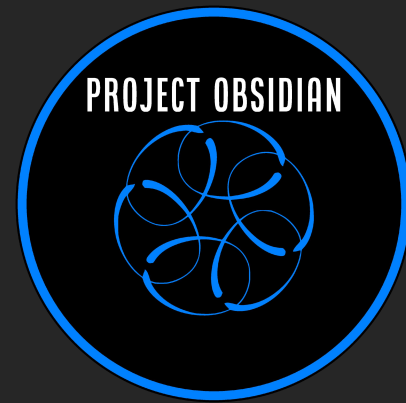


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Forensics

Forensics 101
Part 1



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Agenda

- Digital Forensics Overview
- Data Acquisition Overview
- Necessity of Digital Forensics
- Value Behind Digital Forensics



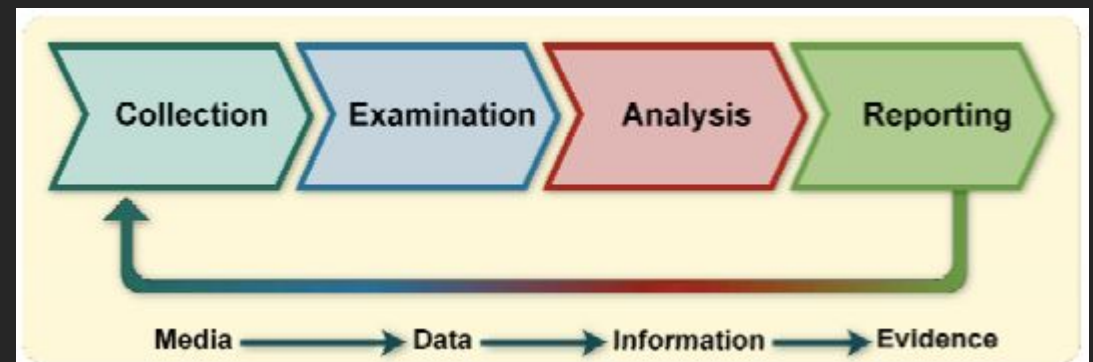
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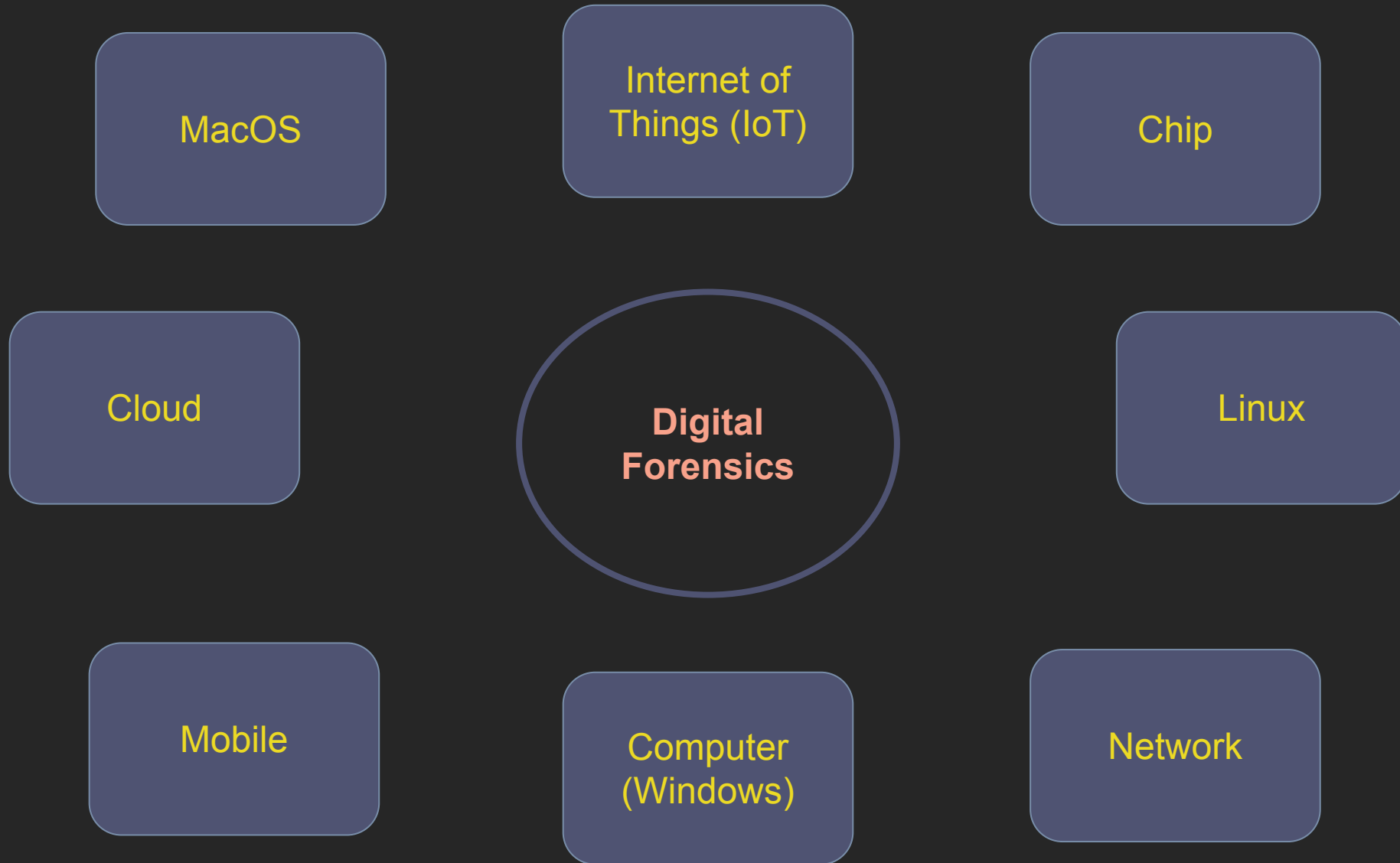
Digital Forensics Overview

- Art & Science
 - **Art:** Choice, tool usage, interpretation of results
 - **Science:** Tools and methods (process)
- Four Phase Forensic Process
 - **Collection:** Identify, label, acquire from **media**
 - **Examination:** Process and extract **data**
 - **Analysis:** Derive and deconstruct into **information**
 - **Reporting:** Describe and exhibit the **evidence**

*"A branch of forensic science that focuses on **identifying, acquiring, processing, analyzing, and reporting** on data stored electronically."*



Digital Forensics Branches



Digital Evidence

• Key Definitions

- **Artifact:** Remnants of an event left behind on the system
- **Evidence:** an item or information proffered to make the existence of a fact more or less probable (Cornell Law School)

- Evidence Sources

- File
- Network
- Log
- Memory

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Data Acquisition



Data Acquisition Overview

The act of **collecting** a copy of the system in order to **preserve** potential evidence from the scene.

- **Imaging**: Exact copy (**bit-by-bit**) of the original data
- Authenticity verified via **hashing** algorithm
- Write-blockers help prevent tampering during acquisition
- **Two types**: **File System** and **Memory** (Volatile)
- Planning Considerations
 - Volatile vs Non-Volatile
 - Livebox vs Deadbox
 - Local vs Remote
 - Triage or Full-Disk
 - Transfer Collection Point (SMB, SFTP, Cloud)



Data Acquisition and Analysis Tools

COMMERCIAL	OPEN-SOURCE
enCase Forensic by OpenText	Kroll Artifact Parser and Extractor (KAPE) by Eric Zimmerman
Forensic Toolkit (FTK) [including Imager] by Exterro	Autopsy by BasisTech
F-Response by F-Response/Agile Risk Management LLC	Velociraptor by Mike Cohen (acquired by Rapid7)
Axiom Magnet by Magnet Forensics	CyLR by Alan Orlikoski (updated by Chapin Bryce)
Belkasoft Evidence Cengooter X & R by Belkasoft	Volatility Framework by The Volatility Foundation
X-Ways Forensics by X-Ways Software Technology AG	

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Necessity & Value



Necessity of Digital Forensics

- Rapid adoption of technology into daily lives
 - Work from home (WFH) and associated risks
- Use Cases
 - Unauthorized Access
 - Employee Misconduct
 - Criminal Cases
 - Bhima Koregaon (BK) Case - Rona Wilson/"Modified Elephant" Campaign (2018-2022)
 - Troubleshooting/Data Recovery
 - Compliance and Regulation



- Role in General IT
 - Root Cause Analysis (RCA)
- Role in Cyber Defense
 - Information Sharing
- Role in Legal Cases
 - Line between Innocence or Guilty



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