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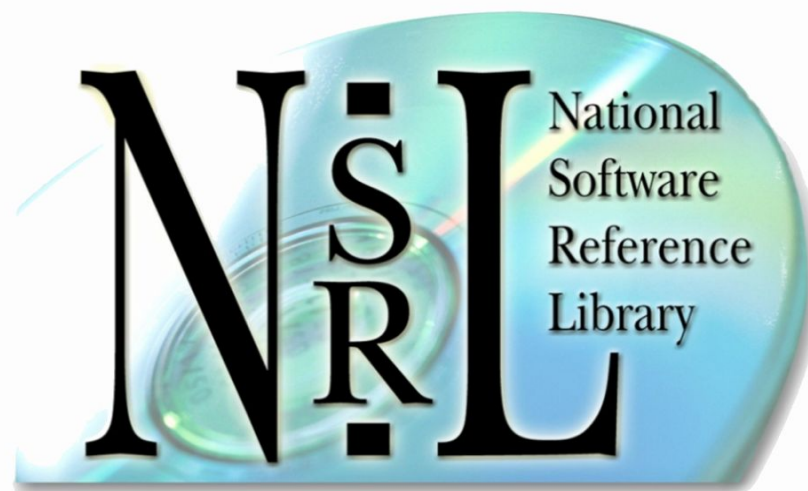
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Summary of Available Data

RDS Hashsets – Modern, Historic, Mobile-Android, Mobile-iOS, Voting

Appendix Hashsets – SHA-256, SHA-512

Approximate Matching – ssdeep, sdhash

Installations – Diskprints, Live systems

Known Tools – bulk_extractor, fiwalk

Other Algorithms – MD5B512, SHA1B512, MD5B8192, etc.

Digital Forensics XML (DFXML) Schema

Identification – SWIDtags, Taxonomies

Research Environment – Access to media, files

Validation Data – MD5, SHA-1, SHA-256, other links

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