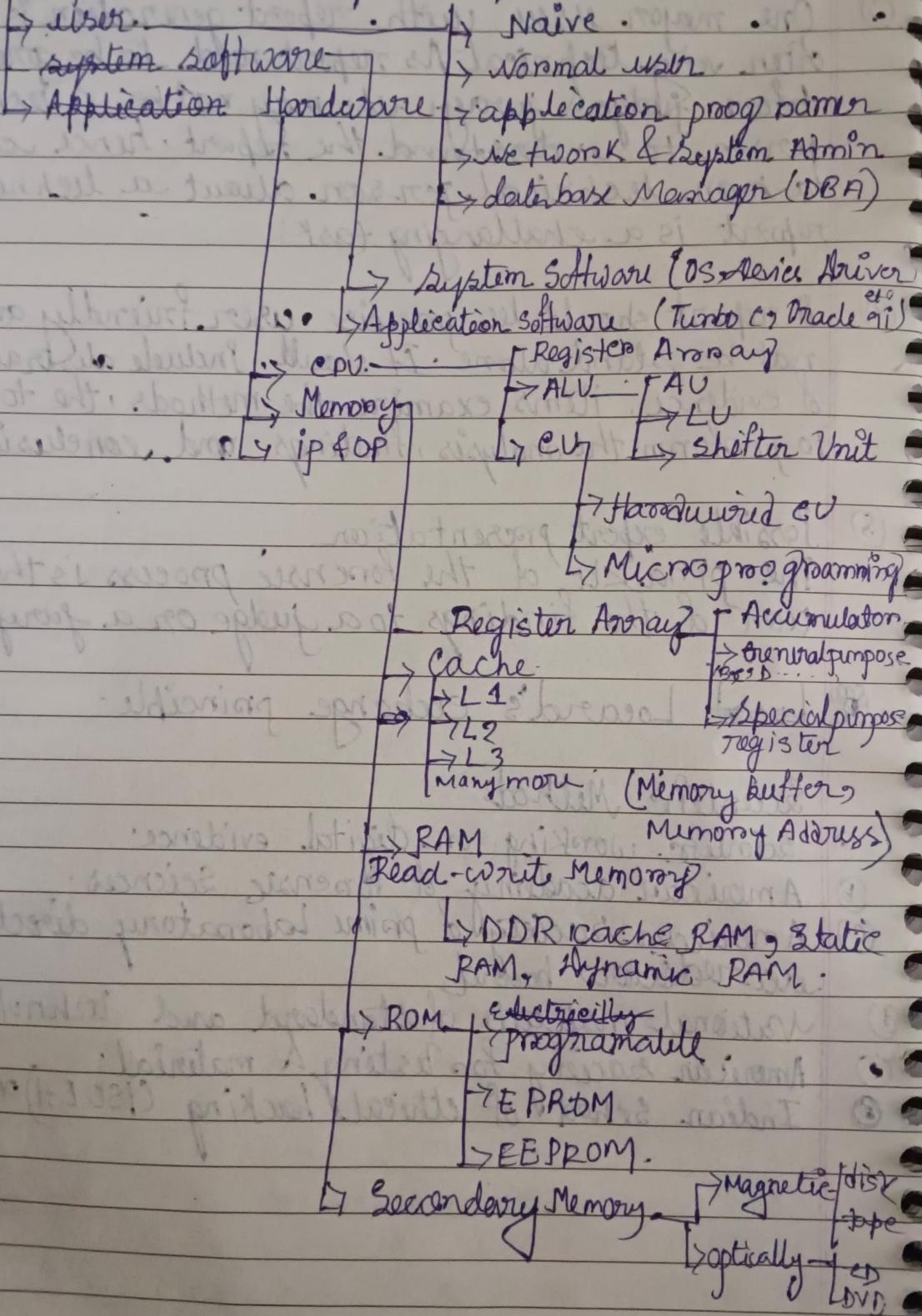
report

- (v) One major issue with report generation is they are often very technical. As report need to be presented before judge/jury who may not be a technical person to understand the report, hence convincing a non-technical person about a technical report is a challenging task.
- (vi) A report should be precise, user friendly and should not be stand alone. It should include abstract, list of evidence, items, examine the methods, the tools used to perform the analysis, findings and conclusion.
- (vii) Possible expert presentation:
The pinnacle of the forensic process is the presentation of the findings to a judge or a jury.
- (viii) Louis Locard's exchange principle.

Scientific Methods

- (a) Scientific working on digital evidence.
- (b) American academy of forensic sciences.
- (c) American society of crime laboratory directors/Laboratory accreditation board.
- (d) National institute of standard and technology.
- (e) American society for testing & material.
- (f) Indian school of ethical hacking (ISOEH).

Components of a digital computer



Analyze the evidence which was seized

- 1) Introduction to Cyber Crime Scene
- 2) Documenting scene and evident
- 3) Maintaining the chain of custody
- 4) Forensic cloning of evidence
- 5) Live and date system forensic
- 6) Hashing concept to main the integrity of evidence
- 7) Rephotographing

Introduction to Cyber crime

- o Digital evidence has been identified to catch criminals to perform civil administrative processing & to perform administrative processing.
- o Digital forensic experts needs to visit the prime scene. After visit receiving a warrant from court or higher administration
- o Every Crime scene and its evidence must be protected from accidental or intentional compromise. Every Crime scene must be protected by digital forensic expert and police from noisy neighbour, news media and other illegitimate trespasser
- o Digital Forensic expert must need to disconnect the cell phone, computer, laptop and digital device from outside world so that host cannot connect with outside

- The full crime area must be seized with protected boundaries by police or digital forensic expert.
- Computers and other wireless mobiles must be made in accessibility as soon as it is ensured that no volatile data would be lost.
- Collecting digital forensic evidence

- 1) CPU, CPU register, Cache, Memory
- 2) Random Access Memory (RAM)
- 3) Magnetic Drives
- 4) Removable Flash Drives
- 5) Optical disc (DVD/CD) (RW)
- 6) " " (DVD-R, DVD-W, CD-R, CD-W)

- ① Cell phone → Turn off the cell phone.
- ② If the phone is password protected.
- ③ Try to open the cell phone in a digital protected environment and decrypt this password using a code in digital environment.
- ④ Isolate the cell phone in a Faraday bag.
- ⑤ Transport the evidence to the lab to be examined in a shield room.
- ⑥ Capture the power card or power bank of the cell phone as well.
- ⑦ Place the phone in a special container which shields the phone from wireless signal.



It is essential to isolate like cellphones from the network. If not it can receive calls, text message or even command to delete the data.

Order of volatility

In order to prioritize the evidences from crime scene digital forensic expert follows an order. In this order most volatile evidences come first and less volatile evidences comes after that. This is order known as Order of volatility.

Digital Forensic

* Computing environments:

1) Stand-alone C.E.

A stand alone computer is one that is not connected to another computer. Stand-alone computers are easy to investigate.

2) Network computing env.

Computers might be connected via LAN, MAN or WAN. This type of environments introduce variety of variables into evidences. Hence, these computers in this env. are difficult to investigate.

3) Mainframe C.E.

In this env., a centralized org. is observed from one location. Processor, storage and application can be controlled from a single location. But due to complexity of the system, it's very difficult to trace evidence in this env.

*) Cloud environment

Cloud offers software along with computing infrastructure and platforms on elastic paperuse model. [Gmail is cloud facility]

1) IaaS: Infrastructure As A Service.

With IaaS, organizations outsource their hardwares ~~had~~ needs to a service provider. Various hardwares can be used as an infrastr. like mem. storage, processor, server, etc.

b) PaaS

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b) PaaS: Platform as a Service.

PaaS ~~lets~~ keeps the developers (app. programmers) the ability to rent the env. on an as needed basis. e.g. Gmail, Google, etc.

c) SaaS: Software as a Service:

SaaS provides applications on demand to customers over the internet. These applications are hosted and maintained by the service providers. ~~As a digital forensic~~

: Data types:

There are 3 types of data a digital forensic expert must need to deal.

a) Active data b) latent data c) Archival data.

a) Active data all data that we use everyday on our devices/computers.

b) A latent data: data has been deleted or partially overwritten. Eg [ERT command] [recover data]

c) Archival data: On backups may take many forms.

External ~~hard~~ drives

: File System:

1) File Allocation Table 2) NTFS (New Technology File System)

③ HFS+ (Hierarchical File System) used by MacOs

Ghost Protected Area:

A region to hidden areas on hard drive that are often difficult to detect. These areas are created by the manufacturers. It can be accessed, modified and written by the end users, using specific open source and freely available tools.

Device Configuration Overlay: are created by the manufacturers. They are protected area in hard disk or storage.

How magnetic hard drives store data?

[* data is stored in binary digits]
[* collection of sectors - cluster]