

**NAME**

tsk\_comparedir - compare the contents of a directory with the contents of an image or local device.

**SYNOPSIS**

**tsk\_comparedir** [-vV] [-n *start\_inum*] [-f *fstype*] [-i *imgtype*] [-b *dev\_sector\_size*] [-o *sector\_offset*] *image* [*images*] *comparison\_directory*

**DESCRIPTION**

**tsk\_comparedir** compares the contents of *image* to the contents of *comparison\_directory*. This can be useful for detecting rootkits and when testing. Rootkits can be detected by comparing the contents of a local directory and a local raw device. The rootkits typically don't hide data when it is read directly from the raw device.

The arguments are as follows:

- o *sector\_offset*  
Sector offset for a partition in the image or device to compare with.
- n *start\_inum*  
Starting inum for a directory in the image to start the comparison at.
- v  
verbose output to stderr
- V  
Print version
- f *fstype*  
Specify the file system type. Use '-f list' to list the supported file system types. If not given, autodetection methods are used.
- i *imgtype*  
The format of the image file, such as raw. Use '-i list' to list the supported types. If not given, autodetection methods are used.
- b *dev\_sector\_size*  
The size (in bytes) of the device sectors. If not given, autodetection methods are used.
- image* [*images*]  
The disk or partition image to read, whose format is given with '-i'. Multiple image file names can be given if the image is split into multiple segments. If only one image file is given, and its name is the first in a sequence (e.g., as indicated by ending in '.001'), subsequent image segments will be included automatically.

**EXAMPLES**

To compare the directories in image.dd to those in directory:

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# tsk_comparedir ./image.dd ./directory
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