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:

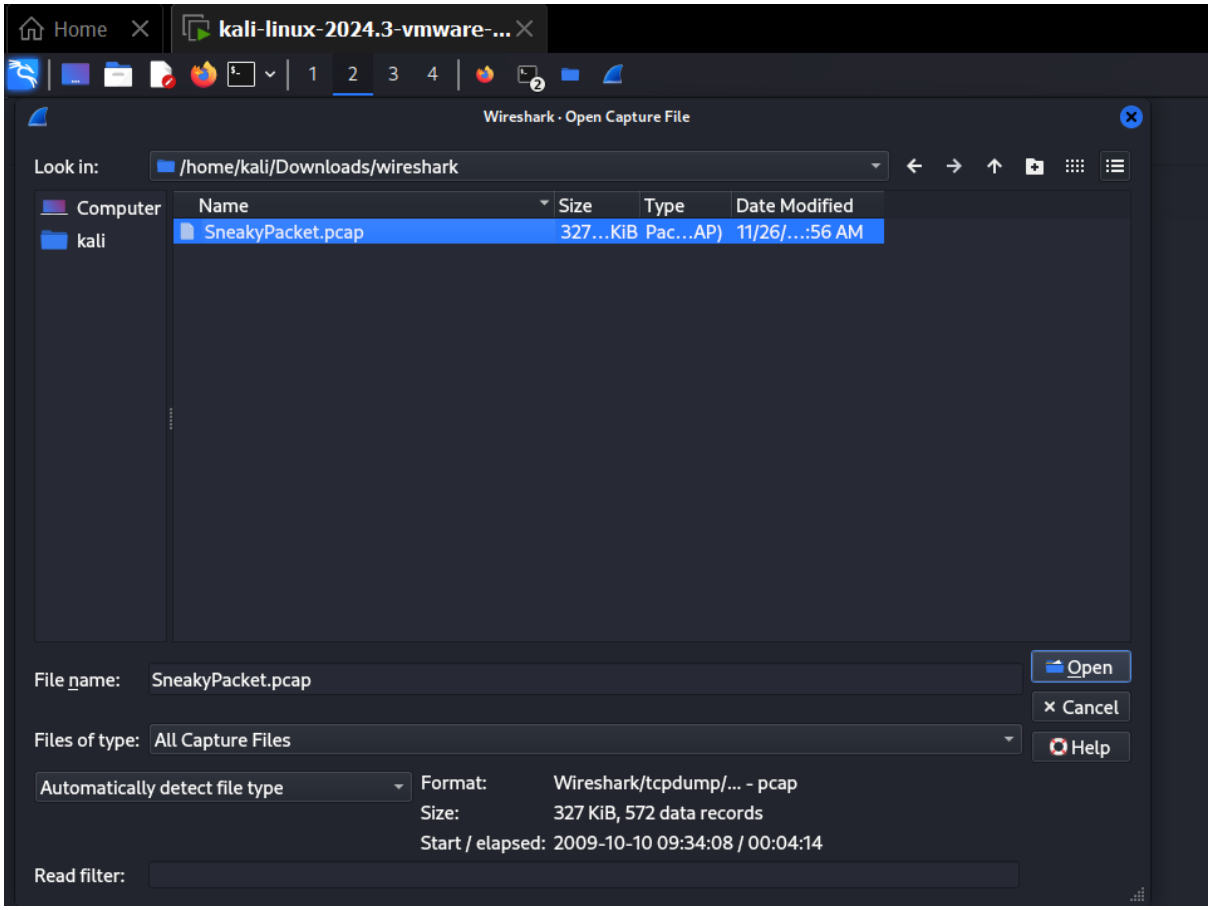
 # 1. Capture SMTP Traffic in Wireshark:

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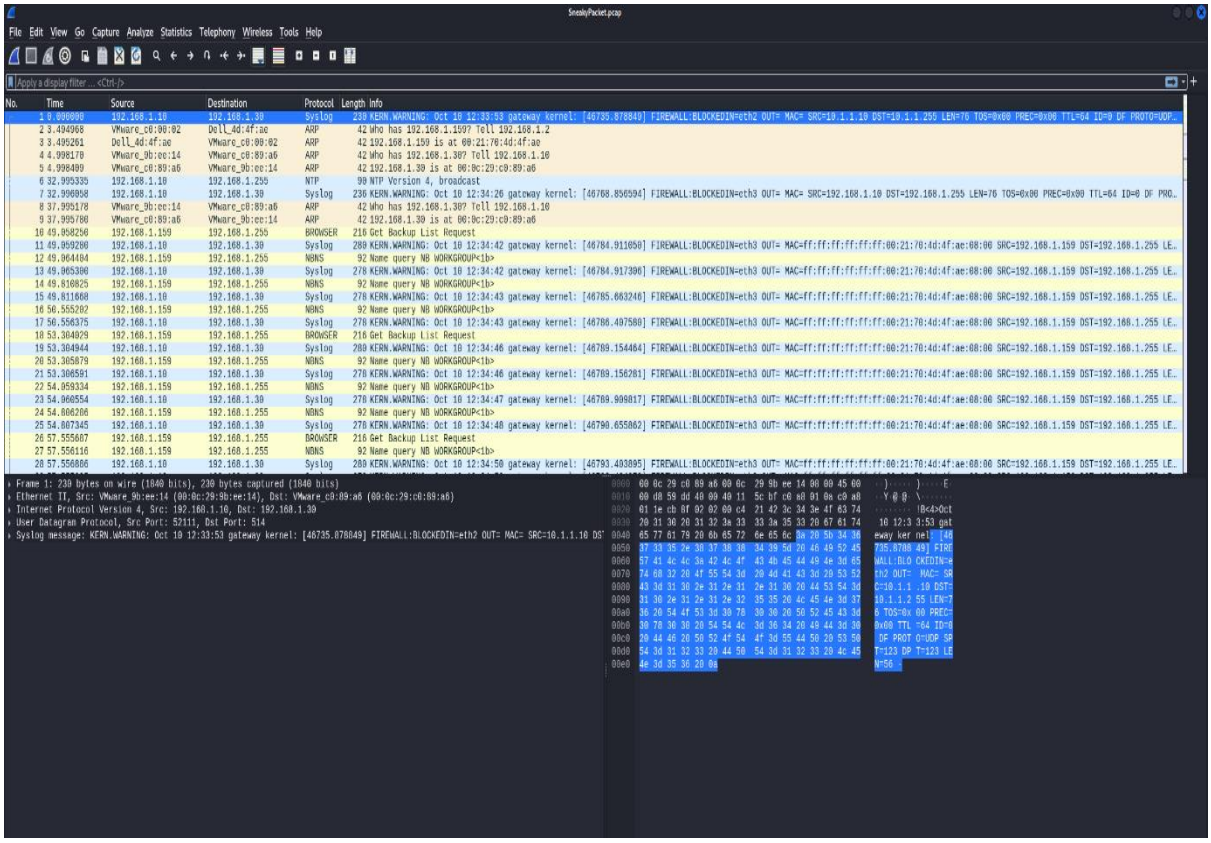
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 # 2. Extract Base64 Encoded Data from SMTP Packets:

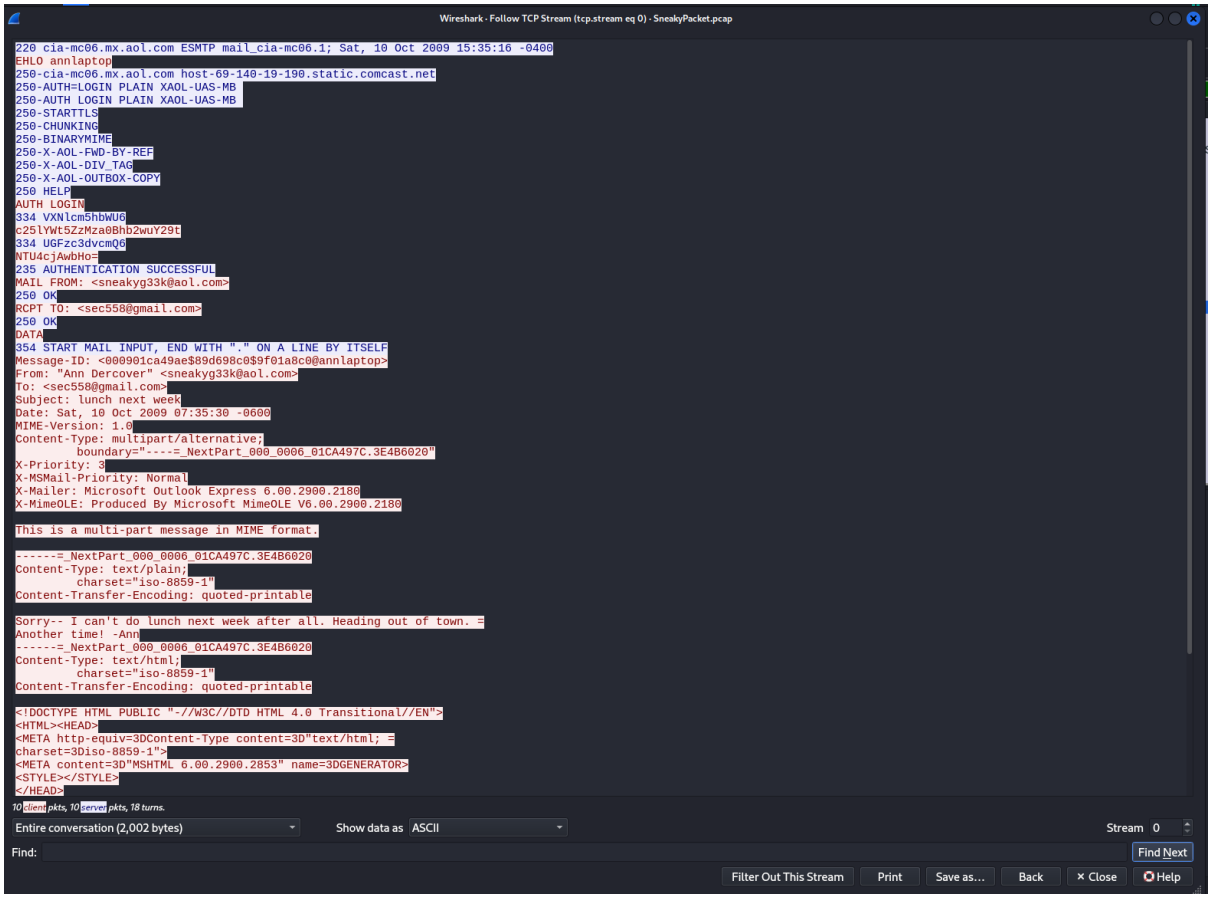
- Find the packets with `AUTH LOGIN`.

- 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=

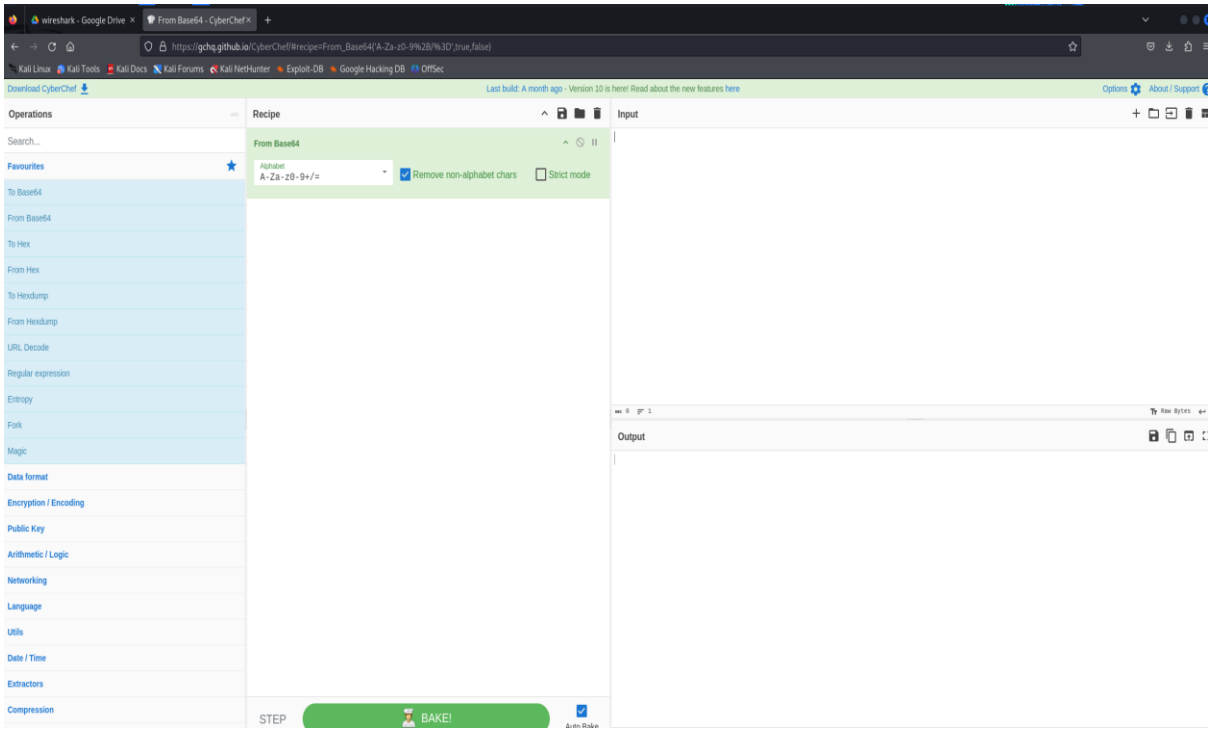
cGFzc3dvcmQ6 IEV4YW1wbGVQYXNz



 # 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:

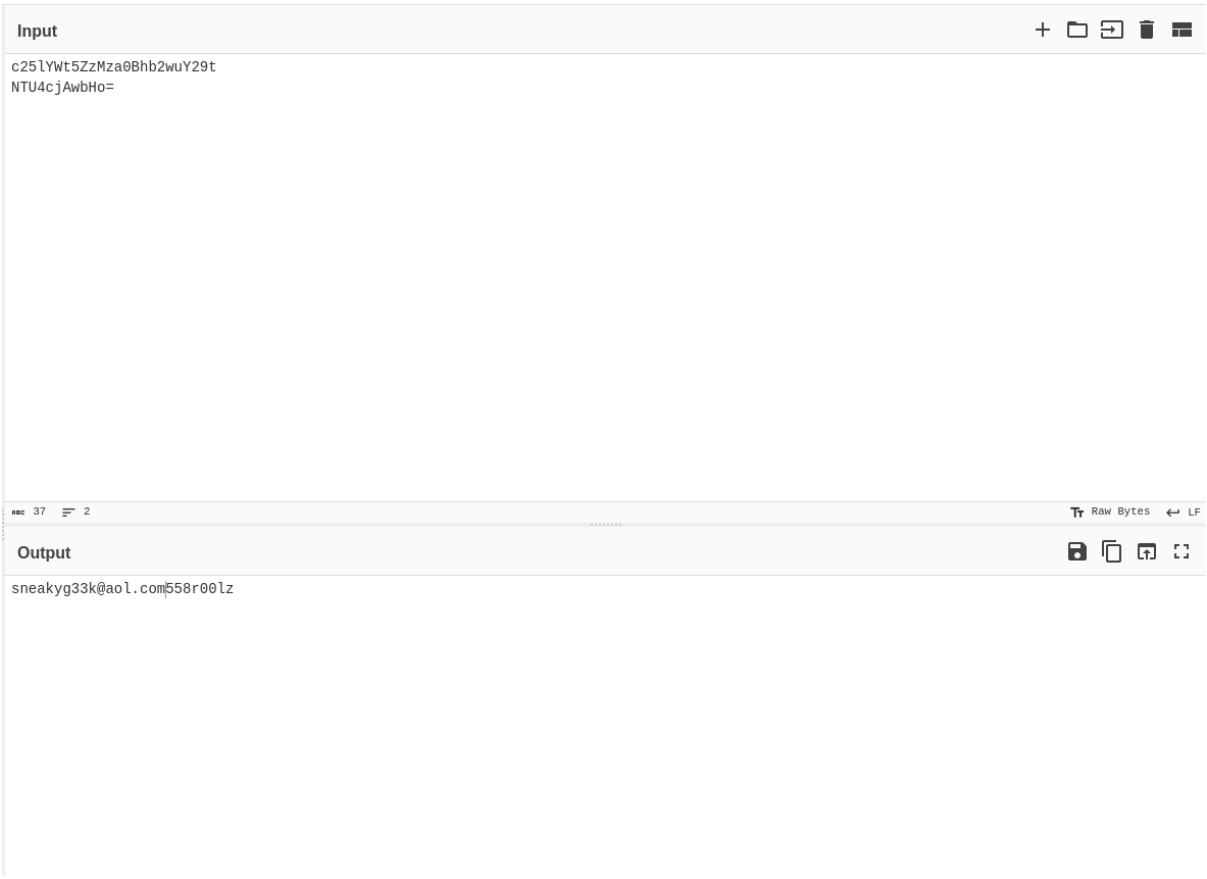
- Base64 string: `dXNlcm5hbWU6IEV4YW1wbGVAbWFpbC5jb20=`

- Decoded output: `username: Example@mail.com`

Similarly, for the password string:

- Base64 string: `cGFzc3dvcmQ6IEV4YW1wbGVQYXNz`

- Decoded output: `password: ExamplePass`

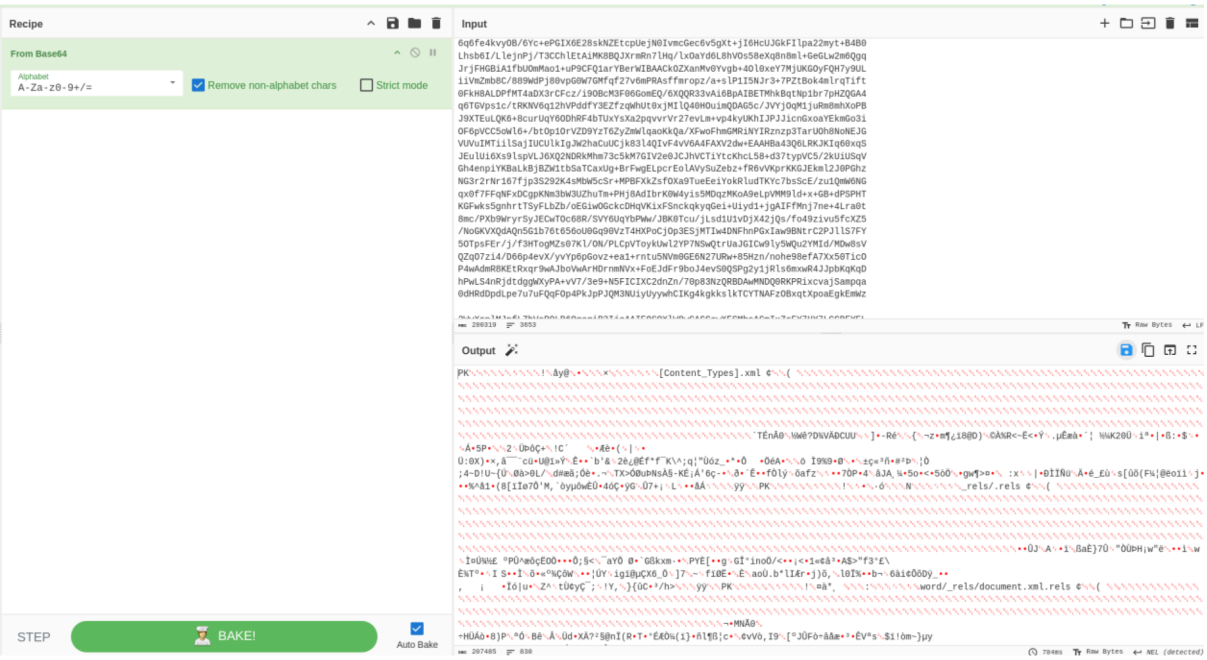


5. Analyze the Results:

- 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.

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

Using Further Attached data to find out further information:



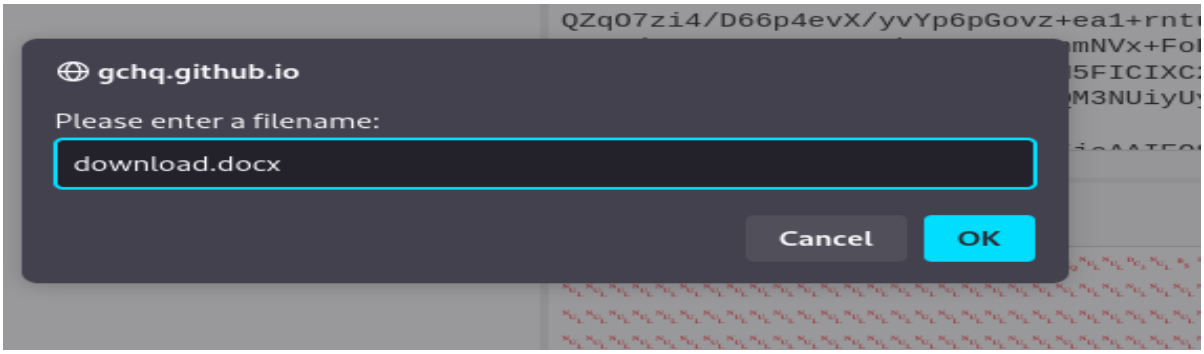


Figure: *Download the encoded zip file as .docx*

Analyzing the .docx which reveals an address:

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

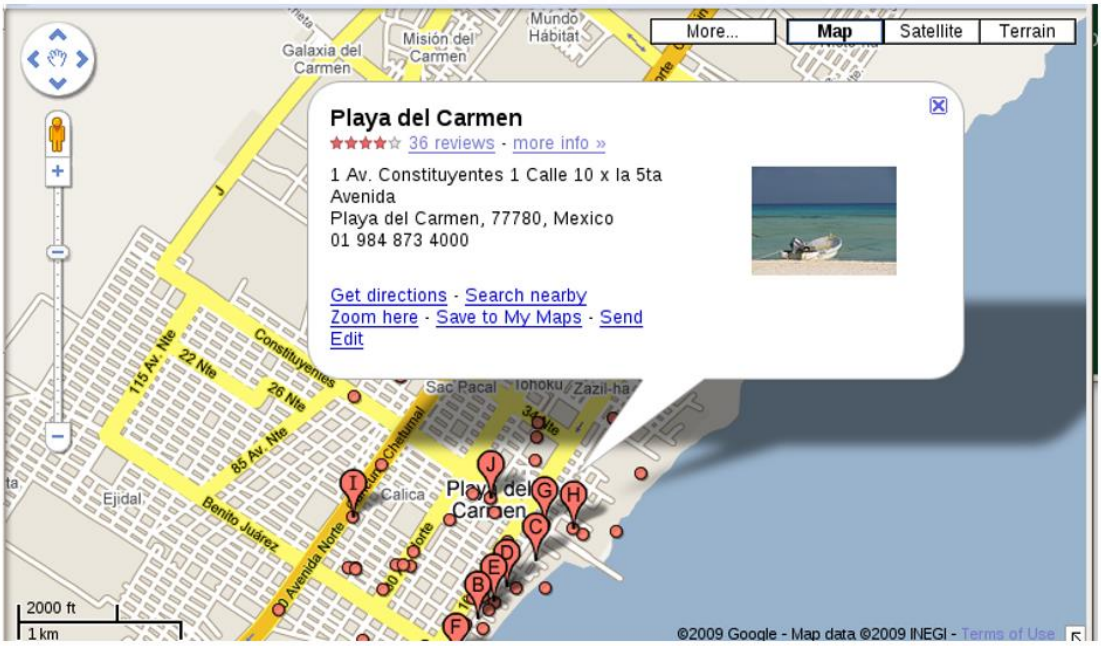


Figure: *Decoding the .docx file*

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:

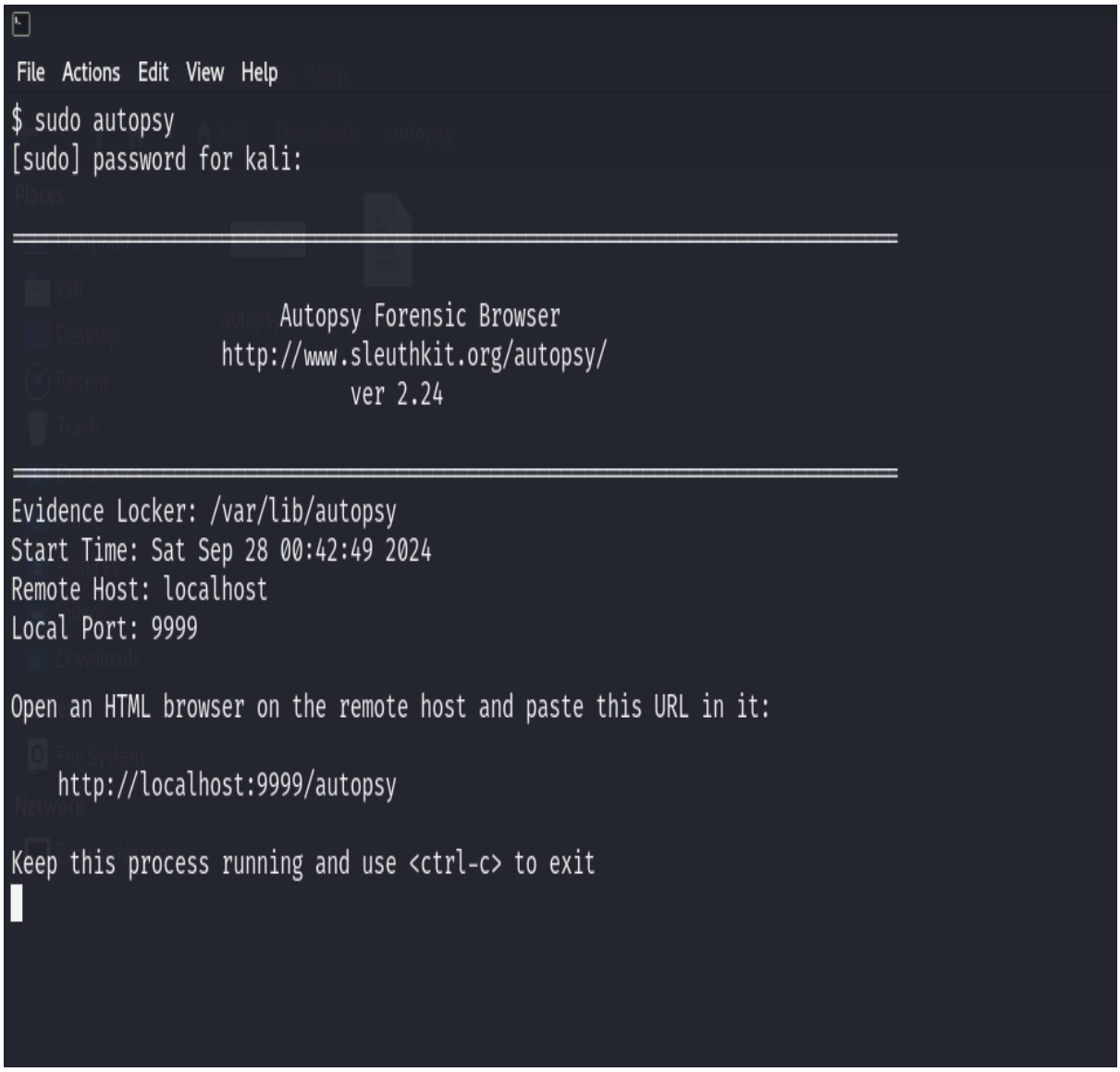


Figure: *Loading autopsy from terminal*

Figure: *Autopsy interface on localhost*

Figure: *New Case*

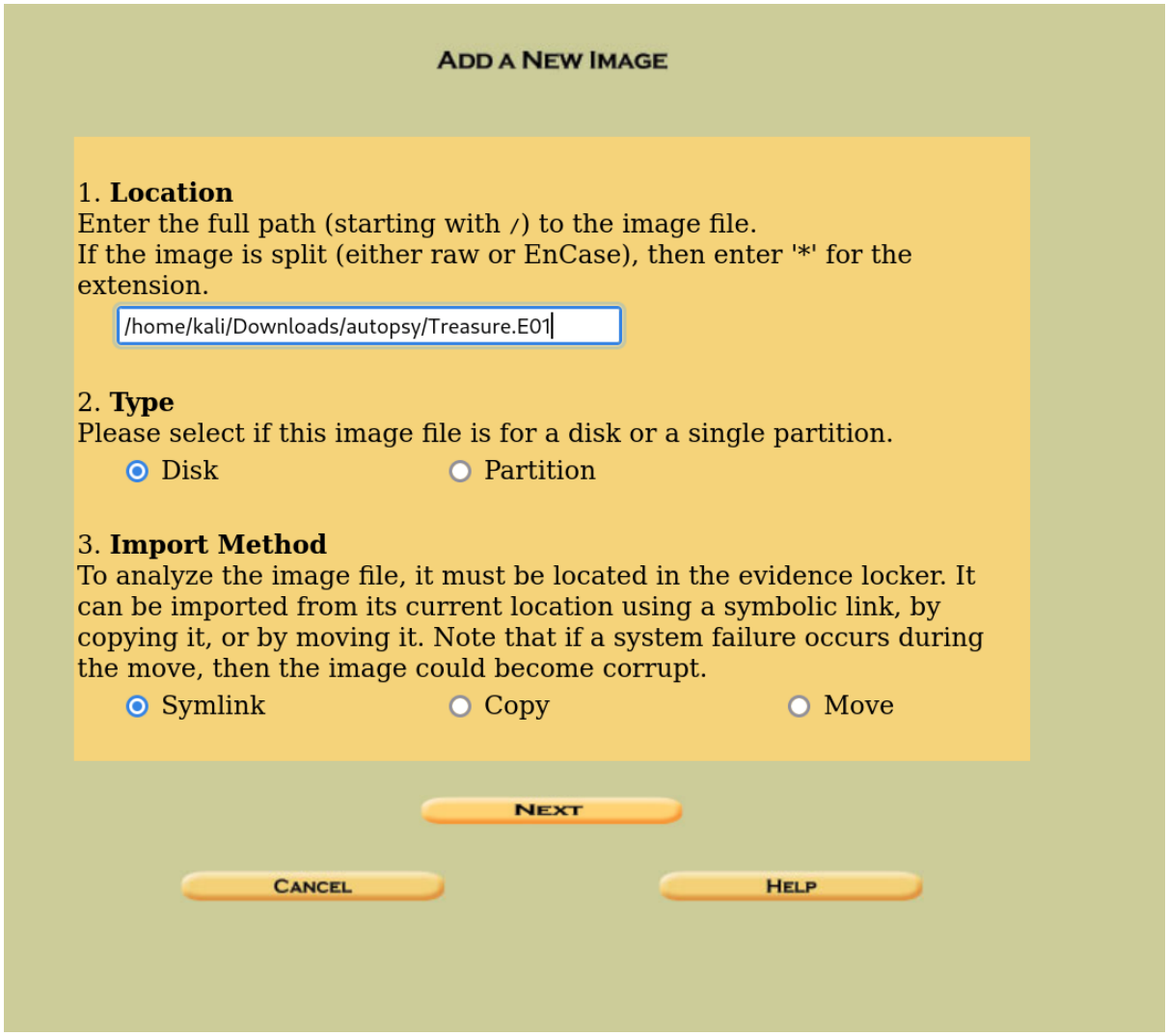


Figure: *Adding a new image by providing the absolute path of Treasure.E01*

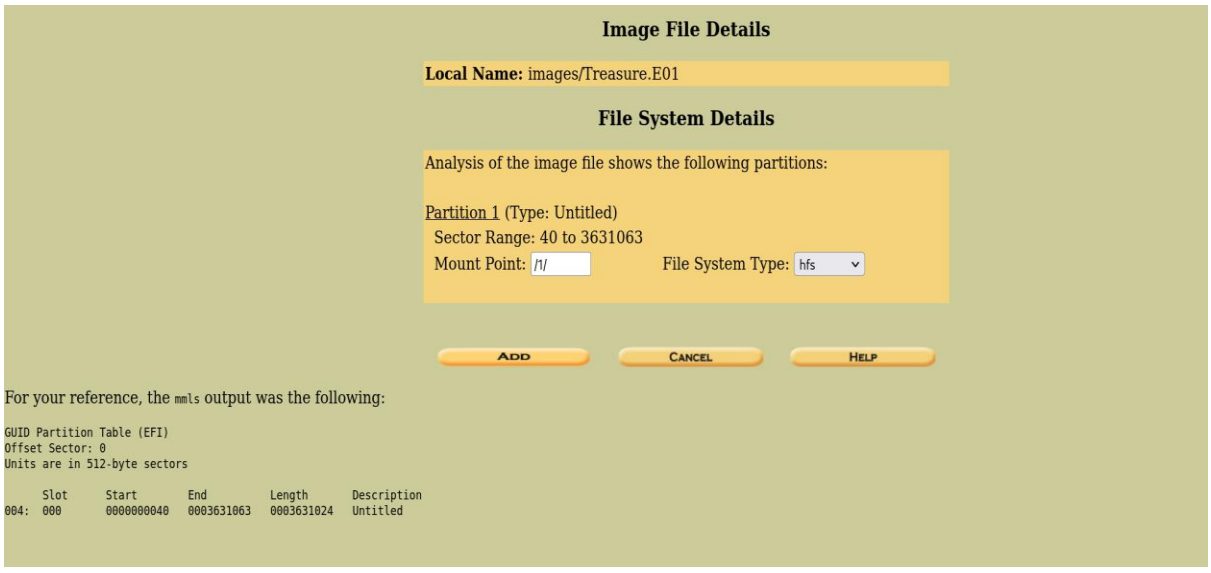


Figure: *Change file system type to hfs*

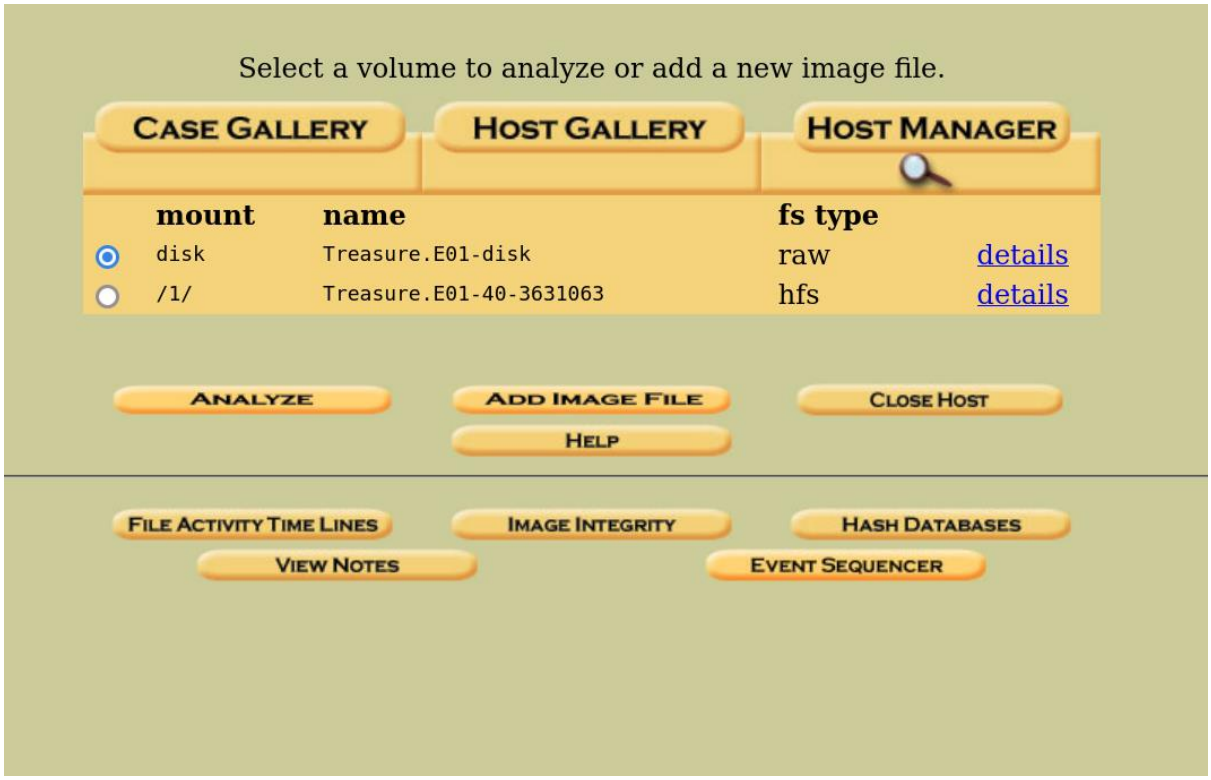


Figure: *Select /l/ and click analyze*

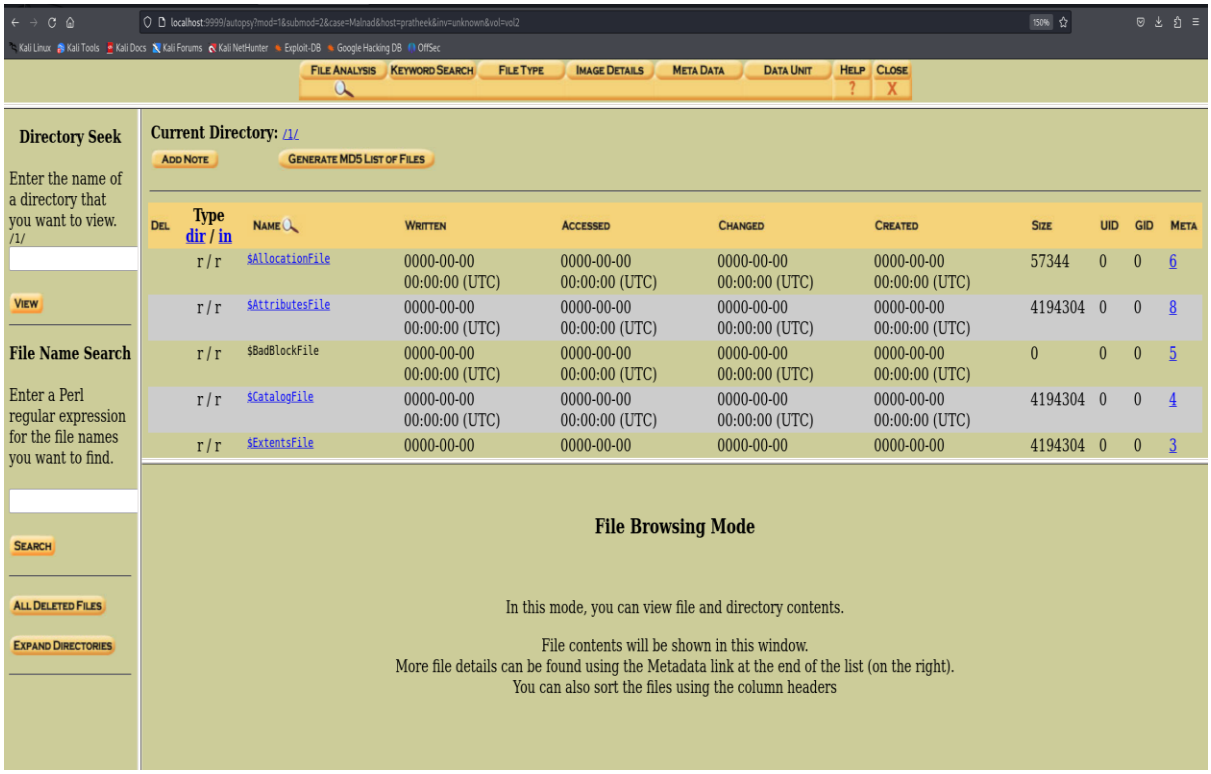


Figure: *List of all directories in the image*

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*