

File Marshal: Automatic Extraction of Peer-to-Peer Data

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Problem

- Often peer-to-peer (P2P) software present on seized disks
- Lots of different types of P2P software, each with different file locations, formats, logs, etc.
- Investigator must look up specific details for each instance of P2P software encountered
- Time consuming, tedious process



Solution

Develop File Marshal, a tool to automate the process!

- Extract downloaded files
- Extract log files
- Parse log files, translate to standard format
- Extract any useful data present, e.g., servers, user IDs, passwords
- Perform tasks in a forensically sound way
- Make system extensible
 - Investigator can add new types of P2P software to config file
 - Investigator only needs to do this once (per P2P software)
- Generate report in a clear, usable format

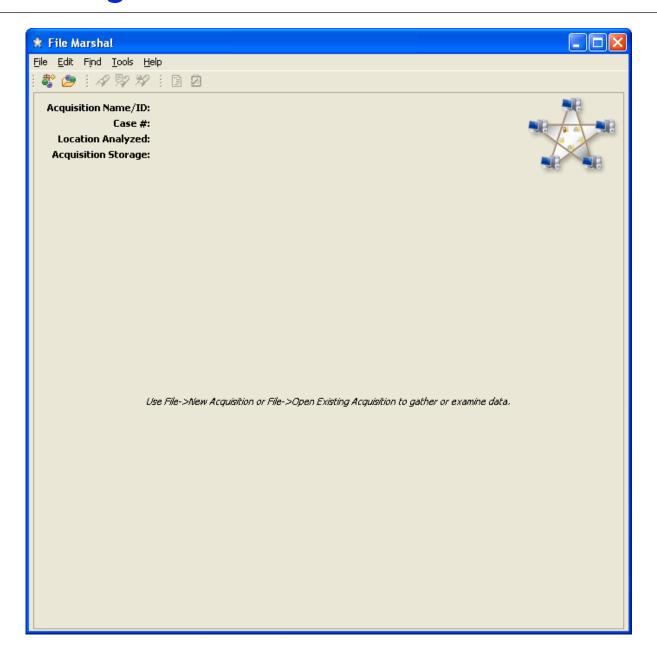


Benefits

- Reduce investigator workload
- Reduce turnaround time
- Standardize processing of data and reporting
- Log all steps performed by File Marshal

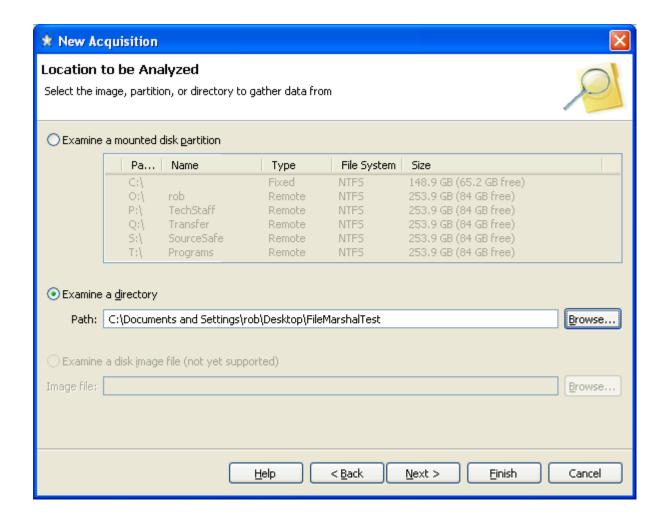


Starting File Marshal



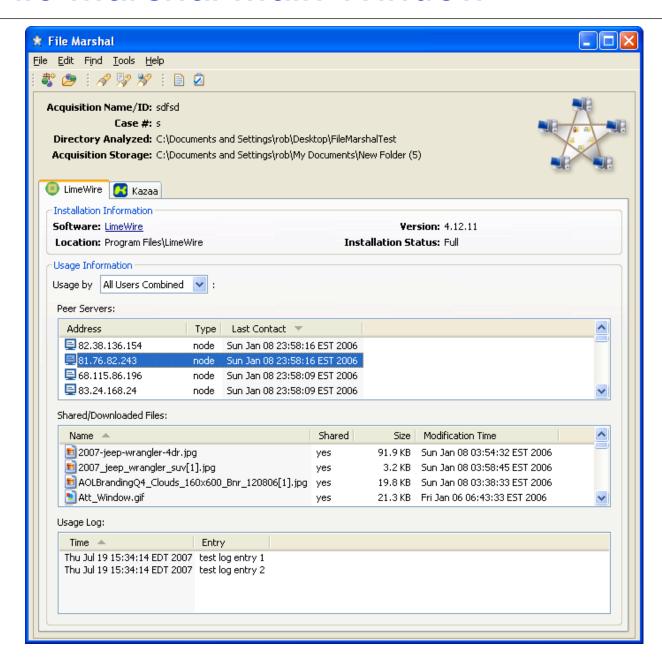


File Marshal Acquisition: Selecting the Evidence Source



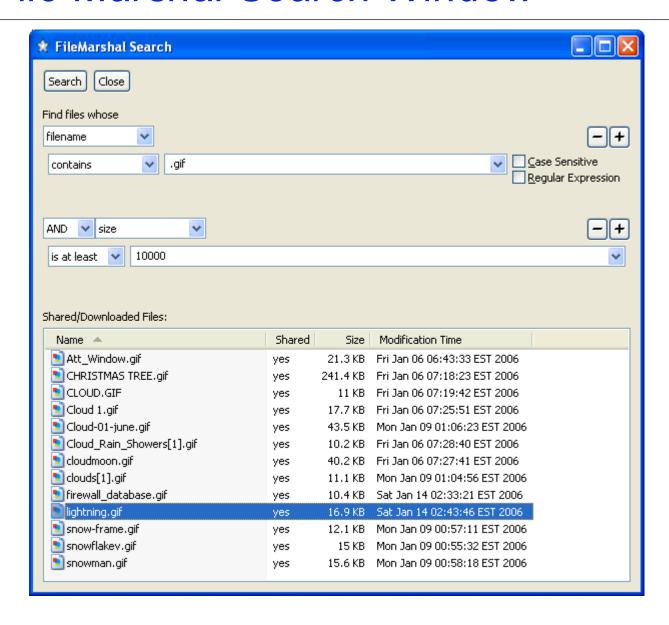


File Marshal Main Window



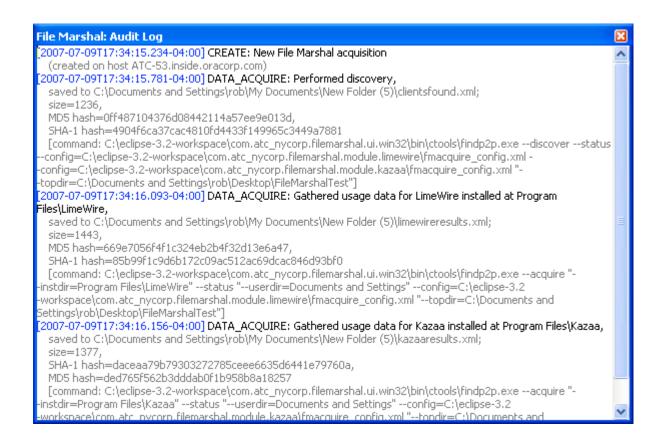


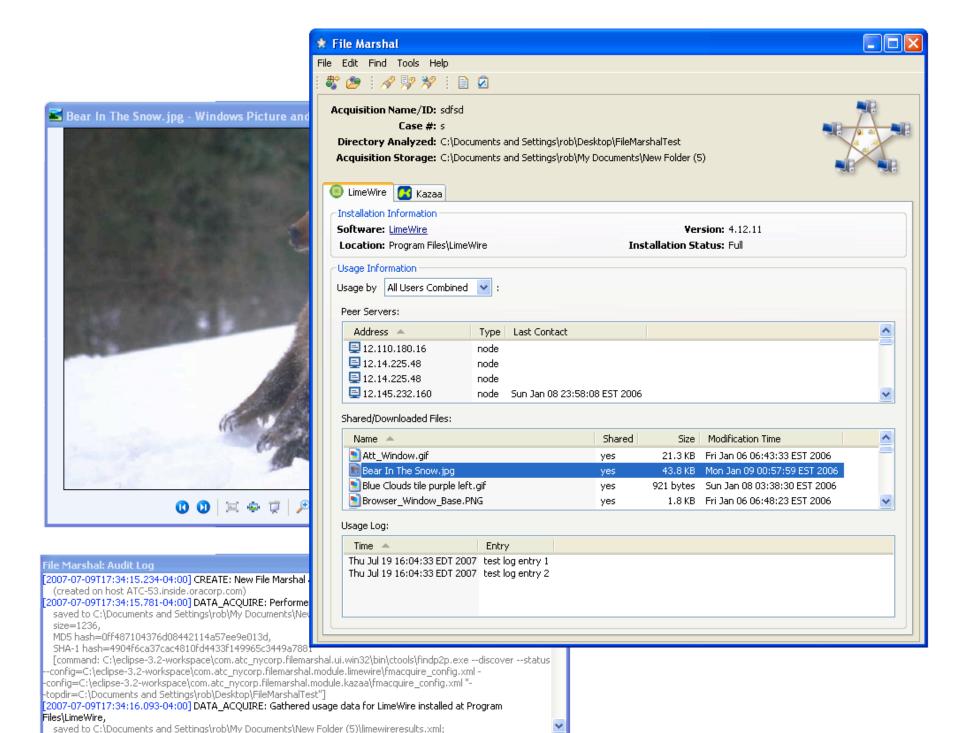
File Marshal Search Window





File Marshal Investigation Audit Log







Future Plans

- Enhance interface
 - Searching options
 - Report generation
 - Other features based on beta tester feedback
- Add support for additional clients
 - BitTorrent (Azureus, BitTorrent, μTorrent)
 - Ares
 - Hello (Google)
- Beta release at end of summer to law enforcement partners for testing and feedback
 - Working with James Thompson, director of the Broome County (NY) Computer Analysis and Technical Services (CATS) Unit
- Version 1 release available to law enforcement at no cost by end of the year
- Potential follow-on: more features, clients, functionality, etc.