

Assignment 3: Working with Windows, CLI Systems and Steganography

Total Marks: 52

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Introduction to the Assignment

You are asked to execute three tasks and reflect on questions.

Task 1: Calculation and comparing hashes of the files.

Task 2: To detect NTFS stream data

Task 3: To display contents in Steganography

Pre-requisites of the assignment

The pre-requisites (recommended system requirement) for this assignment are:

- VMware Fusion or Workstation (It must be registered; trials will not work)
- Windows 10 Virtual Machine
- Resources(files) provided in Slate

Task 1: Calculation and comparing hashes of the files [26 Marks]

A txt file is very simple and doesn't contain any header detail aside from the content of the text file. However, most files have a lot more information and details baked in.

- a) **[3 Marks]** In your resources for this assignment, you will find two rich text format files- file1.rtf and file3.rtf. The file has a lot more features than a simple txt file and since that's the case, more information is contained within it. **List the three differences between .txt and .rtf file.**

The 3 differences between .txt and .rtf file is Hex Signature, Images like png and jpg can be embedded(Saved in)(ref <https://www.quora.com/What-is-the-difference-between-TXT-and-RTF-files>) in .rtf file compared to .txt, Font information(Calibri) is provided in .rtf files compared to .txt files.

- b) **[3 Marks]** Open file1.rtf in WinHex and answer the following questions:

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- i. Mention the font of the content. _____ **Calibri** _____ ii. What's the hex value of captured font. _____ **43 61 6C 69 62 72 69** _____ iii. Attach the screenshot highlighting the font captured.

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File Edit View VM Tabs Help

Library

My Computer

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Kali-Linux-2022.2-vmware

Windows Server2022

WinHex - [file1.rtf]

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Case Data

File Edit

file1.rtf

file3.rtf

Offset

0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 A B C D E F

ANSI ASCII

00000000 7B 5C 72 74 66 31 5C 61 6E 73 69 5C 61 6E 73 69 {\rtf1\ansi\ansi

00000010 63 70 67 31 32 35 32 5C 64 65 66 66 30 5C 6E 6F cpgl252\deff0\no

00000020 75 69 63 6F 6D 70 61 74 5C 64 65 66 6C 61 6E 67 uicompat\deflang

00000030 31 30 33 33 7B 5C 66 6F 6E 74 74 62 6C 7B 5C 66 1033{\fonttbl{\f

00000040 30 5C 66 6E 69 6C 5C 66 63 68 61 72 73 65 74 30 0\fnl\fcharset0

00000050 20 43 61 6C 69 62 72 69 3B 7D 7D 0D 0A 7B 5C 2A Calibri;}} {\^

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00000070 64 32 30 20 31 30 2E 30 2E 31 39 30 34 31 7D 5C d20 10.0.19041\

00000080 76 69 65 77 6B 69 6E 64 34 5C 75 63 31 20 0D 0A viewkind4ucl

00000090 5C 70 61 72 64 5C 73 61 32 30 30 5C 73 6C 32 37 \pard\sa200\sl27

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000000B0 32 5C 6C 61 6E 67 39 20 53 68 65 72 69 64 61 6E 2\lang9 Sheridan

000000C0 20 43 6F 6C 6C 65 67 65 5C 70 61 72 0D 0A 7D 0D College\par }

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file1.rtf

file3.rtf

file1.rtf

C:\Users\Chris_Windows10\Desktop\Assignment3_resources\Assignment3_resources

File size:

210 B

210 bytes

Default Edit Mode

State:

original

Undo level:

0

Undo reverses:

n/a

Creation time:

07/05/2022

01:15:28

Last write time:

07/05/2022

01:15:28

Attributes:

A

Icons:

0

Mode:

Text

Offsets:

hexadecimal

Bytes per page:

44x16=704

Window #:

1

Window count:

2

Clipboard:

available

TEMP folder:

30.8 GB free

C:\Users\CHRIS_1\AppData\Local\Temp

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Offset:

57

= 105 Blocks

51 - 57 | Size:

7

Type here to search

17°C Mostly sunny

7/13/2022

7:18 AM

To direct input to this VM, move the mouse pointer inside or press Ctrl+G.

17°C Mostly sunny

ENG

7:18 AM

INTL

2022-07-13

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- c) **[3 Marks]** Open file3.rtf in WinHex and answer the following questions:
- Mention the font of the content. Calibri
 - What's the hex value of captured font. 43 61 6C 69 62 72 69
 - Attach the screenshot highlighting the font captured.

The screenshot shows the WinHex application interface. The main window displays the hex and ASCII view of a file named 'file3.rtf'. The hex view shows the following data:

Offset	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	A	B	C	D	E	F
00000000	7B	5C	72	74	66	31	5C	61	6E	73	69	5C	61	6E	73	69
00000010	63	70	67	31	32	35	32	5C	64	65	66	66	30	5C	6E	6F
00000020	75	69	63	6F	6D	70	61	74	5C	64	65	66	6C	61	6E	67
00000030	31	30	33	33	7B	5C	66	6F	6E	74	74	62	6C	7B	5C	66
00000040	30	5C	66	6E	69	6C	5C	66	63	68	61	72	73	65	74	30
00000050	20	42	65	6C	6C	20	4D	54	3B	7D	7B	5C	66	31	5C	66
00000060	6E	69	6C	5C	66	63	68	61	72	73	65	74	30	20	43	61
00000070	6C	69	62	72	69	3B	7D	7D	0D	0A	7B	5C	2A	5C	67	65
00000080	6E	65	72	61	74	6F	72	20	52	69	63	68	65	64	32	30
00000090	20	31	30	2E	30	2E	31	39	30	34	31	7D	5C	76	69	65
000000A0	77	6B	69	6E	64	34	5C	75	63	31	20	0D	0A	5C	70	61
000000B0	72	64	5C	73	61	32	30	30	5C	73	6C	32	37	36	5C	73
000000C0	6C	6D	75	6C	74	31	5C	66	30	5C	66	73	32	32	5C	6C
000000D0	61	6E	67	39	20	53	68	65	72	69	64	61	6E	20	63	6F
000000E0	6C	6C	65	67	65	5C	66	31	5C	70	61	72	0D	0A	7D	0D
000000F0	0A	00														

The ASCII view shows the following text:

```
{\rtf1\ansi\ansi  
cp1252\deff0\no  
uicompat\deflang  
1033(\fonttbl{\f  
0\fn1\focharset0  
Bell MT;){\fl\fb  
nil\focharset0 C  
alibri;}{\*\ge  
nerator Riched20  
10.0.15041\vie  
wkind4\ucsl \pa  
rd\sa200\sl276\l  
lmult1\fo\fs22\l  
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llege\fl\par }
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- d) **[1 Mark]** Open the two files- file1.rtf and file3.rtf in WordPad. What are the contents of both files?
_____SC_____
- e) **[1 Mark]** Compute the MD5 hash values of both the files. Both the files appear to be copies of each other. Do the hash values match? **__No the hash values don't match_____**
- f) **[2 Marks]** are MD5 hashes of both files? **file1.rtf: ea5e0baf344e4ded369b4ce708d809e3**
file3:rtf: 6de2e15ddd5df04dea743f651dde635
- g) **[2 Marks]** Why or Why don't the hashes match?
The hashes don't match because file 1 and file 3 contents in ANSI ASCII are different in winhex. This means that if you have 2 separate files that are modified differently you will have different hash values.
- h) **[2 Marks]** Use WinHex to look a bit deeper into these two files. Use the Tools/Compare data feature in WinHex to determine what's going on with these two files. Let your data source1 be file1.rtf and data source2 be file3.rtf. Save the output results as firstname_differences.txt in some folder. **Attach the screenshot of this activity.**

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Library

Chris_Windows10

WinHex - (file3.rtf)

File Edit Search Navigation View Tools Specialist Options Window Help

Case Data

File Edit

file1.rtf file3.rtf

Offset	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	A	B	C	D	E	F	ANSI ASCII
00000000	7B	5C	72	74	66	31	5C	61	6E	73	69	5C	61	6E	73	69	{\rtf1\ansi\ansi
00000010	63	70	67	31	32	35	32	5C	64	65	66	66	30	5C	6E	6F	cp1252\def0\mo
00000020	75	69	63	67	6D	70	61	74	5C	64	65	66	6C	61	6E	67	uicompat\deflang
00000030	31	30	33	33	7B	5C	66	6F	6E	74	74	62	6C	7B	5C	66	1033(\fonttbl{\f
00000040	30	5C	66	6E	69	6C	5C	66	63	68	61	72	73	65	74	30	0\fn11\focharset0
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000000B0	72	64	5C	73	61	32	30	30	5C	73	6C	32	37	36	5C	73	zd\ea200\sl276\
000000C0	6C	6D	75	6C	74	31	5C	66	30	5C	66	73	32	32	5C	6D	
000000D0	61	6E	67	39	20	53	68	65	72	69	64	61	6E	20	63	6E	
000000E0	6C	6C	65	67	65	5C	66	31	5C	70	61	72	0D	0A	7D	0D	
000000F0	0A	00															

file3.rtf

File size: 242 B
242 bytes

Default Edit Mode: original
State: original
Undo level: 0
Undo reverses: n/a
Creation time: 07/05/2022 11:02:46

Compare File/Disk Data

Data source 1: file1.rtf From offset: 0
Data source 2: file3.rtf From offset: 0
Bytes: 11

Output as: C:\Users\CHRIS_1\AppData\Local\Temp\

Search for differences
Search for identical data

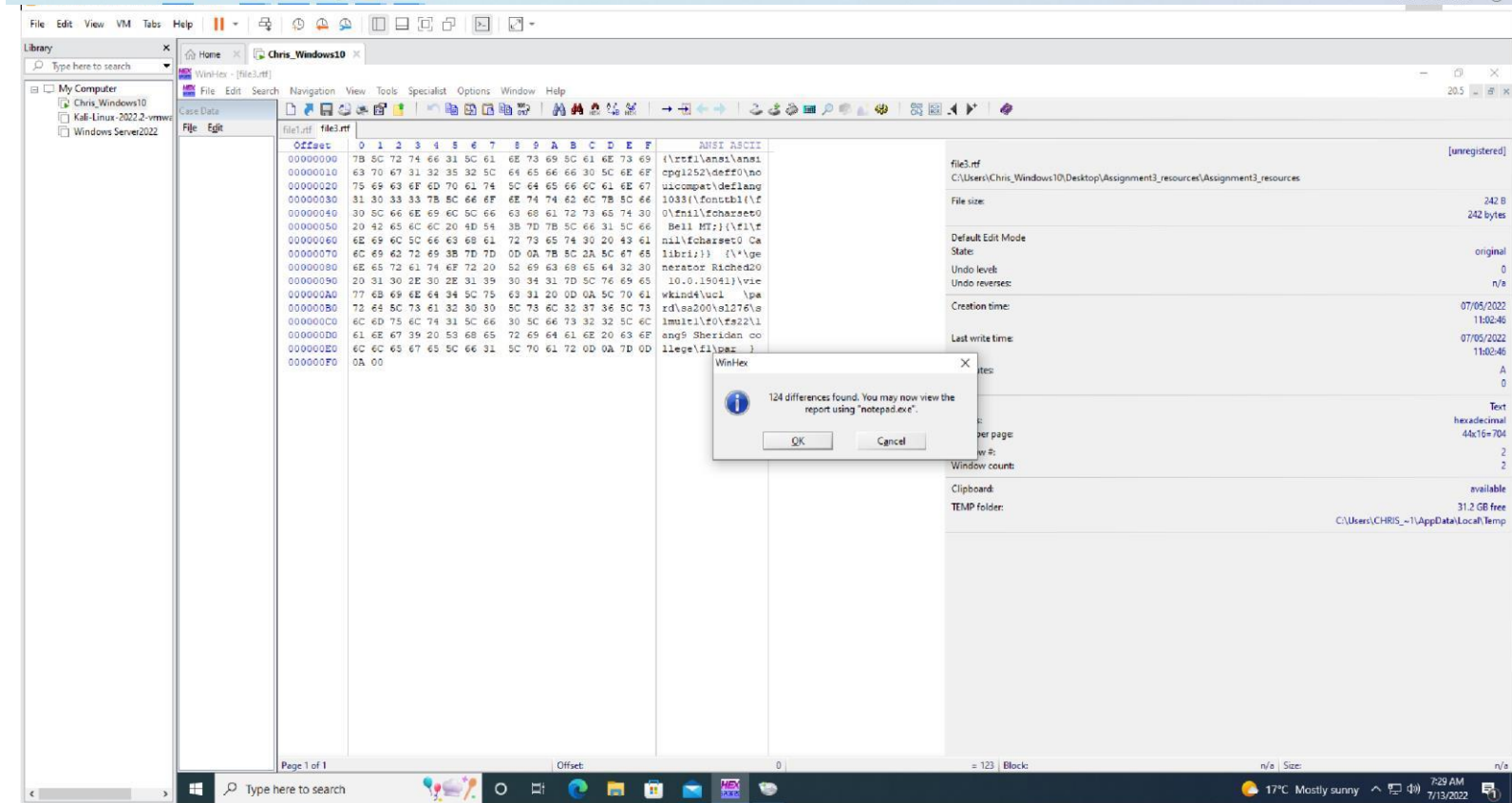
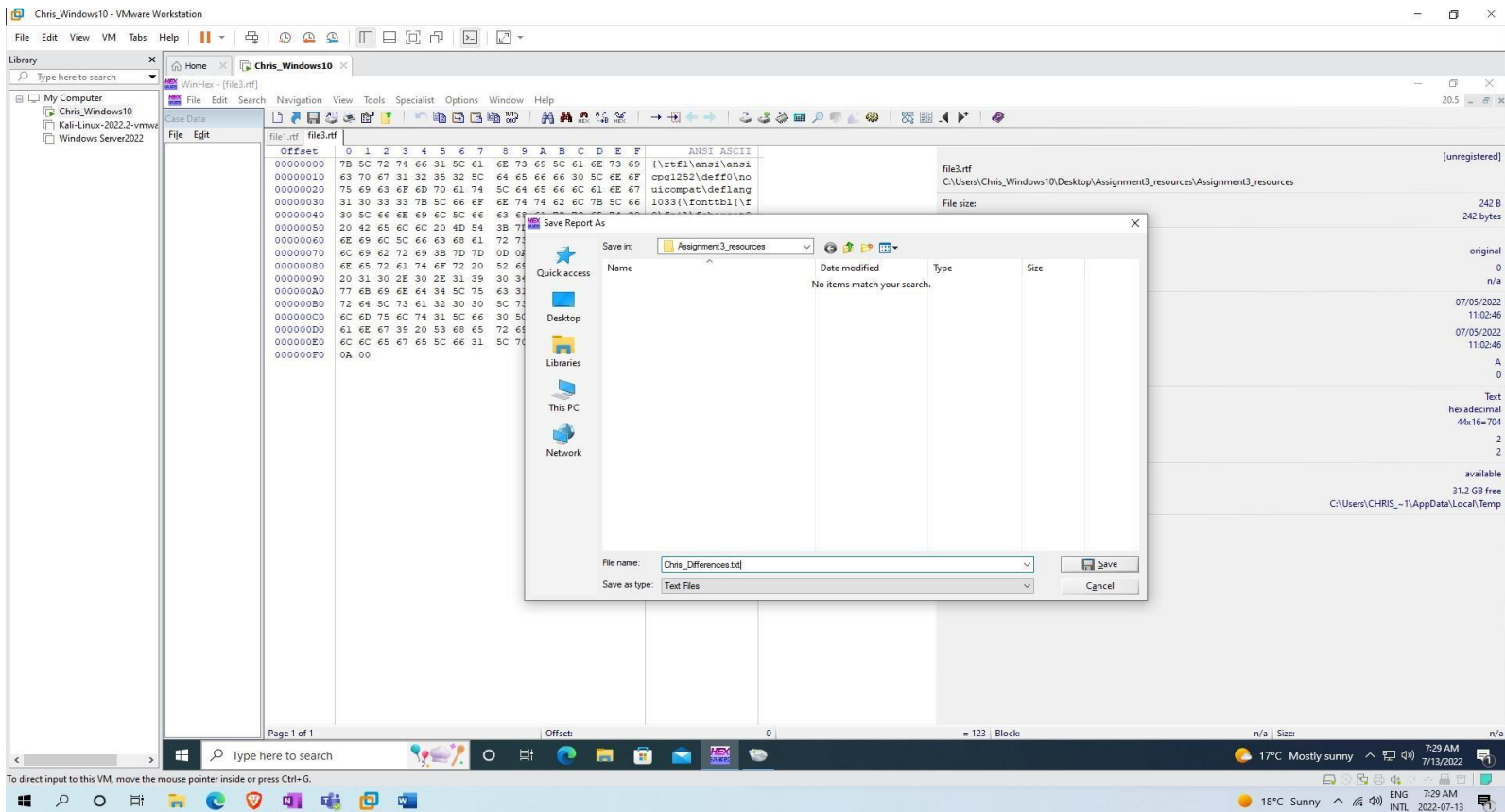
Discontinue comparison after: 1 differences

OK Cancel Help

Page 1 of 1 Offset: 0 = 123 Blocks n/a Size: n/a

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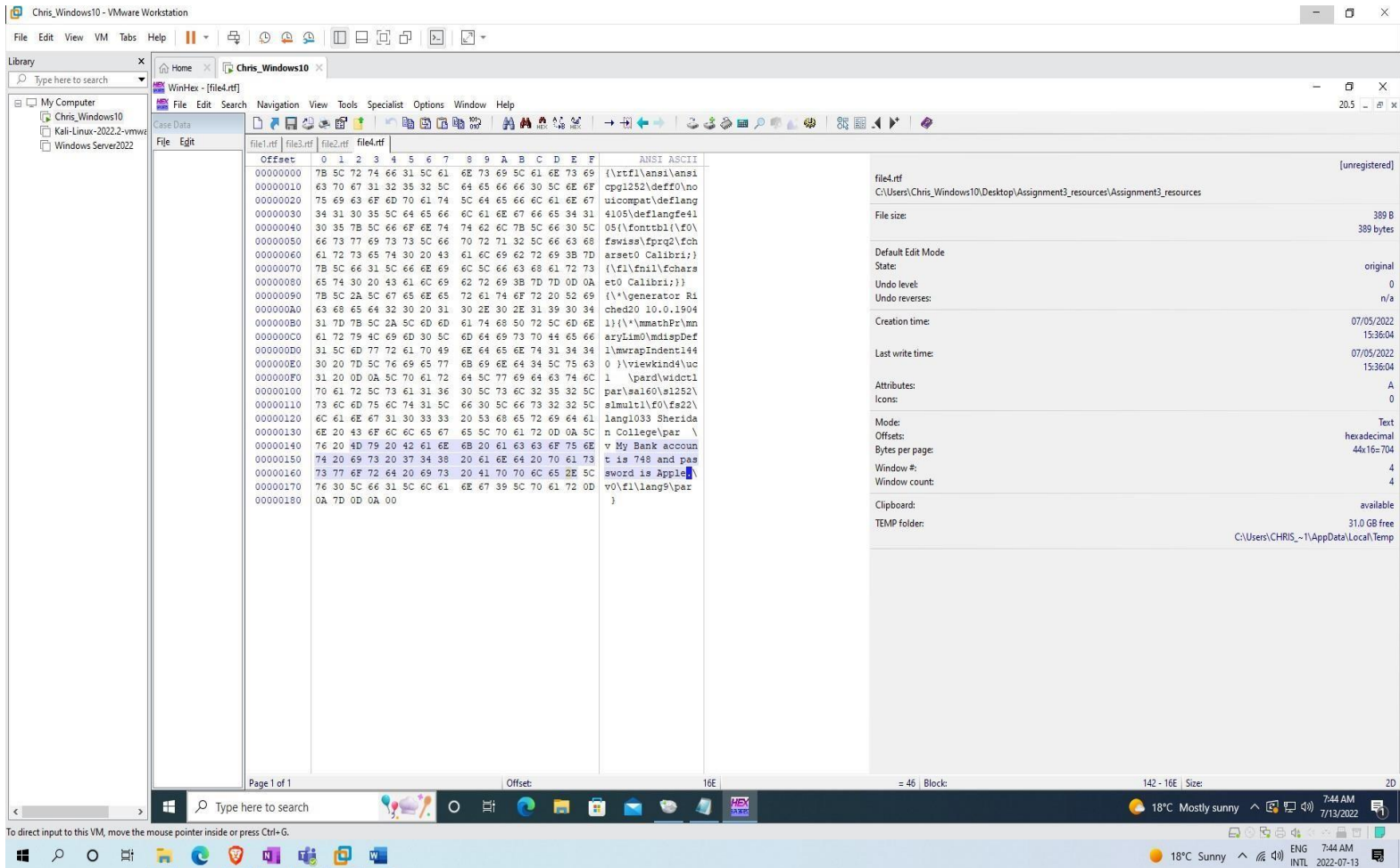
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- i) **[4 Marks]** Something is strange on offset.
- i. How much byte are different? 124 Bytes
 - ii. How many differences you got (check the report)? 124
 - iii. Submit the differences report you got with the submission
- j) **[1Mark]** Open file4.rtf in wordpad. **What is the original content you see here?** SC
- k) **[2 Marks]** Looks like the contents is same as file1.rtf, file2.rtf and file3.rtf. However, this file is hiding a dark secret!! Open the file in WinHex to see a hidden message. What is the secret message you received? My Bank account is 748 and password is Apple. Attach the screenshot highlighting the secret message. This is a form a steganography, that is, hiding information or a message within another file.

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- 1) [2 Marks] Why would steganography be important to identify in digital forensics? Give an example to support your answer.

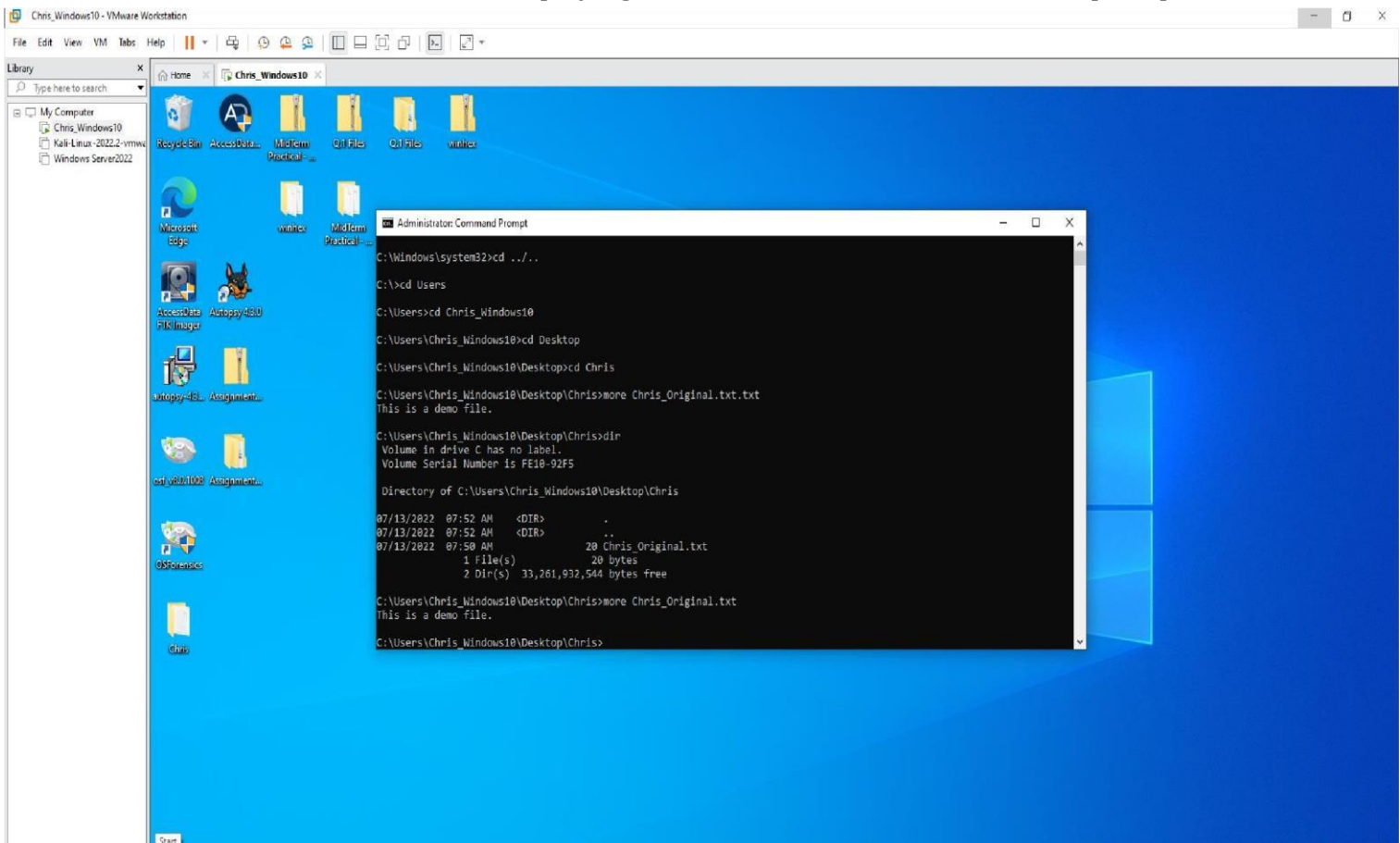
Steganography is important to identify specific text, and files that are hiding in an image. An example of this would be if someone is hiding a password inside of the image and you need the password to access an account, zip file, etc.

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Task 2: To detect NTFS stream data [8 Marks]

- Create a new directory as your firstname. Create a txt file in that directory as firstname_original.txt having content as – This is a demo file. Save and close.
- Open a command prompt and run as administrator.
- [3 Marks]** From command prompt, display the content of firstname_original.txt file.
 - What is the command used? more Chris_original.txt
 - Attach the screenshot displaying the contents of the file in command prompt.



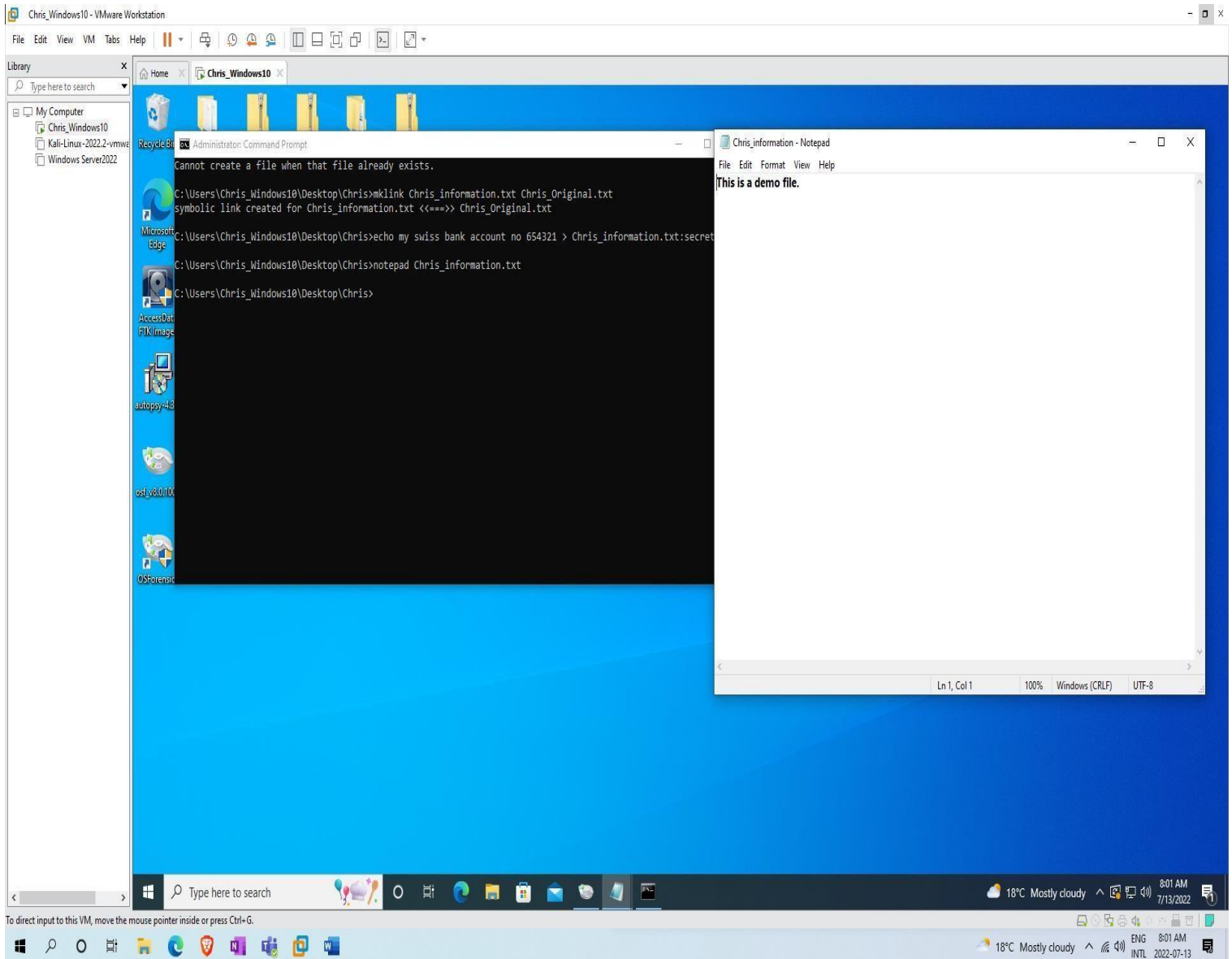
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- d) **[1 Mark]** Create the reference (symbolic link) of this `firstname_original.txt` in `firstname_information.txt` file. What's the command used to create this symbolic link?
_____ **mklink** __ **Chris_information.txt** **Chris_original.txt** _____
- e) Type the following command to save secret notes to a different text file - echo my swiss bank account no 654321 > `firstname_information.txt:secret.txt`
- f) **[2 Marks]** Type the following command- `notepad firstname_information.txt`. What do you get as an output? Attach the screenshot.

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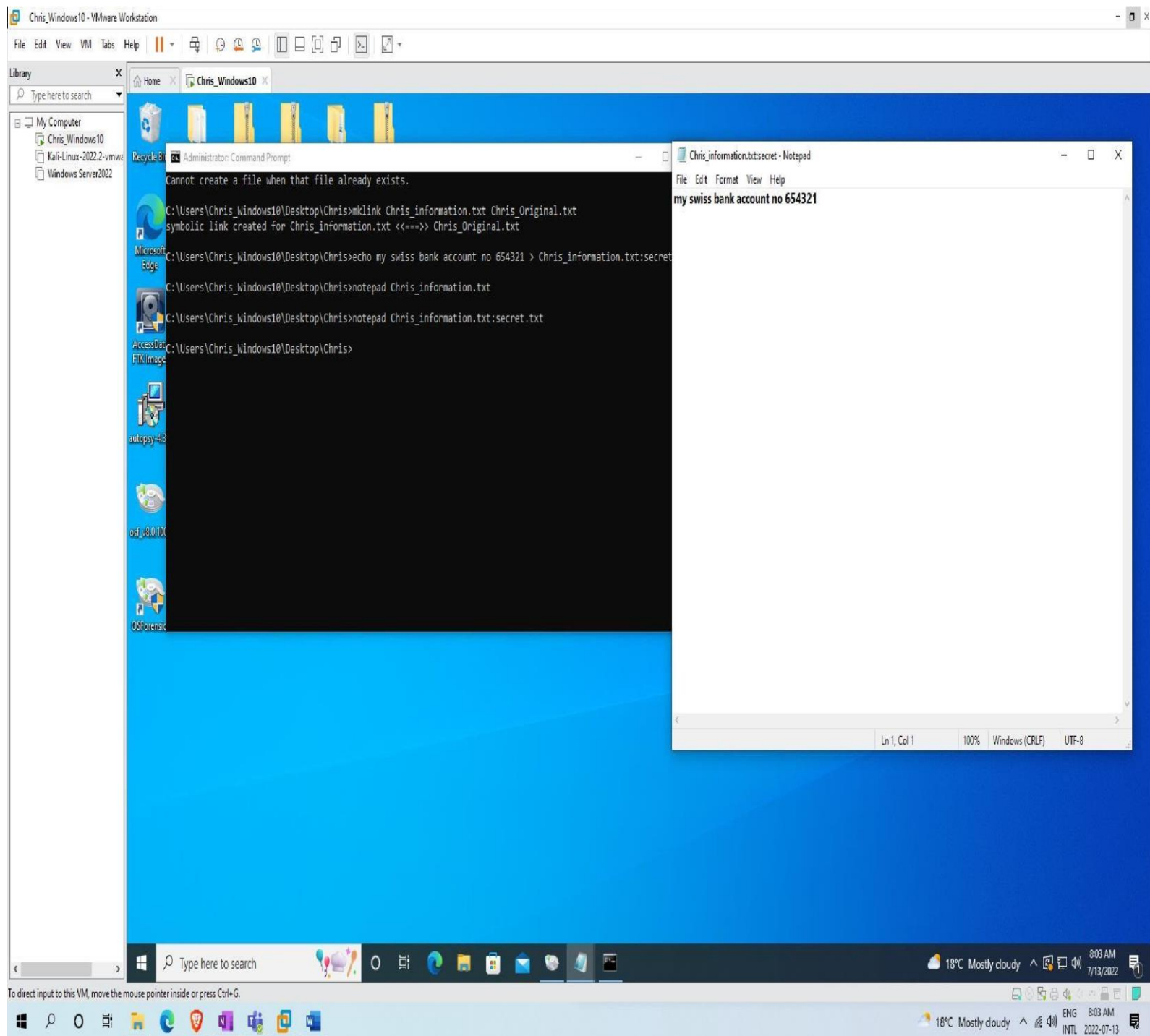
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- g) **[2 Marks]** Try the following command to see the secret message: `notepad firstname_information.txt:secret.txt`. Attach your screenshot.

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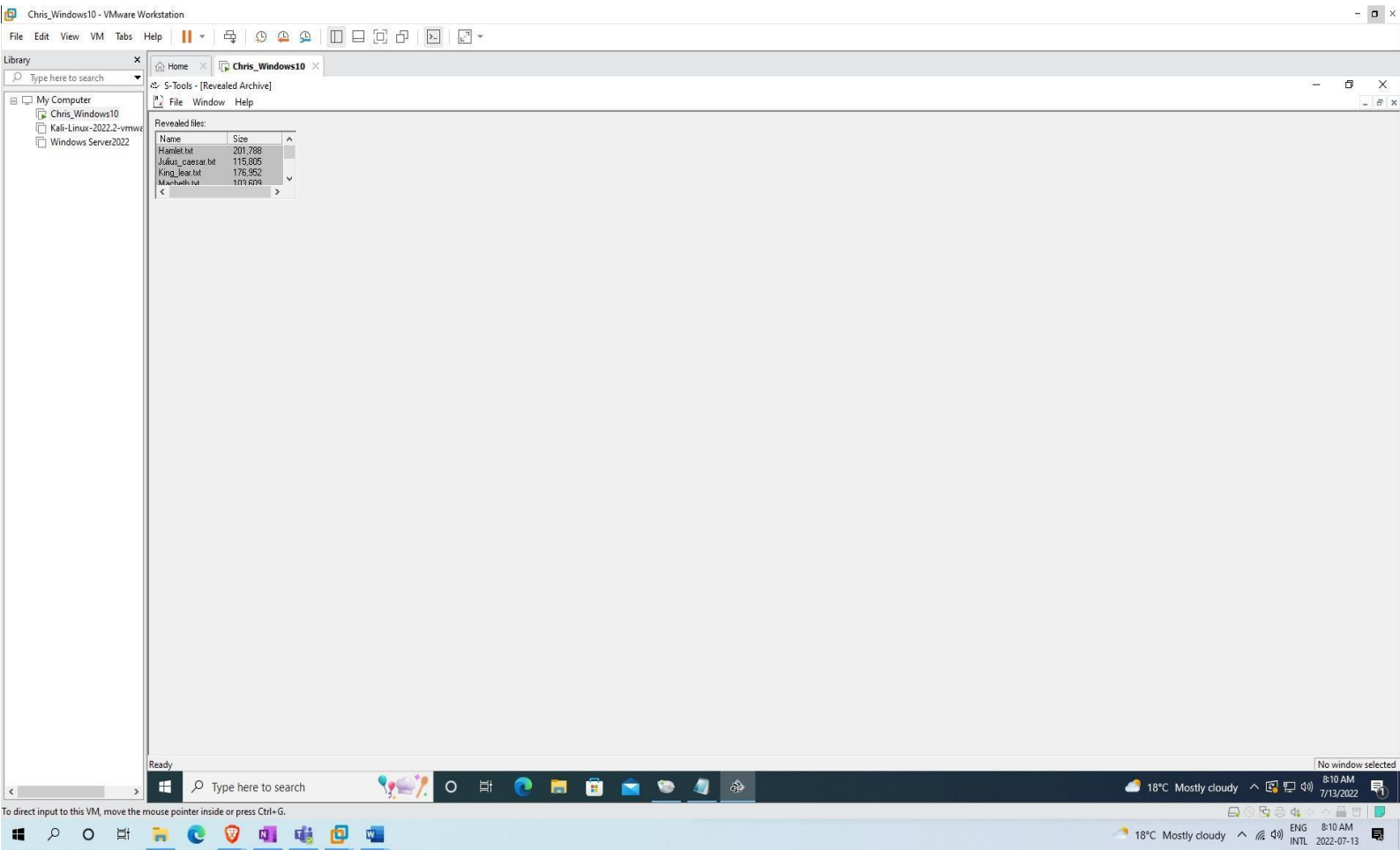
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Task 3: To display contents in Steganography [18 Marks]

- a) Download the **steg.zip** folder in your computer and unzip it on your desktop.
- b) Start S-tools.exe by double clicking on the icon on the desktop. A window will appear. Drag the zebras.bmp file to the S-tools window.
- c) Right click on the zebras pictures and select Reveal from the menu. Fill in the 3-character pass phrase 'abc' (without the quotes) in two places. Leave IDEA as the encryption algorithm. Click on OK.
- d) **[8 Marks]** Wait until the Revealed Archive dialog box appears. This may take a minute or two.
 - i. Name the hidden files you found along with their sizes. **Hamlet.txt – 201,788, Julius_caesar.txt 115,805, King_lear.txt 176,952, Macbeth.txt 103,609, Merchant.txt 120,927, Notice.txt 15,810** ii. Attach the screenshot too.

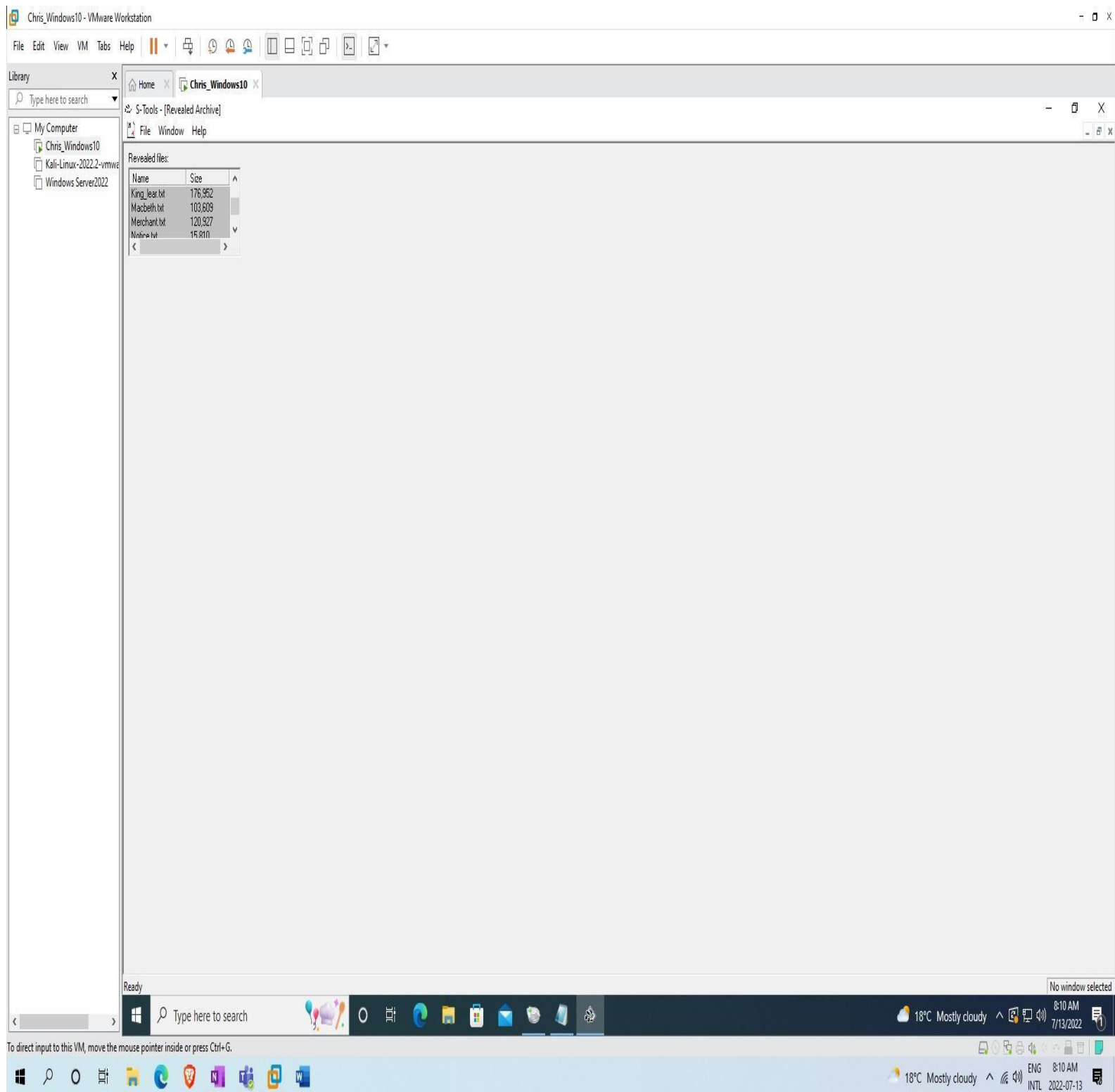
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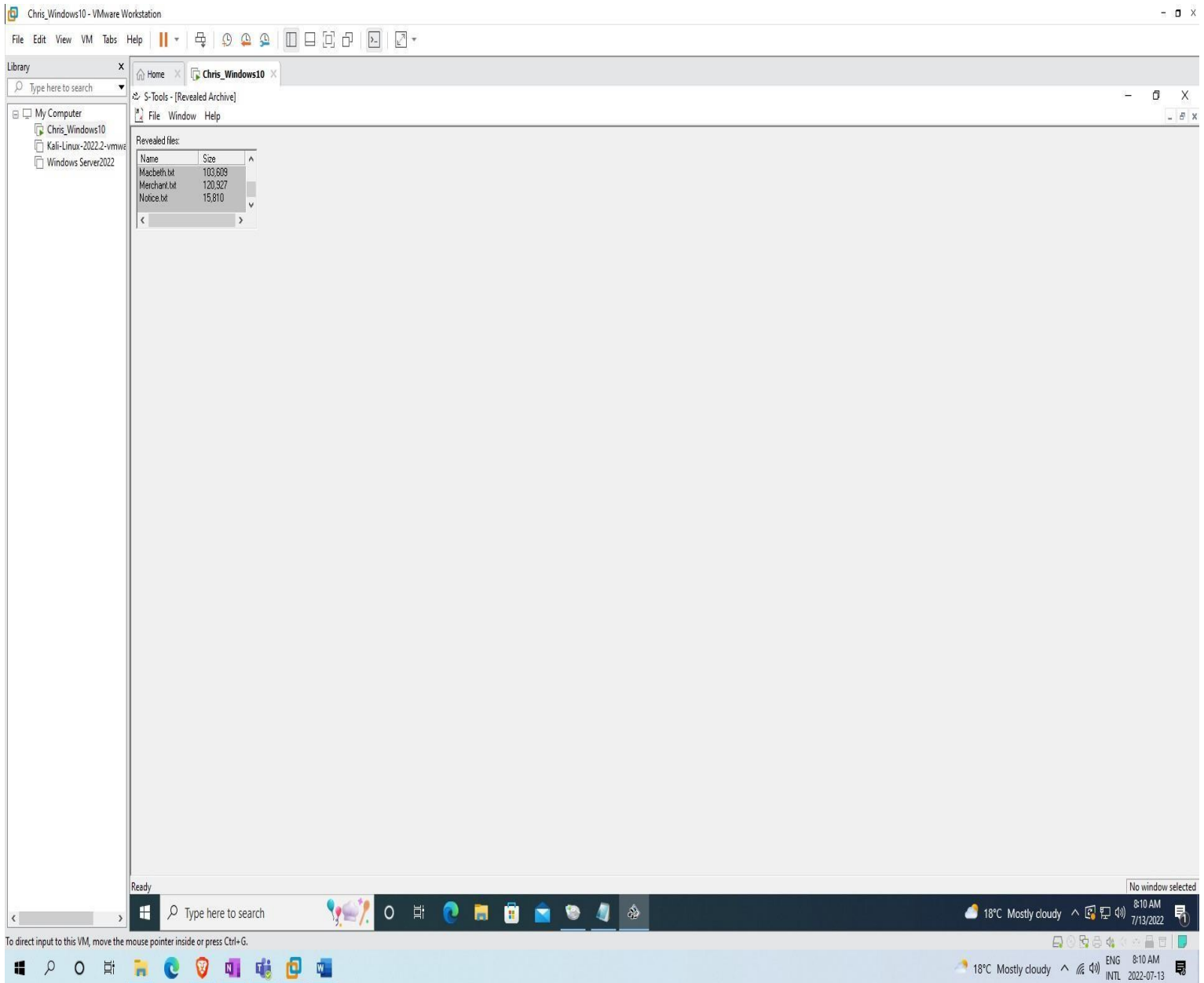
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- e) **[6 Marks]** Right click on any item and select Save As to save the file. Repeat for the other ones. These are the hidden files. Attach the hidden files with your submission.

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- f) **[4 Marks]** The file *original-zebras.bmp* is the file before the steganography was done. Compare the 'before' and 'after' images. How many differences were found? Attach the differences report with the submission. Name the report as `firstname_stegno.txt`

Things to Explore:

You are welcome to explore beyond the mandatory requirements if you wish.

General submission requirements

- Include an opening comment with your full name, date, and a short description.
- **Marks distribution (You are eligible to get complete marks if you satisfy the conditions of screenshots):**

Task 1: 26 marks

- a) 03
- b) 03
- c) 03
- d) 01
- e) 01
- f) 02
- g) 02
- h) 02
- i) 04
- j) 01
- k) 02
- l) 02

Task 2: 8 marks

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c) 03

d) 01

f) 02

g) 02

Task 3: 18 marks

d) 08

e) 06

f) 04

- **Do not alter the sequence of steps of this document. Do not delete the words [Attach the screenshot] anywhere from the assignment. Keep the numbering same. Paste the screenshots wherever it's being asked. You should be not even submitting another student's screenshot- Academic Integrity alert.**
- **Your screenshots should have your virtual machine showing your name and date and time of the day the assignment was performed.**