

# COMPUTER FORENSIC AND INVESTIGATION

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## Module-4

### Forensics Techniques-II

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## What is cross drive analysis?

A computer forensic technique that correlates information found on multiple hard drives. It is an approach for analyzing large data sets of disk images and other forensic data

It can be used for identifying social networks & performing anomaly detection

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II. Second Order



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## FIRST ORDER CDA APPLICATION

### CDA Stop lists

- A feature that allows you to safely ignore features that are ubiquitous (exist everywhere at the same time)

### Hot drive identification

- a feature that concentrates on prioritizing features to extract features from disk imaging that are important to the investigators

## Second Order CDA

Second order cda basically explores techniques that are based on cross-correlations in data on multiple drives

It focuses on the question :

"Which are the drives in the corpus that have the largest number of features in common?"

To read multiple feature files, a program called 'Multi-Drive Correlator' was created

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## IMPLEMENTATION

An end-to-end architecture for cross-drive analysis that accessions (adds) and images data from disk drives and other digital storage media was designed in order to:

- store intermediate results in feature files and database
- build intermediate cross-correlation tables
- supports an interactive multi-user interface for database exploration

### Extractor Implementation

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## Example of a feature file

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EMAILIn.com; by E-mail at ICPS-requests@verisign.com; or.by mail at Veri (pos=3581922)
COOKIEls", "CachePrefix", 2, "Cookie: "l.HKLM, "Software\Micr (pos=3849059)
EMAILIn.com; by E-mail at ICPS-requests@verisign.com; or.by mail at Veri (pos=6982915)
EMAILpremium Server CA1(0&.lpremium-server@thawte.com)0.960801000000Z.2012 (pos=9441431)
EMAILpremium Server CA1(0&.lpremium-server@thawte.com)0.H5:R.x`^^n7c"w6-.W (pos=9441602)
SUBJECTl: .Sent: .To: .Cc: .Subject: l.Importance: .Sensit (pos=35418278)
SUBJECTIsation: .Keywords: .Subject: l.Importance: .Sensit (pos=35423128)
COOKIEltxt.URL .TgvH.zAgvH.lCookie:SELJEJN@iwon.com/l.SELJEJN@iwon[1].txt (pos=57277759)
COOKIEljn@iwon[1].txt.URL .lCookie:SELJEJN@virtupay.net/l.SELJEJN@virtupay (pos=57277809)
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- Gathers data from system during operation

## Approaches:

- **Using standard user interface** : OS GUI, Command Shell, Secure Shell & Telnet

**Obtain Information** : Current users, Open ports, n/w connections and Ps list

- **Using imported utilities**: Perform live analysis using tools but not directly installed on to the target machine.  
i.e., By using CD-ROM to access via command directory to do the investigation.
- **Using a modified system**: By using Honeypot or Honey net deployed as an intermediary to gather all the information to do the investigation.
- **Using additional hardware**: To copy the portions of memory from a running system. Using an hardware devices attached to an System buses such as PCI or Firewire bus to monitor the process.

## What are the goals?

- Identify accounts configured with weak or default passwords – “It’s human nature”
- Use accounts as *entry points during penetration tests*

## What’s the impact?

- Unauthorized access to critical:
  - *Systems*
  - *Applications*
  - *data*
- User impersonation



Yes.

- **Approaches typically includes:**

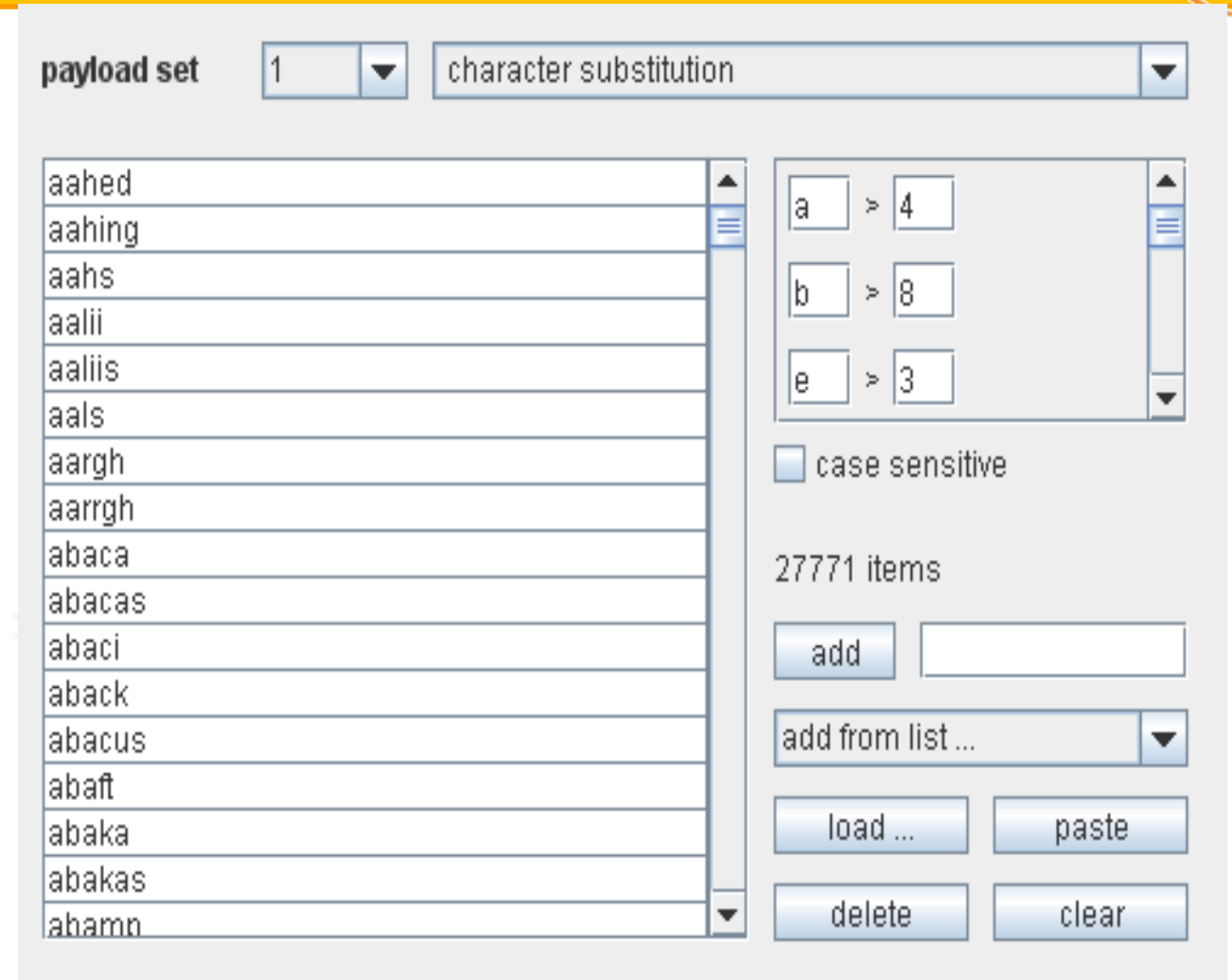
Cracking pw hashes offline with:

- Pre-computed hash libraries like *Rainbow Tables*
- Brute force and dictionary techniques using tools like *Hashcat* and *John the Ripper*
- Dumping clear text passwords for interactive sessions with *Mimikatz*

## Windows Dictionary Attack Process

1. Identify domains
2. Enumerate domain controllers (servers which respond to security authentication requests)
3. Enumerate domain users
4. Enumerate domain lockout policy
5. Create a dictionary
6. Perform Attack

- Brute force attack is a type of password guessing attack. In this type of attack, attackers systematically try every conceivable combination to find out the password of a user.



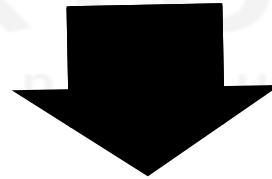
Password  
guessing  
program

Download link : <http://portswigger.net/burp/help/intruder.html>



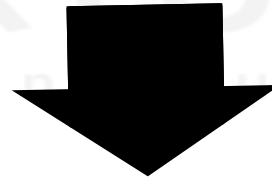
- LM “hashes”
  - Old technology used on LAN Manager
- NT hashes
  - Unicode password or MD4 hash
  - Used for authentication on more recent Windows systems

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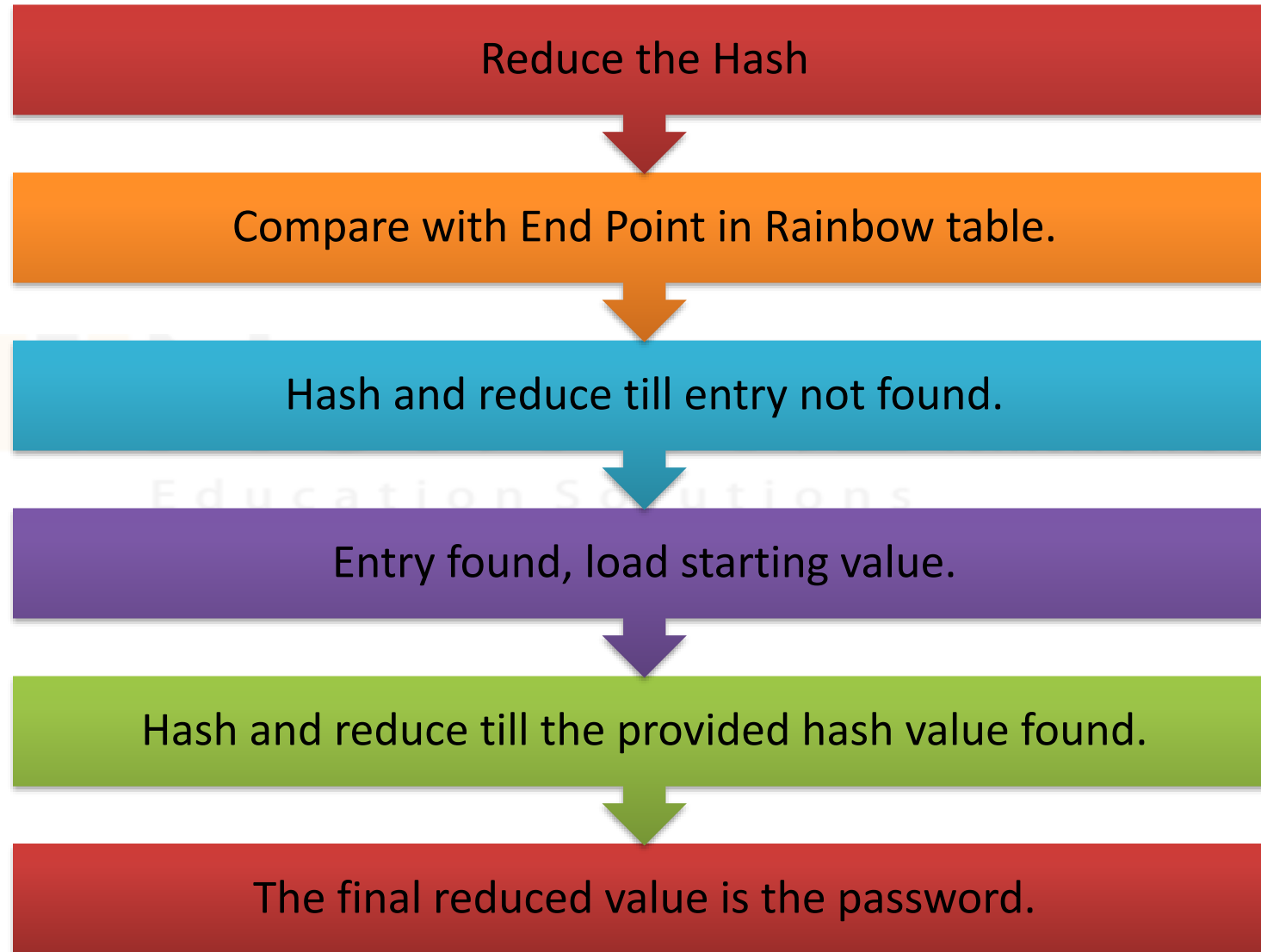
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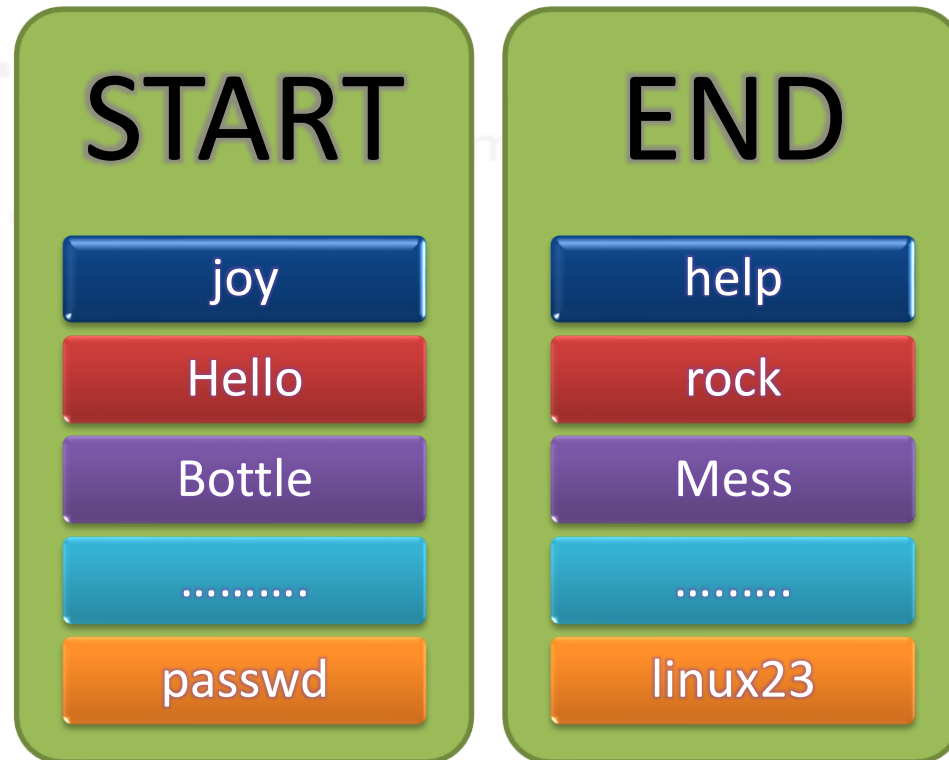
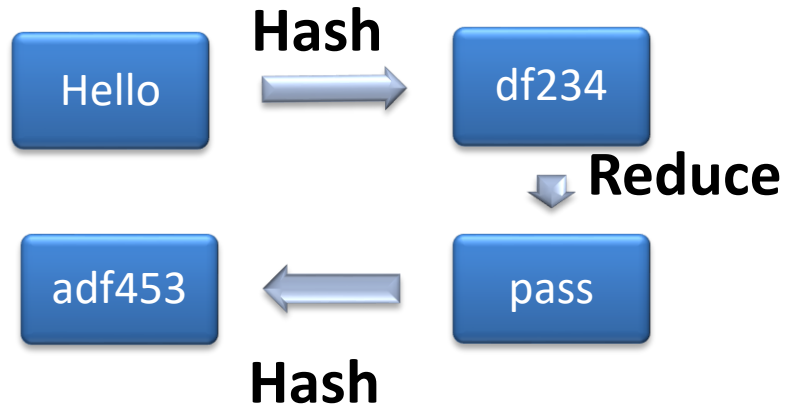
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**Stochastic :** Having a random probability distribution or pattern that may be analyzed statistically but may not be predicted precisely.

**No Artifacts**  
**Yes Forensics**



*"slap-your-head-and-say-'doh-wish-I'd-thought-of-that'"*  
-- an anonymous reviewer

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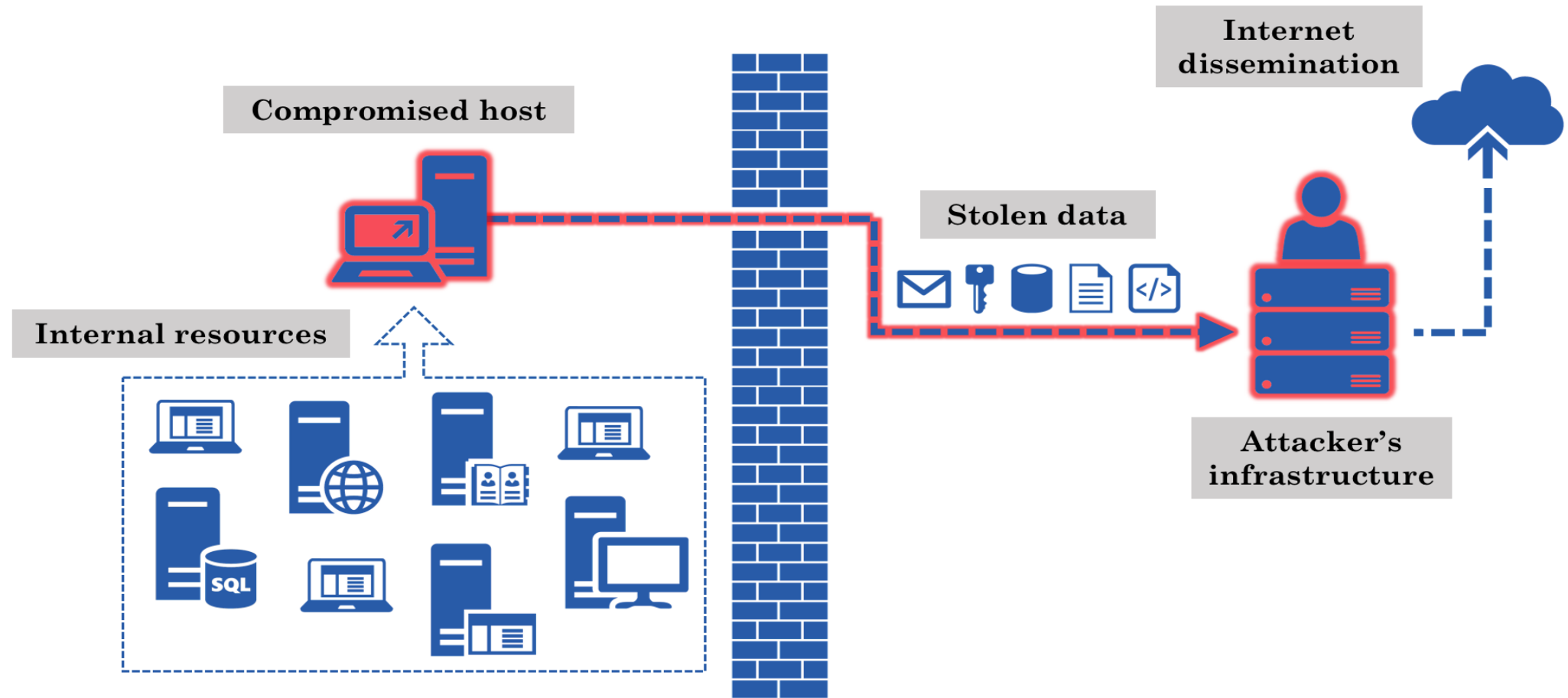
## Application

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## Data Exfiltration



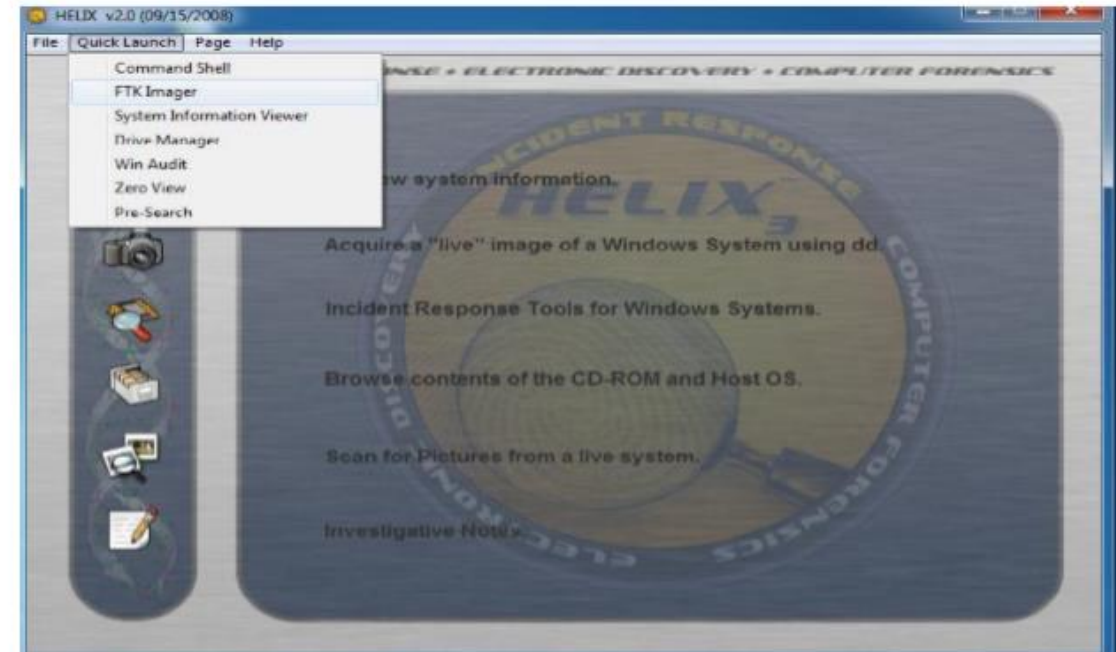
Stochastic forensics uses **TIMESTAMP** file is a data file created by ESRI mapping software, such as ArcMap or ArcCatalog.

It contains information about edits that have been made to a file geodatabase (. GDB file), which stores geographic information. **TIMESTAMP** files are not meant to be opened by the user.



Reference Material : <https://www.slideshare.net/bluesme/catching-insider-data-theft-with-stochastic-forensics>

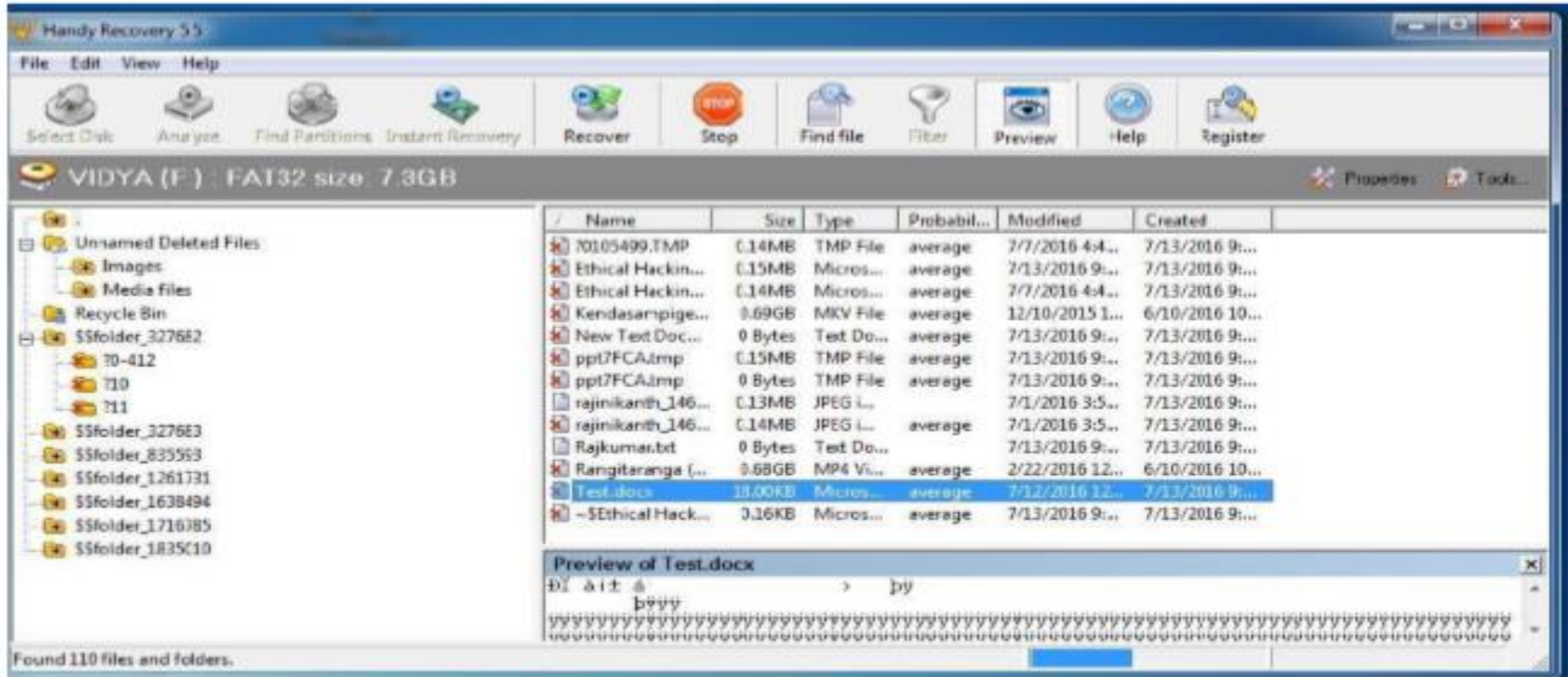
- Kindly refer **practical with Helix R2009.1**
- Investigators use a variety of techniques and proprietary forensic applications to examine the **hard drive copy, searching hidden folders and unallocated disk space for copies of deleted, encrypted, or damaged files**. Any evidence found on the digital copy is carefully documented in a "finding report" and verified with the original in preparation for legal proceedings.
- The **FTK imager of Helix Tool** is a powerful and flexible tool. It can be used to examine media and images and extracted deleted files.



The **Helix tool** is very **robust** and **free of charge**. Helix can be run as an **operating system**; it can be run from **command line**, and it also has a **windows GUI**. Helix allows for the analysis of a **live system**.

Reference Manual: <https://apps.dtic.mil/dtic/tr/fulltext/u2/a585593.pdf>

Kindly refer the practical for Used to recover deleted files from disk, previous lost partition from a disk.





- Click show original in an email
- Go to “***www.cyberforensics.in***” and click ***Email Tracking***
- Go to who is website and gather information about intermediate nodes.
- If the message id is originating and is equal to the sender’s identity then the mail is not spoofed or else it is spoofed.
- Email has become a primary means of communication.
- Email can easily be forged.
- Email can be abused
  - Spam
  - Aid in committing a crime ...
  - Threatening email, ...

- Email evidence:
  - Is in the email itself (header)
  - Left behind as the email travels from sender to recipient.
    - ✓ Contained in the various logs.
      - Law enforcement can use subpoenas
      - System ads have some logs.

- Neither IMAP or POP are involved relaying messages between servers.
- Simple Mail Transfer Protocol: SMTP
  - Easy, but can be spoofed easily.

From jholliday@engr.scu.edu Tue Dec 23 16:44:55 2003  
Return-Path: <jholliday@engr.scu.edu>  
Received: from server8.engr.scu.edu (root@server8.engr.scu.edu [129.210.16.8])  
by server4.engr.scu.edu (8.12.10/8.12.10) with ESMTP id hBO0itpv008140  
for <tschwarz@engr.scu.edu>; Tue, 23 Dec 2003 16:44:55 -0800  
From: JoAnne Holliday <jholliday@engr.scu.edu>  
Received: from 129.210.16.8 (dhcp-19-198.engr.scu.edu [129.210.19.198])  
by server8.engr.scu.edu (8.12.10/8.12.10) with SMTP id hBO0W76P002752  
for tschwarz; Tue, 23 Dec 2003 16:41:55 -0800 (PST)  
Date: Tue, 23 Dec 2003 16:32:07 -0800 (PST)  
Message-Id: <200312240041.hBO0W76P002752@server8.engr.scu.edu>  
X-Spam-Checker-Version: SpamAssassin 2.60-rc3 (1.202-2003-08-29-exp) on  
server4.engr.scu.edu  
X-Spam-Level:  
X-Spam-Status: No, hits=0.0 required=5.0 tests=none autolearn=ham version=2.60-rc3

This looks very convincing.

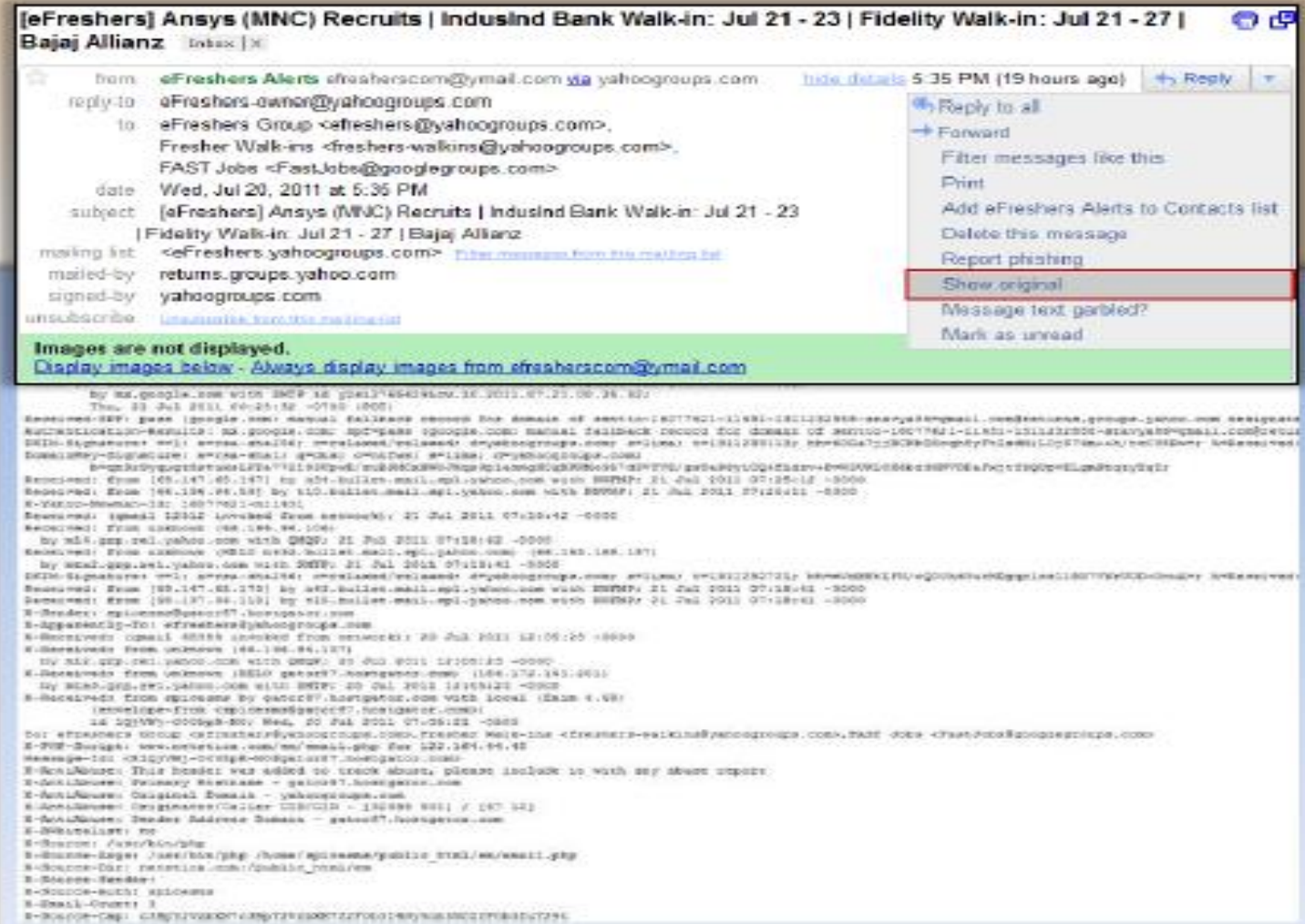
Only hint: received line gives the name of my machine, defaulting to dhcp-19-198.

The DHCP server logs might tell you what machine this is, given the time. But you need to know the clock drift at the various machines.



# Viewing Email Headers in Gmail

- Log on to **Gmail** and open the received email
- Click on the **Reply** drop-down button and navigate to the **Show original** option
- Select Message Headers - Full text and copy it
- Paste the text in any **text editor** and save the file
- Sign out of the Gmail account



# Analyzing Email Headers

Consider an example: Rudy sends an Email to Timmy

From: rudy@bieberdorf.edu (Rudy)

To: timmy@immense-isp.com

Date: Tue, July 05 2011 14:36:14 PST

X-Mailer: Loris v2.32

Subject: Lunch today?



Received: from mail.bieberdorf.edu (mail.bieberdorf.edu [124.211.3.78]) by mailhost.immense-isp.com (8.8.5/8.7.2) with ESMTP id LAA20869 for <timmy@immense-isp.com>; Tue, 05 July 2011 14:39:24 -0800 (PST)

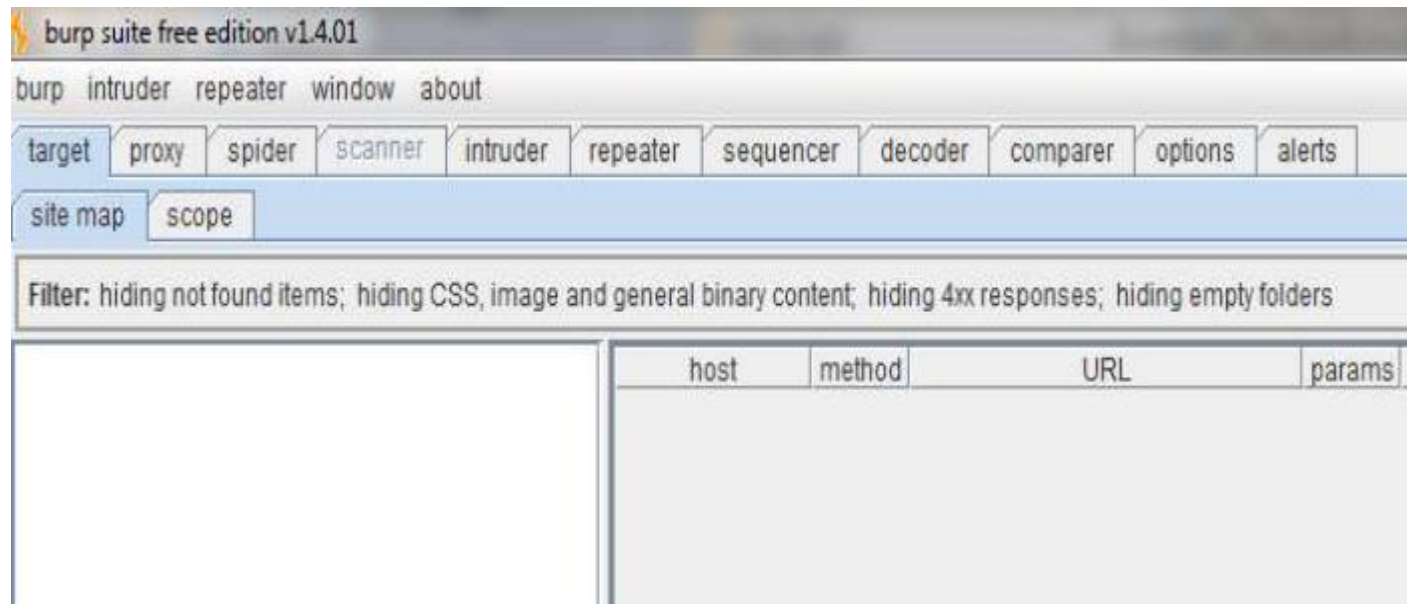
Received: from alpha.bieberdorf.edu (alpha.bieberdorf.edu [124.211.3.11]) by mail.bieberdorf.edu (8.8.5) id 004A21; Tue, July 05 2011 14:36:17 -0800 (PST)  
From: rudy@bieberdorf.edu (R.T. Hood)  
To: timmy@immense-isp.com  
Date: Tue, July 05 2011 14:36:14 PST  
Message-Id: <rth031897143614-00000298@mail.bieberdorf.edu>  
X-Mailer: Loris v2.32  
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## Manual Testing of web application using Burp Suite

- *Burp Suite* is an integrated platform for performing security testing of web applications.
- It is designed to be used by hands-on testers to support the testing process. With a little bit of effort, anyone can start using the core features of *Burp* to test the security of their applications.



- **Burp proxy:** Using **Burp proxy**, one can intercept the traffic between the **browser** and **target application**.
- To demonstrate this feature, consider the following example of a Wikipedia login form (dummyuser: dummypassword) as shown in Figure.
- First, switch the **intercept mode “on”** in the suite.
- The **Forward option** allows you to send the packets from the source IP to the destination IP. The **Drop option** allows you to drop the packet if you feel it does not need analysis.



## Log in / create account

From Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia

### Log in

Don't have an account? [Create one.](#)

Username:

Password:

☐ Remember me (up to 30 days)

[Forgotten your login details?](#)


Below figure shows the login credentials of en.wikipedia.org being captured. Note that Wikipedia uses HTTP instead of HTTPS, hence the login credentials are captured in clear text.



**intercept** options history

**proxy listeners**

running	port	loopback only	support invisible	redirect	cert
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	8080	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		per-host

**edit** 

**remove**

To add a new listener, complete the relevant details and click "add".

local listener port:

☐ listen on loopback interface only

☐ support invisible proxying for non-proxy-aware clients

**add**

## Intercepting messages

- The Intercept tab is used to display and modify HTTP and WebSocket messages that pass between your browser and web servers.
- The ability to monitor, intercept and modify all messages is a core part of Burp's user-driven workflow.
- In Burp Proxy's options, you can configure interception rules to determine exactly what HTTP requests and responses are stalled for interception (for example, in-scope items, items with specific file extensions, requests with parameters, etc.). You can also configure which WebSocket messages are intercepted.





Feel Free to  
ask for Any  
query



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