

## **DAY-6 : CYBERSECURITY**

### **CyberChef :**

- CyberChef is a web-based tool developed by GCHQ (Government Communications Headquarters) to help analyze and process data in a user-friendly interface. It offers a wide range of functionalities like encryption, encoding, data parsing, conversion, and much more. What makes CyberChef powerful is its drag-and-drop recipe feature, where you can combine multiple operations in a sequence to manipulate and analyze data efficiently.
- CyberChef is particularly useful in cybersecurity and forensics analysis, where investigators need to quickly decode or manipulate data to find useful information like passwords, encrypted data, or hidden messages.

### **Use Case: Decoding Email and Password from SMTP Requests in Wireshark using CyberChef**

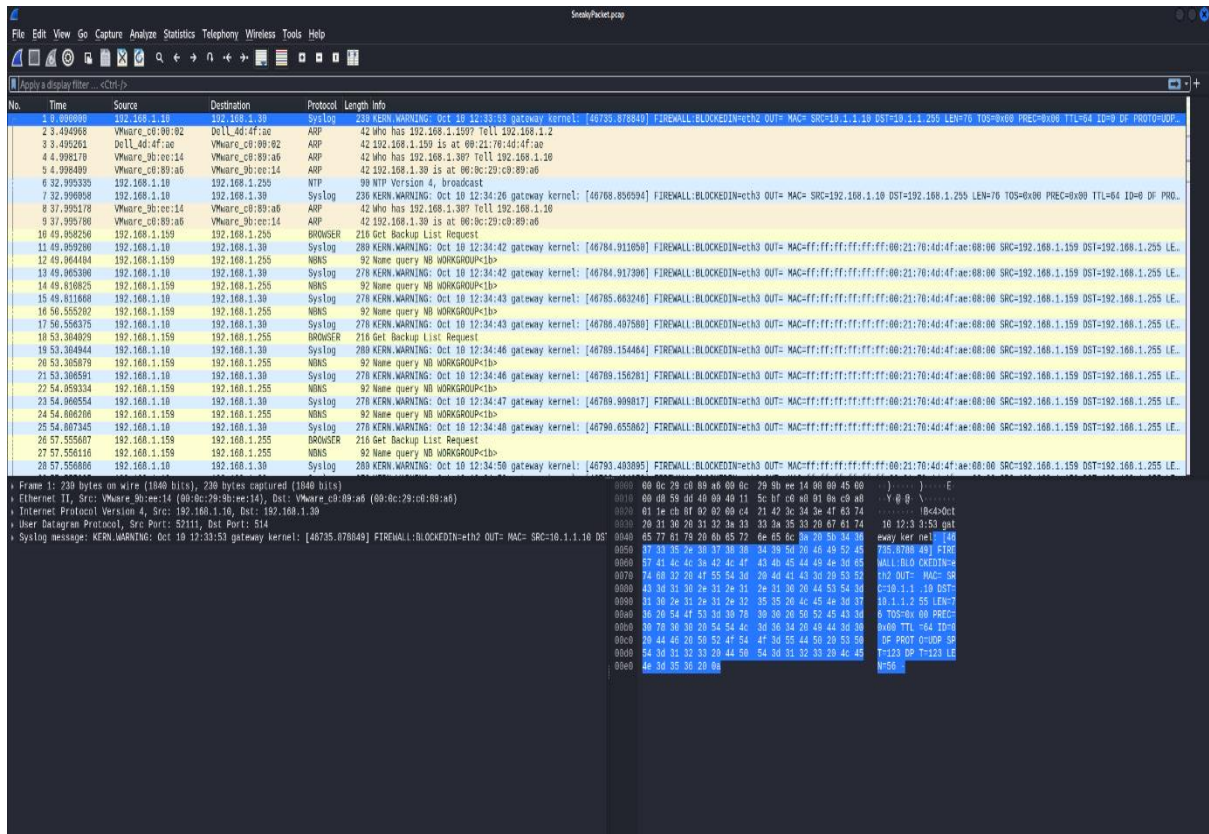
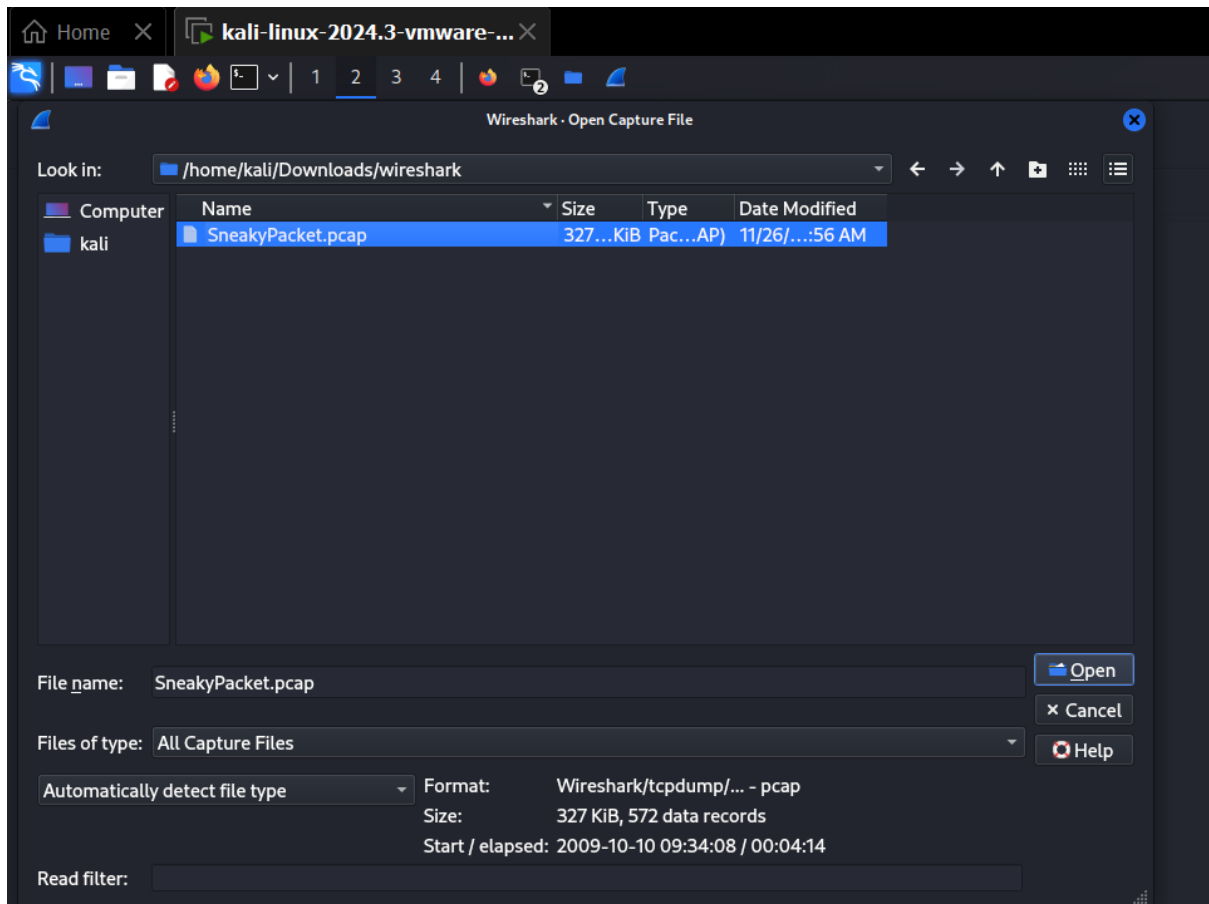
Captured SMTP traffic using Wireshark, the email and password might be base64 encoded. To analyze and decode this information using CyberChef, follow these steps:

#### **# 1. Capture SMTP Traffic in Wireshark:**

- Open Wireshark and start a capture session.
- Apply a filter for SMTP traffic:

**smtp**

- Look for **'AUTH LOGIN'**, which typically contains the base64-encoded username (email) and password in SMTP authentication requests.

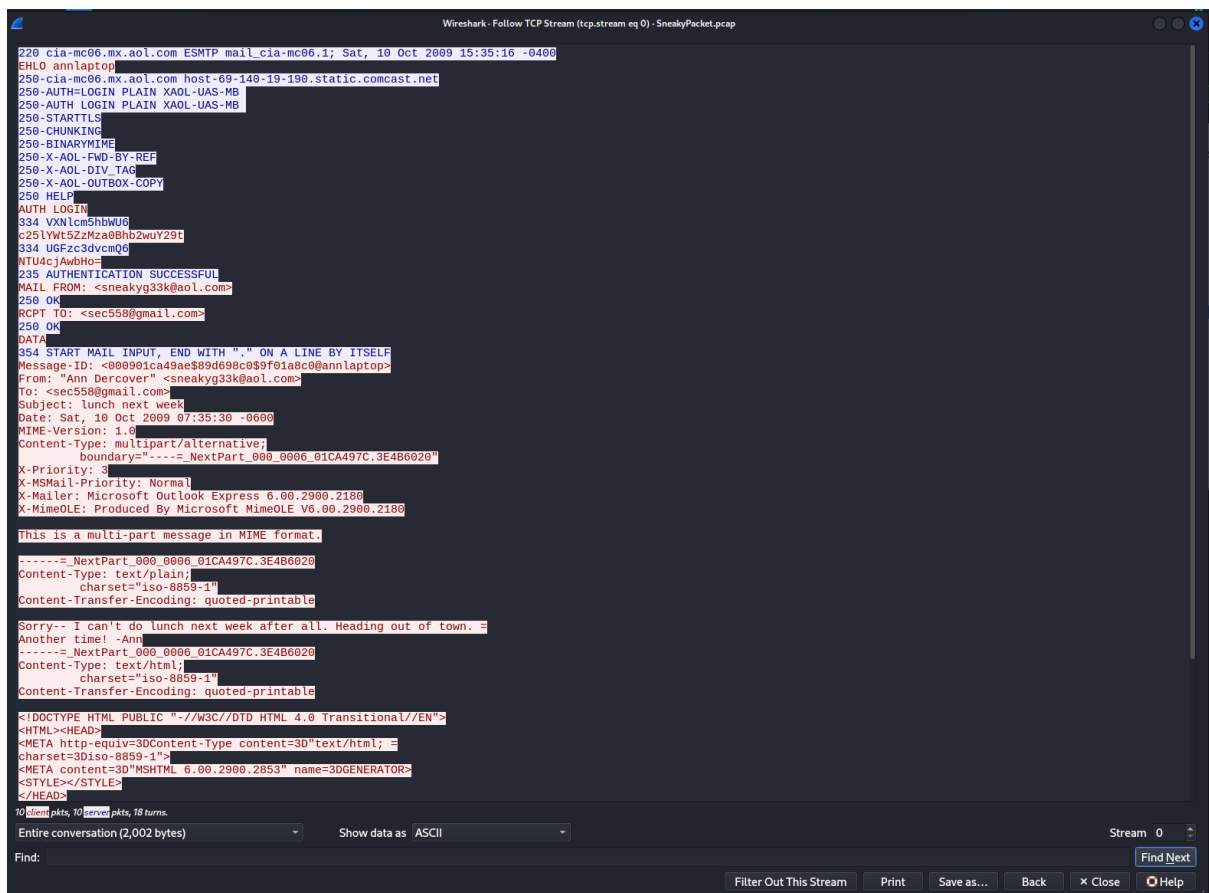


## # 2. Extract Base64 Encoded Data from SMTP Packets:

- Find the packets with 'AUTH LOGIN'.
- The email (username) and password will be base64 encoded. Right-click on the packet, choose "Follow TCP Stream", and extract the base64 data from the packet content.
- The base64 string will look something like this:

**dXNlcm5hbWU6IEV4YW1wbGVAbWFpbC5jb20=**

**cGFzc3dvcmQ6IEV4YW1wbGVQYXNz**

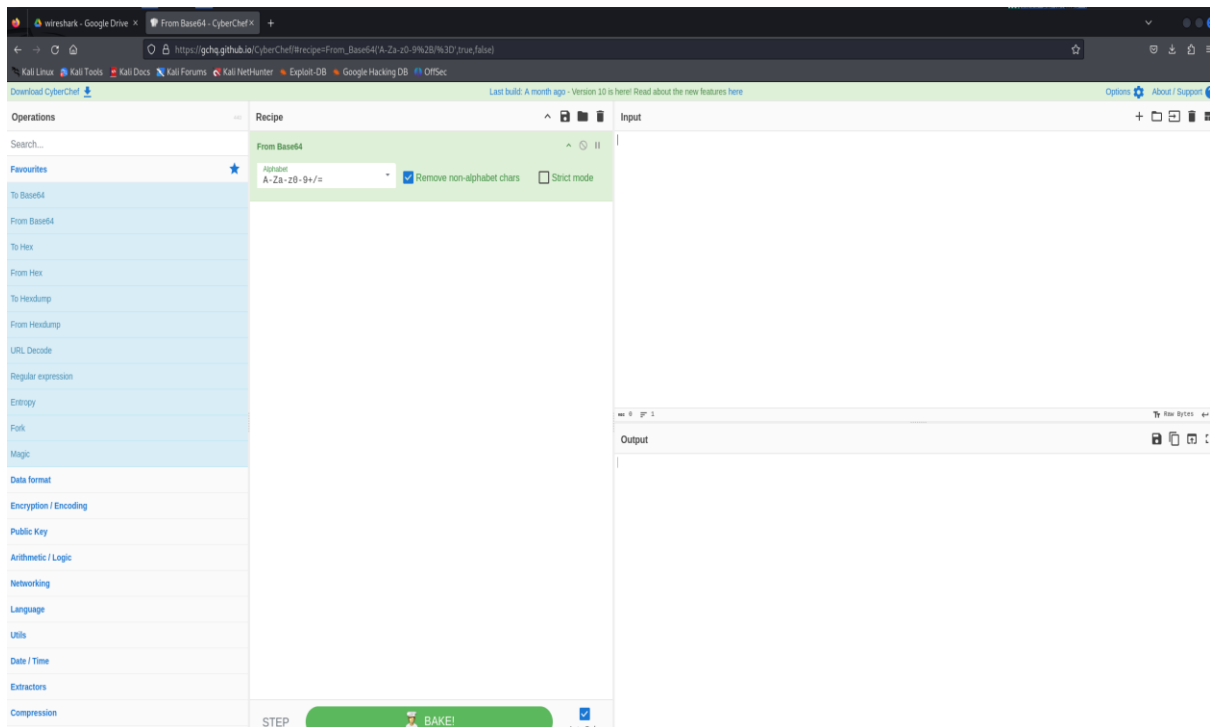


The screenshot shows a Wireshark packet capture of an SMTP session. The selected packet is an AUTH LOGIN packet. The packet details pane shows the following structure:

```
229 cia-mc06.mx.aol.com ESMTP mail_cia-mc06.1; Sat, 10 Oct 2009 15:35:16 -0400
EHLO annlaptop
250 cia-mc06.mx.aol.com host-69-140-19-199.static.comcast.net
250 AUTH=LOGIN PLAIN XAOL-UAS-MB
250 AUTH LOGIN PLAIN XAOL-UAS-MB
250-STARTTLS
250-CHUNKING
250-BINARYMIME
250-X-AOL-FWD-BY-REF
250-X-AOL-DIV-TAC
250-X-AOL-OUTBOX-COPY
250 HELP
AUTH LOGIN
334 VXNlcm5hbWU6
c25lVWt5ZzZza8Bhb2wuY29t
334 UGFzc3dvcmQ6
NTU4cjAwbHo=
235 AUTHENTICATION SUCCESSFUL
MAIL FROM: <sneakyg33k@aol.com>
250 OK
RCPT TO: <sec558@gmail.com>
250 OK
DATA
334 START MAIL INPUT, END WITH "." ON A LINE BY ITSELF
Message-ID: <000901cad9ae989d698c089f01a8c0@annlaptop>
From: "Ann Dercover" <sneakyg33k@aol.com>
To: <sec558@gmail.com>
Subject: lunch next week
Date: Sat, 10 Oct 2009 07:35:30 -0600
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: multipart/alternative;
boundary="-----_NextPart_000_0006_01CA497C.3E4B6020"
X-Priority: 3
X-MSMail-Priority: Normal
X-Mailer: Microsoft Outlook Express 6.00.2900.2180
X-MimeOLE: Produced By Microsoft MimeOLE V6.00.2900.2180
This is a multi-part message in MIME format.
-----_NextPart_000_0006_01CA497C.3E4B6020
Content-Type: text/plain;
charset="iso-8859-1"
Content-Transfer-Encoding: quoted-printable
Sorry-- I can't do lunch next week after all. Heading out of town. =
Another time! -Ann
-----_NextPart_000_0006_01CA497C.3E4B6020
Content-Type: text/html;
charset="iso-8859-1"
Content-Transfer-Encoding: quoted-printable
<!DOCTYPE HTML PUBLIC "-//W3C//DTD HTML 4.0 Transitional//EN">
<HTML><HEAD>
<META http-equiv=3DContent-Type content=3D"text/html; =
charset=3Diso-8859-1">
<META content=3D"MSHTML 6.00.2900.2853" name=3DGENERATOR>
<STYLE></STYLE>
</HEAD>
```

## # 3. Analyze the Data in CyberChef:

- Open CyberChef in your browser.
- Paste the base64-encoded username (email) and password into the input section.



#### # 4. Use the "From Base64" Operation in CyberChef:

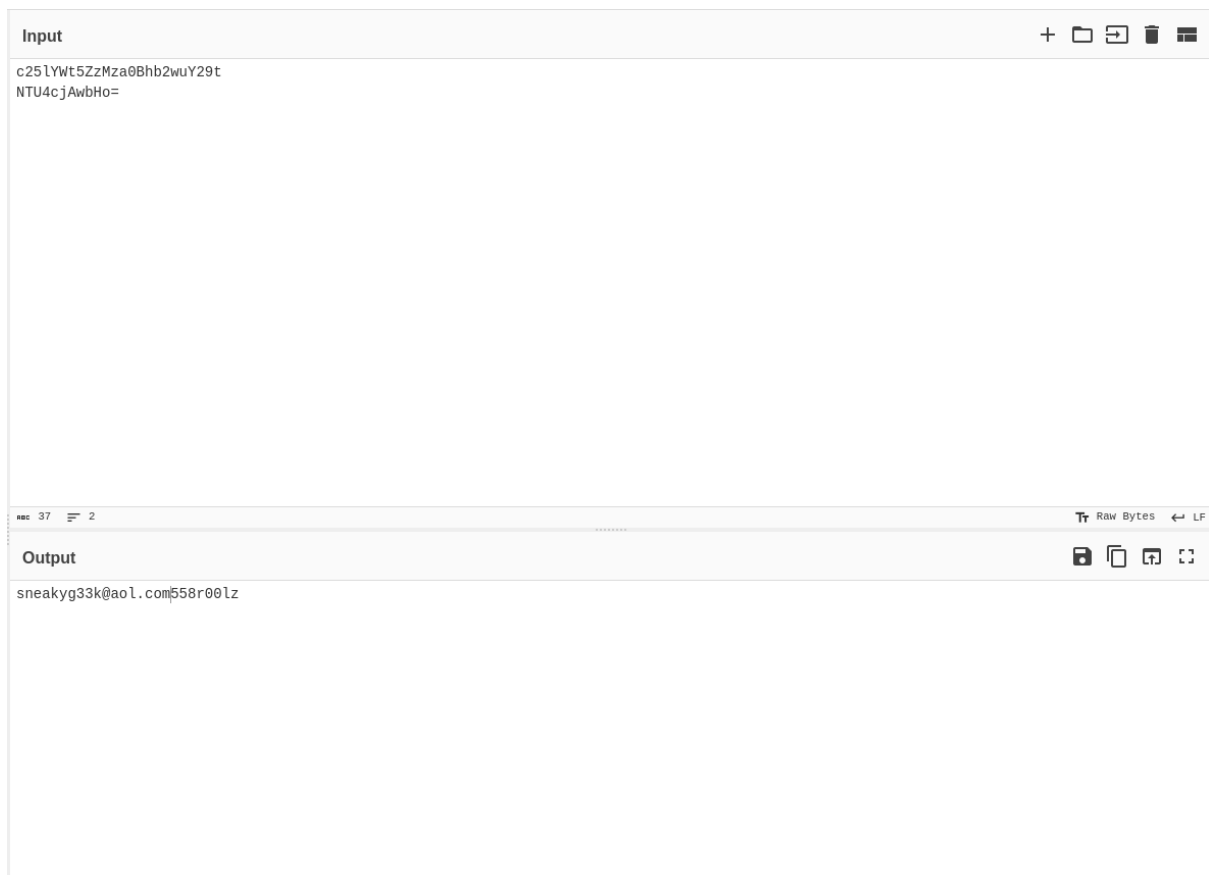
- In CyberChef's left-hand panel, search for the "From Base64" operation and drag it to the "Recipe" section.
- Apply the operation, and CyberChef will decode the base64 strings, revealing the plaintext email and password.

#### Example:

- Base64 string: `dXNlcm5hbWU6IEV4YW1wbGVAbWFpC5jb20=`
- Decoded output: `username: Example@mail.com`

#### Similarly, for the password string:

- Base64 string: `cGFzc3dvcmQ6IEV4YW1wbGVQYXNz`
- Decoded output: `password: ExamplePass`



## # 5. Analyze the Results:

- Once the email and password are decoded, you can analyze them further for forensics purposes. This could involve checking if the credentials have been compromised, inspecting the source or destination of the emails, or performing further analysis on the associated traffic.

```
(kali㉿kali)-[~]
$ echo -n "VXNlcm5hbWU6" | base64 -d
Username:
Operations
Recipe
(kali㉿kali)-[~]
$ echo -n "c25lYWt5ZzMza0Bhb2wuY29t" | base64 -d
sneakyg33k@aol.com
*
Appendix
A-Za-z0-9+/=
(kali㉿kali)-[~]
$ echo -n "UGFzc3dvcmQ6" | base64 -d
Password:
(kali㉿kali)-[~]
$ echo -n "UGFzc3dvcmQ6" | base64 -d
Password:
(kali㉿kali)-[~]
$ echo -n "NTU4cjAwbHo=" | base64 -d
558r00lz
```

Figure: Decoding using terminal with a `base64 -d` flag

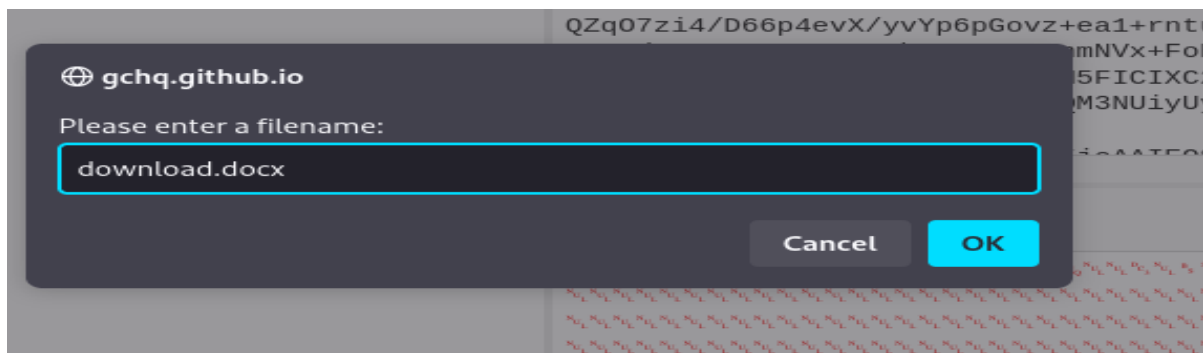
### Using Further Attached data to find out further information:

```
-----_NextPart_000_000D_01CA497C.9DEC1E70
Content-Type: application/octet-stream;
name="secretrendezvous.docx"
Content-Transfer-Encoding: base64
Content-Disposition: attachment;
filename="secretrendezvous.docx"
```

[illegible]

217 **client** pkts, 10 **server** pkts, 18 turns.

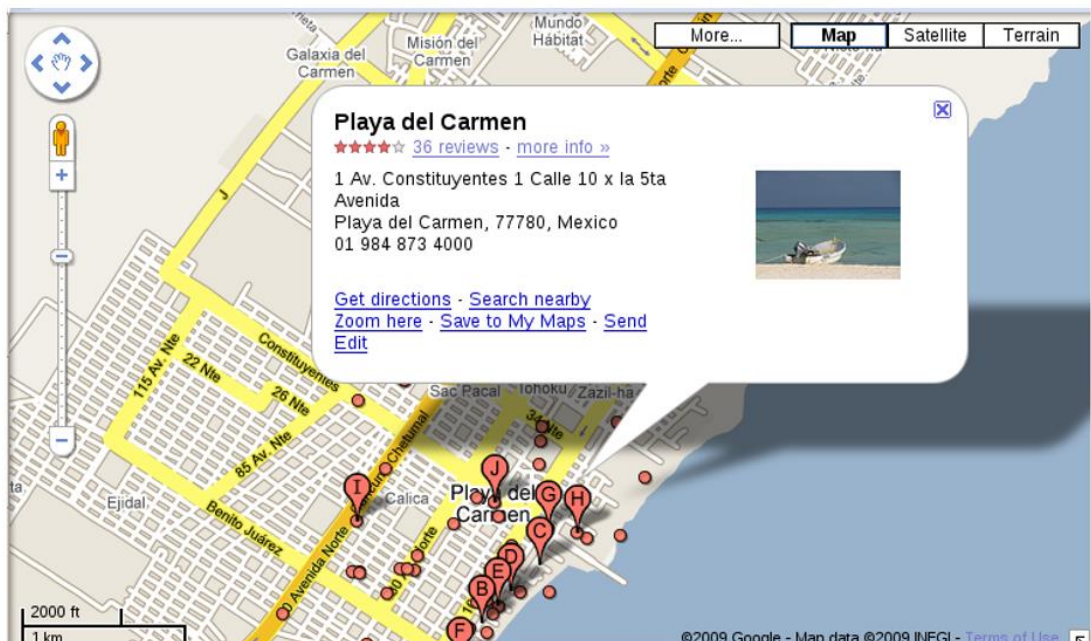
[illegible]



**Figure:** Download the encoded zip file as .docx

## Analyzing the .docx which reveals an address:

Meet me at the fountain near the rendezvous point. Address below. I'm bringing all the cash.



**Figure:** Decoding the .docx file



## **Autopsy:**

To decode information from a file, such as a forensic disk image like Treasure.E01, using Autopsy, follow these steps:

### **Step-by-Step Guide to Analyze Treasure.E01 with Autopsy**

#### **# 1. Download and Install Autopsy:**

- Ensure you have Autopsy installed on your machine. You can download it from the official website: [Autopsy Download](<https://www.sleuthkit.org/autopsy/download.php>).

#### **# 2. Create a New Case:**

- Launch Autopsy.
- Click on "Create New Case" and enter a case name (e.g., Treasure\_Analysis), a base directory, and any other required details. Click Next.
- Fill in the investigator's name and any other optional details.
- Once ready, click Finish to create the case.

#### **# 3. Add the Treasure.E01 Image to the Case:**

- After creating the case, Autopsy will prompt you to add a data source.
- Select "Add Data Source" and choose "Disk Image or VM File" as the data source type.
- Browse for the Treasure.E01 file and select it. Click Next.

#### **# 4. Configure the Ingest Modules:**

- Autopsy offers several modules to analyze the file. You can select the ones relevant to your investigation.

Some common modules to include are:

- File Type Identification: Identifies the file types present in the image.
- Keyword Search: Allows you to search for specific strings or patterns within the image.
- Extract EXIF Metadata: Useful if you're analyzing images with metadata.
- Web Artifacts: Helpful for extracting internet activity data (e.g., history, cookies).
- Hash Lookup: Matches files against known hashes in databases (like NSRL).



- File Analysis: Scans for anomalies or suspicious file types.
- Email Parser: Extracts and parses email-related data if any are found in the image.

After selecting the appropriate modules, click Next.

## **# 5. Start the Analysis:**

- Autopsy will now start processing the Treasure.E01 file based on the selected modules. Depending on the size of the file, this can take some time.
- Once the analysis is complete, you can navigate the following sections:
  - File Browser: Allows you to browse through the file system of the disk image.
  - Results: Lists the files and artifacts discovered during analysis, including any anomalies, images, documents, or encrypted files.

## **# 6. Searching for Artifacts (Decrypted or Encoded Data):**

- To find specific information, like encoded or encrypted data, do the following:
  - Use the Keyword Search to look for specific terms (e.g., base64 encoded strings, password hashes, etc.).
  - Check the File Types or File Signatures module to identify unusual files, such as encrypted or compressed files that might hold hidden data.
  - Look under the Results section for identified artifacts, such as web activity, user documents, or hidden files.

## **# 7. Analyze Suspicious Files:**

- If you find files that are encoded (like base64 or other formats), you can export those files from Autopsy.
- Once exported, you can use tools like CyberChef or other decoding tools to decode the content.

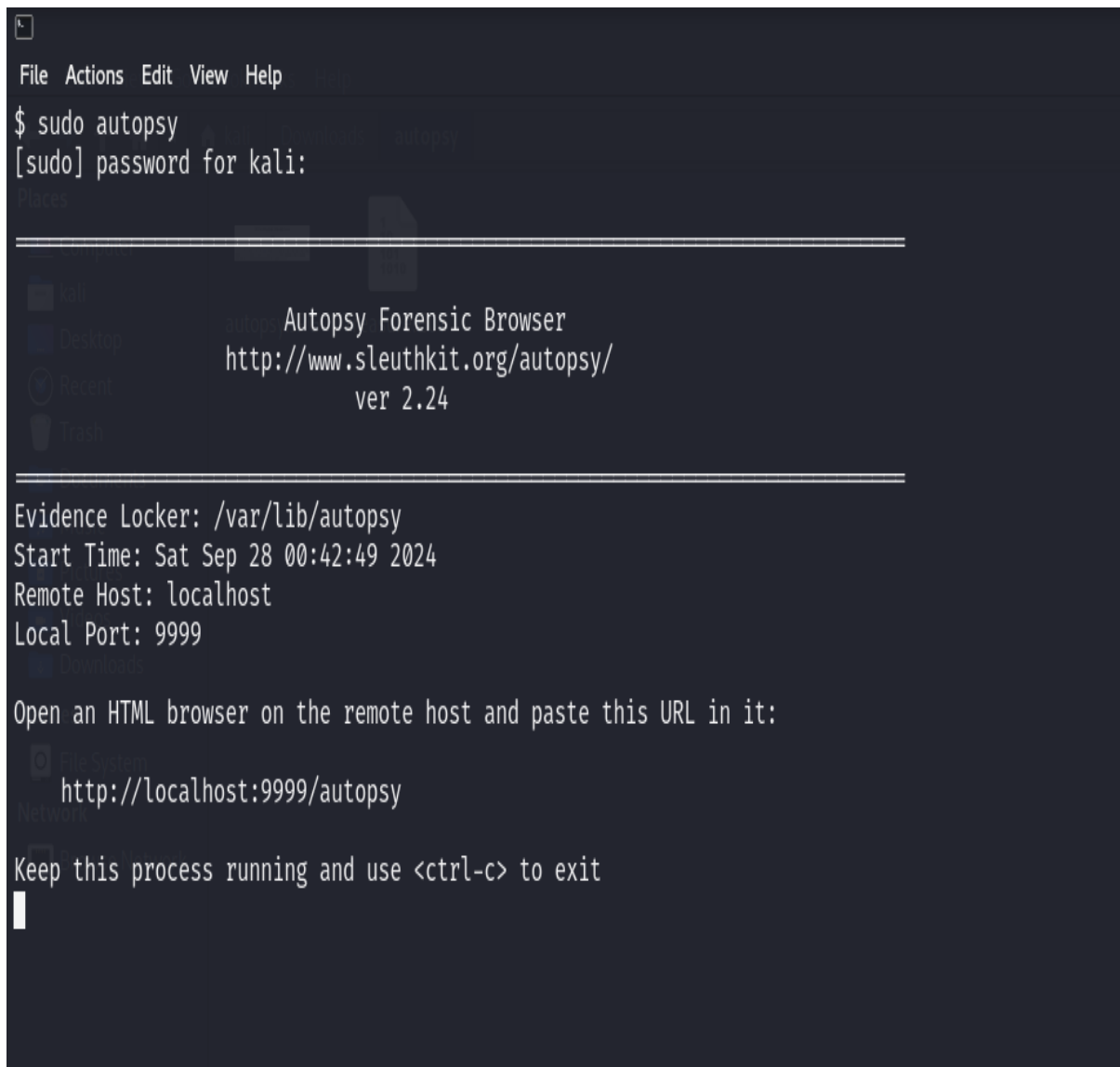
## **# 8. Examine File Metadata and Carve Files:**

- Autopsy will automatically extract metadata from images, documents, and other file types.
- Use the Carved Files feature to recover deleted or fragmented files.

## # 9. Export and Report the Findings:

- After analyzing the disk image, you can export the findings and generate a report.
- Go to Generate Report and choose the format (e.g., HTML, CSV, or Excel).
- Review the report, which will include the artifacts, decoded data, and other important forensic findings.

## Step by Step Examples:



```
File Actions Edit View Help
$ sudo autopsy
[sudo] password for kali:
Places
Autopsy Forensic Browser
http://www.sleuthkit.org/autopsy/
ver 2.24
Evidence Locker: /var/lib/autopsy
Start Time: Sat Sep 28 00:42:49 2024
Remote Host: localhost
Local Port: 9999
Open an HTML browser on the remote host and paste this URL in it:
http://localhost:9999/autopsy
Keep this process running and use <ctrl-c> to exit
```

**Figure:** Loading autopsy from terminal



**Figure:** *Autopsy interface on localhost*

Case: Malnad

ADD A NEW HOST

- Host Name:** The name of the computer being investigated. It can contain only letters, numbers, and symbols.
- Description:** An optional one-line description or note about this computer.
- Time zone:** An optional timezone value (i.e. EST5EDT). If not given, it defaults to the local setting. A list of time zones can be found in the help files.
- Timeskew Adjustment:** An optional value to describe how many seconds this computer's clock was out of sync. For example, if the computer was 10 seconds fast, then enter -10 to compensate.
- Path of Alert Hash Database:** An optional hash database of known bad files.
- Path of Ignore Hash Database:** An optional hash database of known good files.

ADD HOST CANCEL HELP

**Figure:** *New Case*

### ADD A NEW IMAGE

**1. Location**  
Enter the full path (starting with /) to the image file.  
If the image is split (either raw or EnCase), then enter '\*' for the extension.

**2. Type**  
Please select if this image file is for a disk or a single partition.

☒ Disk
☐ Partition

**3. Import Method**  
To analyze the image file, it must be located in the evidence locker. It can be imported from its current location using a symbolic link, by copying it, or by moving it. Note that if a system failure occurs during the move, then the image could become corrupt.

☒ Symlink
☐ Copy
☐ Move

**Figure:** Adding a new image by providing the absolute path of Treasure.E01

### Image File Details

**Local Name:** images/Treasure.E01

**File System Details**

Analysis of the image file shows the following partitions:

Partition 1 (Type: Untitled)  
Sector Range: 40 to 3631063  
Mount Point:  File System Type: hfs

For your reference, the mmls output was the following:

```

GUID Partition Table (EFI)
Offset Sector: 0
Units are in 512-byte sectors

Slot      Start      End        Length    Description
004:  000      0000000040  0003631063  0003631024  Untitled

```

**Figure:** Change file system type to hfs

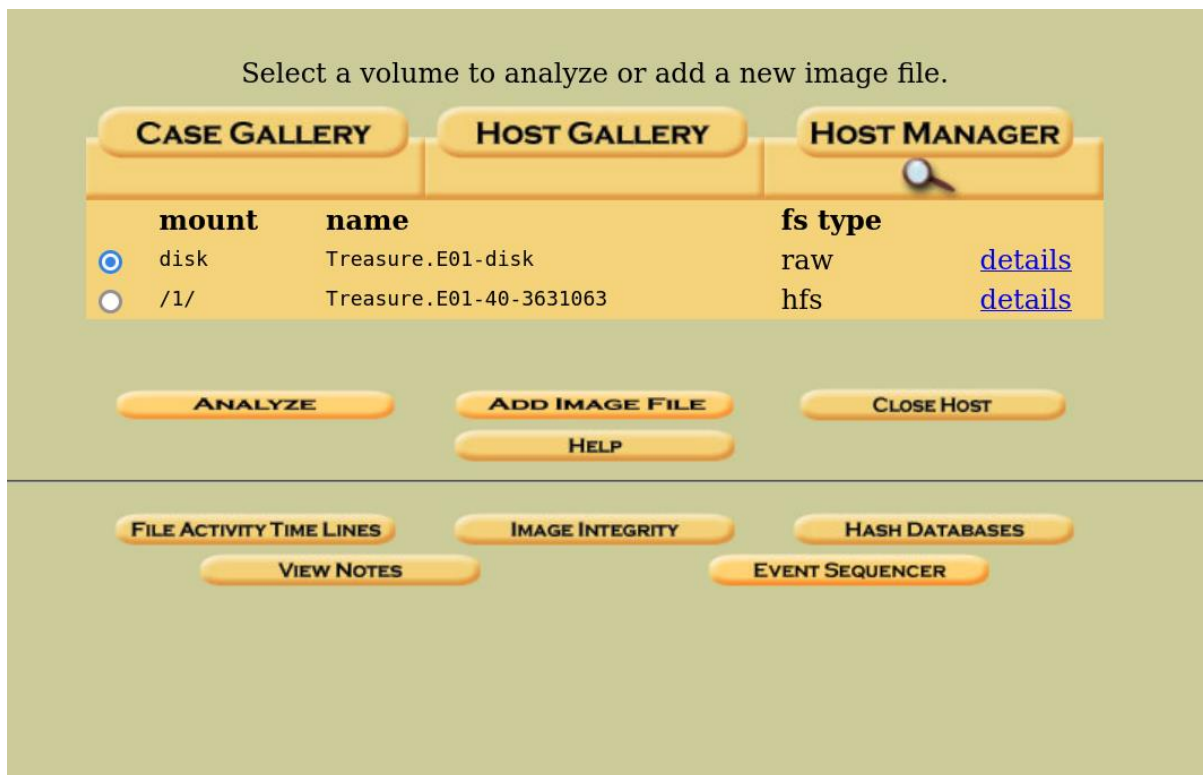


Figure: Select /1/ and click analyze

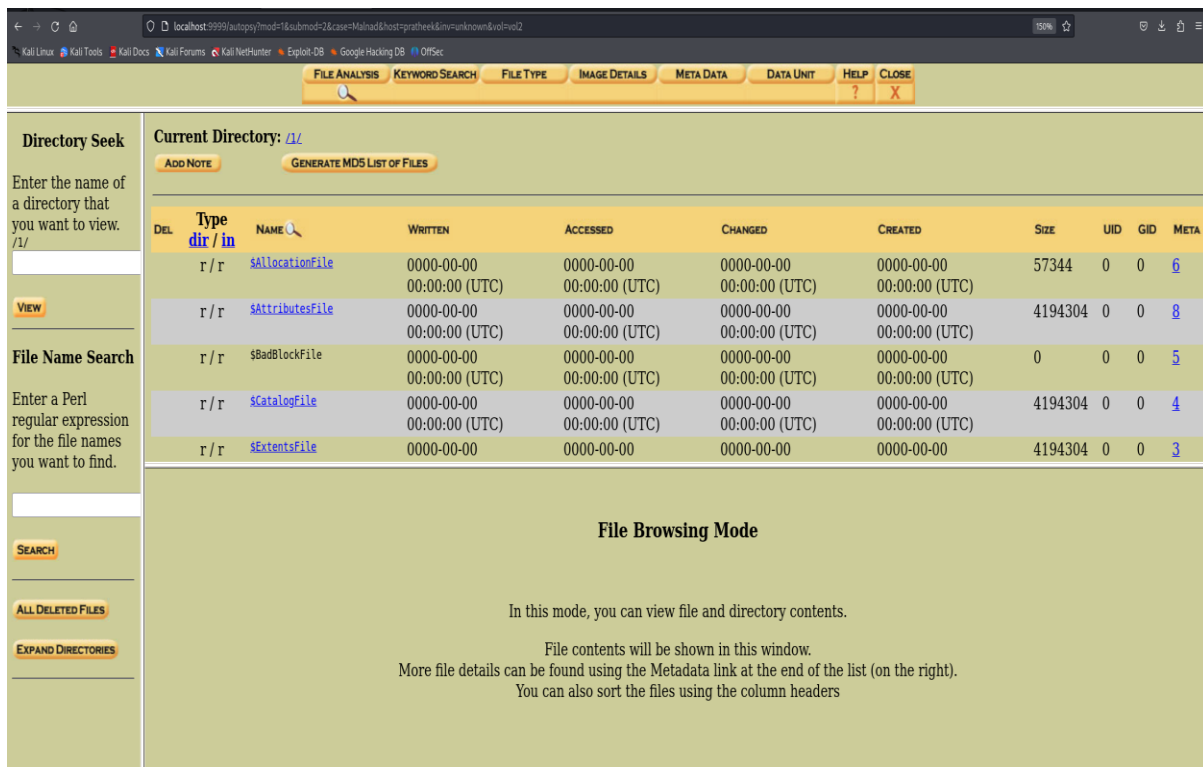


Figure: List of all directories in the image

**Pointed to by file:**

/1/.DS\_Store

**File Type:**

Apple Desktop Services Store

**MD5 of content:**

cfc4461e0e4910be27a240e6be46df07 -

**SHA-1 of content:**

6ecbd7dfb7289953314d878ab7aeab87f3769665 -

**Details:**

File Path: /.DS\_Store

Catalog Record: 100

Allocated

Type: File

Mode: rrw-r--r--

Size: 6148

uid / gid: 99 / 99

Link count: 1

File Name: .DS\_Store

Admin flags: 0

Owner flags: 0

File type: 20202020

File creator: 20202020

Text encoding: 0 = MacRoman

Resource fork size: 0

**Figure:** *Searching Meta Data to find the type of text encoding*