

Ex No-5: Use Autopsy to create a case and import evidence

AIM:

To analyze a forensic disk image using Autopsy and extract digital evidence.

Description:

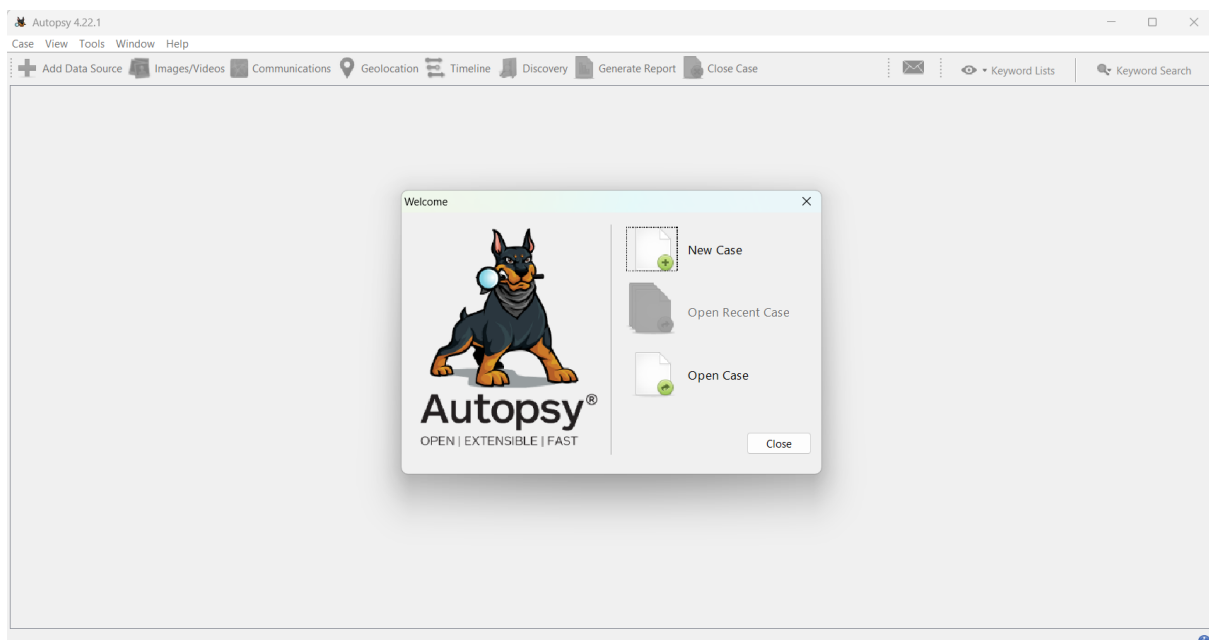
Autopsy is an open-source digital forensics platform used for analyzing and extracting data from digital devices. Here's a step-by-step process on how to use Autopsy for a basic forensic investigation.

1. Installation

- Download and Install: Autopsy can be downloaded from the official website. Follow the installation instructions based on your operating system (Windows, Linux, or macOS).

2. Starting a New Case

- Create a new case by clicking on New Case



Step-2: Enter the case name and location where the case data will be stored. Fill in the details like the case number, examiner's name, etc., and click Next.

New Case Information

Steps

1. **Case Information**
2. Optional Information

Case Information

Case Name:

Base Directory:

Case Type: ☒ Single-User ☐ Multi-User

Case data will be stored in the following directory:

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Step-3: Adding a Data Source

- Choose the Type of Data Source
- Select the Data Source
- Configure Ingest Modules
- Start Analysis

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Case View Tools Window Help

+ Add Data Source Images/Videos Communications Geolocation Timeline Discovery Generate Report Close Case Keyword Lists Keyword Search

Add Data Source

Steps

1. Select Host
2. Select Data Source Type
3. **Select Data Source**
4. Configure Ingest
5. Add Data Source

Select Data Source

Path:

☐ Ignore orphan files in FAT file systems

Time zone:

Sector size:

Bitlocker Password (optional):

Hash Values (optional):

MD5:

SHA-1:

SHA-256:

NOTE: These values will not be validated when the data source is added.

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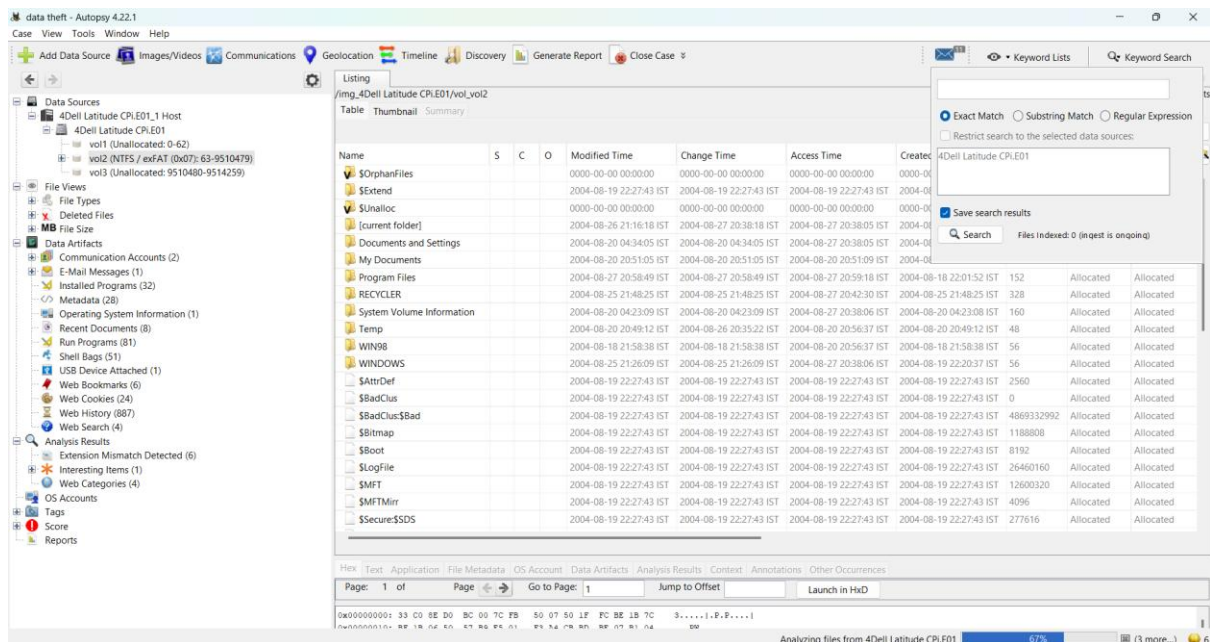
Step-4: Initial Analysis and Overview

- Ingest Progress
- Explore the Resulting Artifacts
- Use the Tree Viewer

The screenshot displays the Autopsy 4.22.1 interface. The left sidebar shows the 'Data Sources' tree with '4Dell Latitude CPE01-1 Host' expanded, revealing 'vol1 (Unallocated: 0-62)' and 'vol2 (NTFS / exfat (0x07): 63-9510479)'. The main pane shows a 'Listing' table for '/img_4Dell Latitude CPE01/vol2'. The table has columns: Name, S, C, O, Modified Time, Change Time, Access Time, Created Time, Size, Flags(Dir), and Flags(Meta). It lists various system files and folders like \$OrphanFiles, \$Extend, \$Unalloc, [current folder], Documents and Settings, My Documents, Program Files, RECYCLER, System Volume Information, Temp, WIN98, WINDOWS, \$AttrDef, \$BadClus, \$BadClus\$Bad, \$Bitmap, \$Boot, \$LogFile, \$MFT, \$MFTMirr, and \$Secure\$SDS. The bottom status bar indicates 'Analyzing files from 4Dell Latitude CPE01' with a progress bar at 37%.

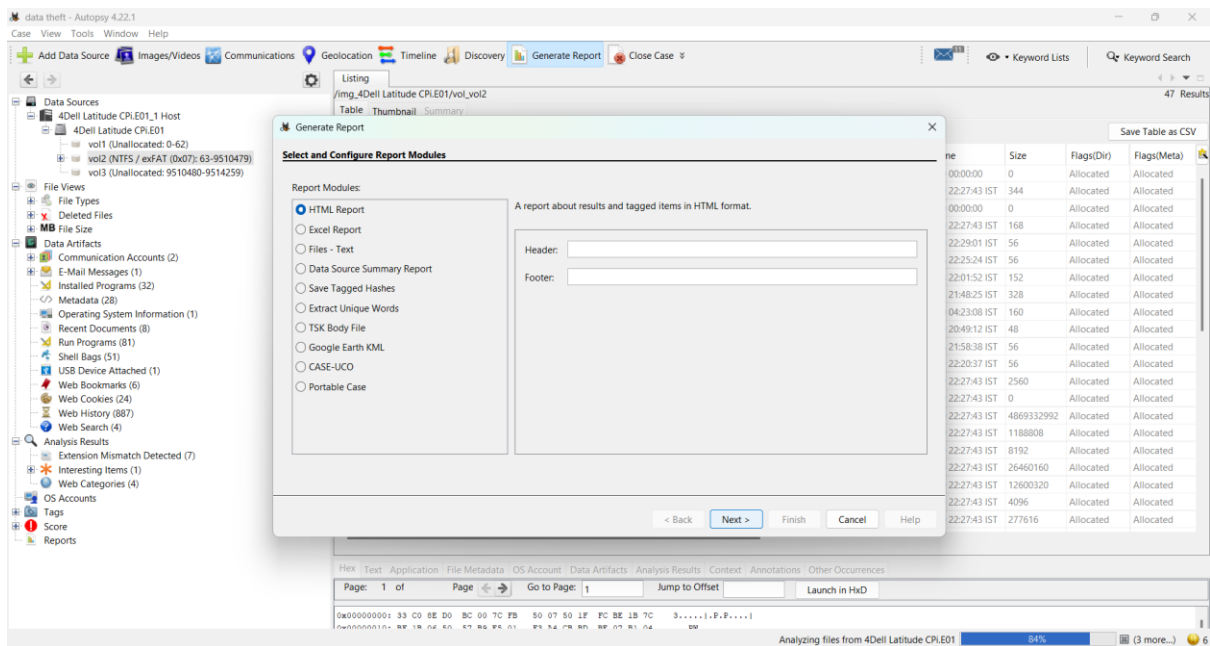
Step-5: Detailed Analysis

- Keyword Search:
 - You can perform specific keyword searches using the Keyword Search module.
 - Use pre-configured lists or enter custom keywords.
- File Analysis:
 - Navigate through files and folders under the File Types or File System section.
 - Open, view, or export files for further examination.
- Timeline Analysis:
 - Use the Timeline module to visualize events based on timestamps.
 - This can help track user activity over time.
- Hash Analysis:
 - Compare file hashes with known databases to identify known good or bad files.

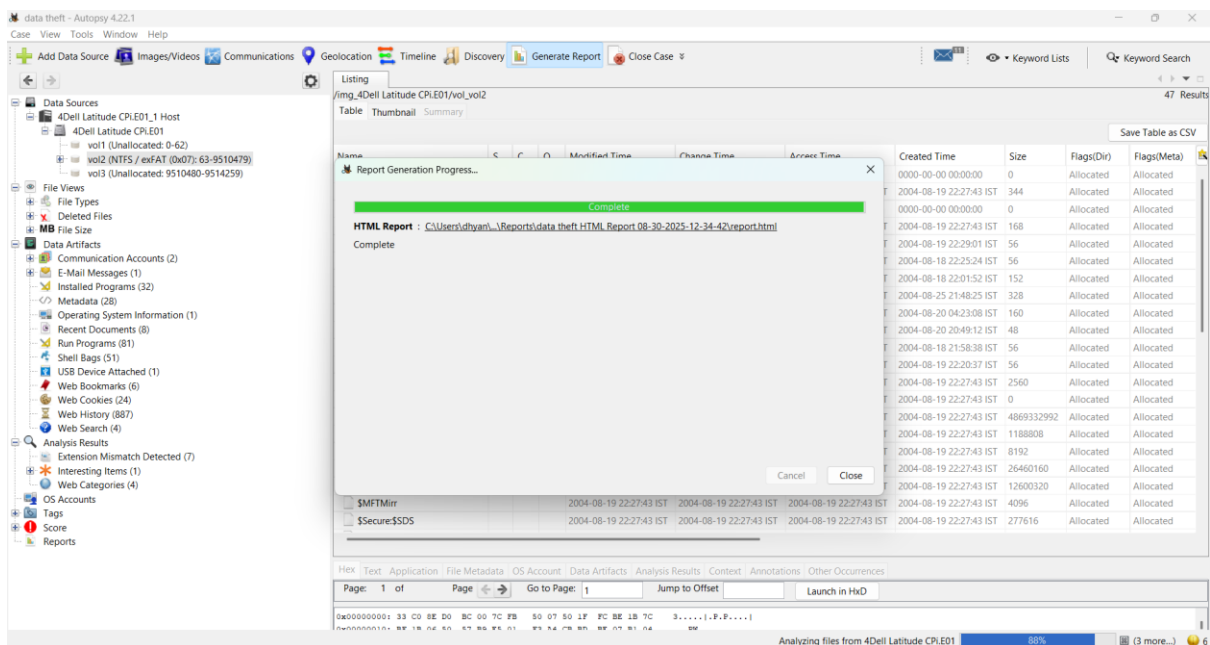


Step-6: Reporting

- Generate a Report:
 - After analyzing the data, click on Generate Report from the toolbar.
 - Choose the type of report (HTML, CSV, Excel, etc.).
 - Select which parts of the analysis you want to include in the report.
- Export Findings:
 - Export individual files or artifacts that you need for your report or further analysis.
- Final Review:
 - Review the report to ensure it includes all relevant information.
 - Save or print the report for use in your case.



Report Generation Progress



Reports

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Add Data Source Images/Videos Communications Geolocation Timeline Discovery Generate Report Close Case

Keyword Lists Keyword Search

Listing 13 Results

Save Table as CSV

Source Module Name	Report Name	Created Time	Report File Path
RecentActivity	RegRipper /img_4Dell Latitude CPLE01/vol_vo12/WIND_	2025-08-30 12:16:39 IST	C:\Users\dhyan\OneDrive\Documents\introduction\data theft\ModuleOutput\RecentActivity\reg_0\SAM-regripper-14
RecentActivity	RegRipper /img_4Dell Latitude CPLE01/vol_vo12/Docum	2025-08-30 12:16:49 IST	C:\Users\dhyan\OneDrive\Documents\introduction\data theft\ModuleOutput\RecentActivity\reg_0\NTUSER.DAT-regi
RecentActivity	RegRipper /img_4Dell Latitude CPLE01/vol_vo12/Docum	2025-08-30 12:16:52 IST	C:\Users\dhyan\OneDrive\Documents\introduction\data theft\ModuleOutput\RecentActivity\reg_0\NTUSER.DAT-regi
RecentActivity	RegRipper /img_4Dell Latitude CPLE01/vol_vo12/Docum	2025-08-30 12:16:58 IST	C:\Users\dhyan\OneDrive\Documents\introduction\data theft\ModuleOutput\RecentActivity\reg_0\NTUSER.DAT-regi
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RecentActivity	RegRipper /img_4Dell Latitude CPLE01/vol_vo12/WIND_	2025-08-30 12:17:58 IST	C:\Users\dhyan\OneDrive\Documents\introduction\data theft\ModuleOutput\RecentActivity\reg_0\software-regripp
RecentActivity	RegRipper /img_4Dell Latitude CPLE01/vol_vo12/WIND_	2025-08-30 12:17:59 IST	C:\Users\dhyan\OneDrive\Documents\introduction\data theft\ModuleOutput\RecentActivity\reg_0\SECURITY-regripp
HTML Report		2025-08-30 12:34:42 IST	C:\Users\dhyan\OneDrive\Documents\introduction\data theft\Reports\data theft HTML Report 08-30-2025-12-34-42

Hex Text Application File Metadata OS Account Data Artifacts Analysis Results Context Annotations Other Occurrences

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Text in the report

Listing

Hex Text Application File Metadata OS Account Data Artifacts Analysis Results Context Annotations Other Occurrences

Strings Extracted Text Translation

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Hive Check
Hive is not dirty.
sampire v.20160203
(SAM) Parse SAM file for user & group mbrshp info
User information

Username : Administrator [500]
SID : S-1-5-21-2000478354-688789844-1708537768-500
Full Name :
User Comment : Built-in account for administering the computer/domain
Account Type : Default Admin User
Account Created : Thu Aug 19 16:59:24 2004 Z
Name :
Last Login Date : Never
Pwd Reset Date : Thu Aug 19 17:17:29 2004 Z
Pwd Fail Date : Never
Login Count : 0
--> Password does not expire
--> Normal user account
Username : Guest [501]
SID : S-1-5-21-2000478354-688789844-1708537768-501
Full Name :
User Comment : Built-in account for guest access to the computer/domain
Account Type : Default Guest Acct
Account Created : Thu Aug 19 16:59:24 2004 Z
Name :
Last Login Date : Never
Pwd Reset Date : Never
Pwd Fail Date : Never
Login Count : 0
--> Password does not expire
--> Password not required
--> Normal user account
Username : HelpAssistant [1000]
SID : S-1-5-21-2000478354-688789844-1708537768-1000
Full Name : Remote Desktop Help Assistant Account
User Comment : Account for Providing Remote Assistance
Account Type : Custom Limited Acct
Account Created : Thu Aug 19 22:28:24 2004 Z
Name :
Microsoft Store

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Step-7: Case Closure

- Close the Case:
 - Once you have completed your investigation, close the case within Autopsy.
- Archiving:
 - Ensure all data and reports are properly archived according to your organization's policies.