

## What is “evidence”?


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- ❑ Information stored or transmitted in binary form that may be relied on in court
- ❑ data and info about the data (files, meta-data, non-filesystem data, anything at all!)
- ❑ Will be used by investigator to:
  - Gather info about individuals (WHO)
  - Determine events that transpired (WHAT)
  - Construct a timeline (WHEN)
  - Discover tools / exploits used (HOW)

## Where to glean evidence?

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- ❑ Different cyber crimes result in different types of digital evidence
  - Cyber stalkers use e-mail to harass their victims
  - Computer hackers may leave evidence of their activities in log files
  - Child pornographers have digitized images stored on their computers.



## Where to glean evidence? (Con' t)

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- ❑ Network based information
- ❑ Internet and cloud forensics
  - Bruce Nikkel's *Domain Name Forensics: A Systematic Approach to Investigating an Internet Presence*
  - Cloud Computing: Another Digital forensics challenge
- ❑ Host based information
  - Volatile data and Nonvolatile data
  - RAM, Hard drive, compact disks, floppy disks, magnetic tapes, zip and jazz disks, log files,..., etc
- ❑ Others
  - Removable devices, Interview people, etc