



# **IT-Security (ITS) B1**

**DIKU, E2020**



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# Today's agenda

Memory forensics

Disk forensics

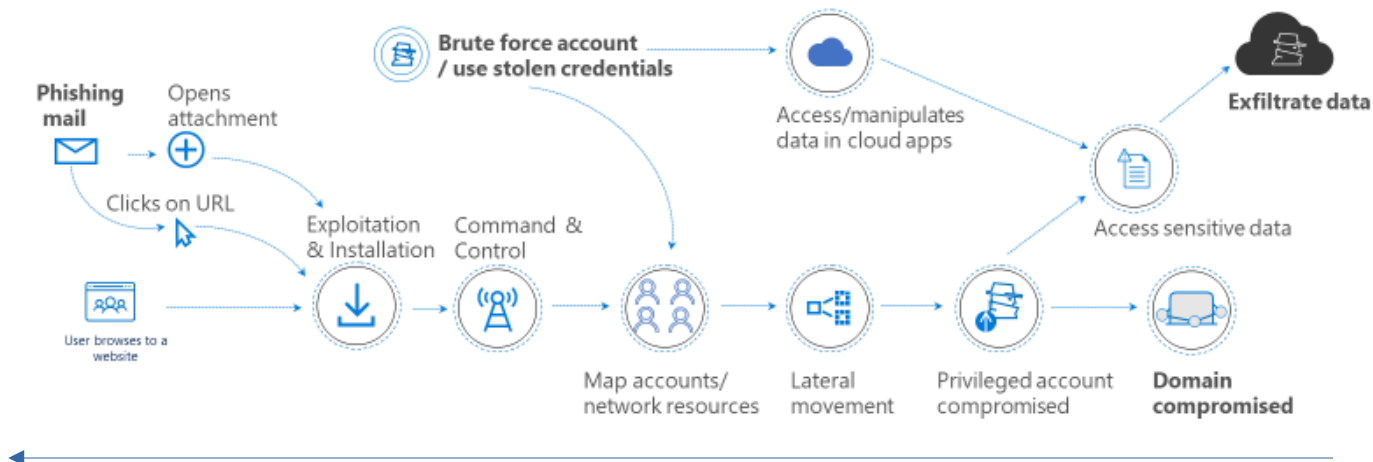
Log analysis

Malware analysis

# Recap - Intrusion Detection

Host and network analysis

IOCs and anomalies





# Forensics vs Incident Response

Formally, **digital forensics** is a branch of forensic science encompassing the recovery and investigation of material found on digital devices, often in relation to crimes

**Incident response** involves the execution of proper responses to computer intrusions

In practice, when responding to computer intrusions, they are used interchangeably

Add: **Malware analysis**

**DFIRMA**



## Sidebar: Digital forensics

Digital forensics =

Computer forensics

Memory forensics

Network forensics

Mobile forensics

Etc. forensics



# In practice, they coexist

while true:

    intrusion analysis

    if intrusion suspected:

        preliminary analysis (triage)

        if intrusion verified:

            repeat until incident fully grasped:

                incident analysis

                forensic analysis

                malware analysis

        incident response

update plans



# A note on today's reading material

National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) SP 800-56

**NIST**  
National Institute of  
Standards and Technology  
Technology Administration  
U.S. Department of Commerce

Special Publication 800-56

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## **Guide to Integrating Forensic Techniques into Incident Response**

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Recommendations of the National Institute  
of Standards and Technology

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# **Spearphishing, revisited**



# Memory forensics



# **Situation: Evil code is running**

Out job: Find it in memory



# Memory forensics

From Wikipedia:

“Memory forensics is forensic analysis of a computer's memory dump.

Its primary application is investigation of advanced computer attacks which are stealthy enough to avoid leaving data on the computer's hard drive.”



# First, get a copy

- Live acquisition

  - Different techniques

- Live analysis

  - Direct analysis of the running kernel

- Dead acquisition

  - Hibernation files, page files

- Virtualization - thank you



# What to find in memory?

Running processes

Listening sockets

Open connections

Loaded modules

Encryption keys

Credentials

Memory only malware

Closed connections

Terminated processes

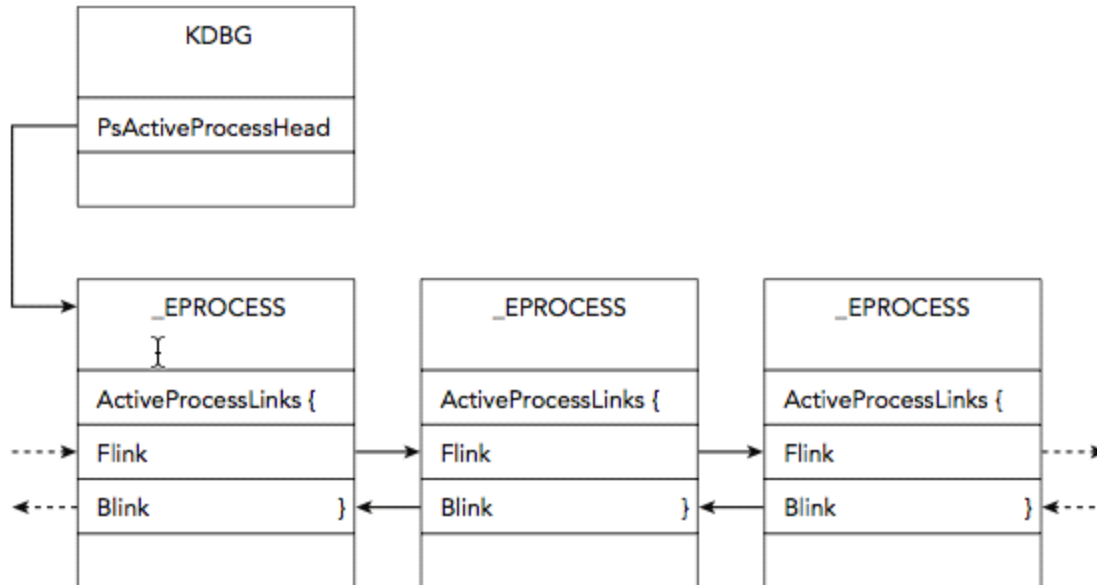
Open file handles



# Memory forensic process

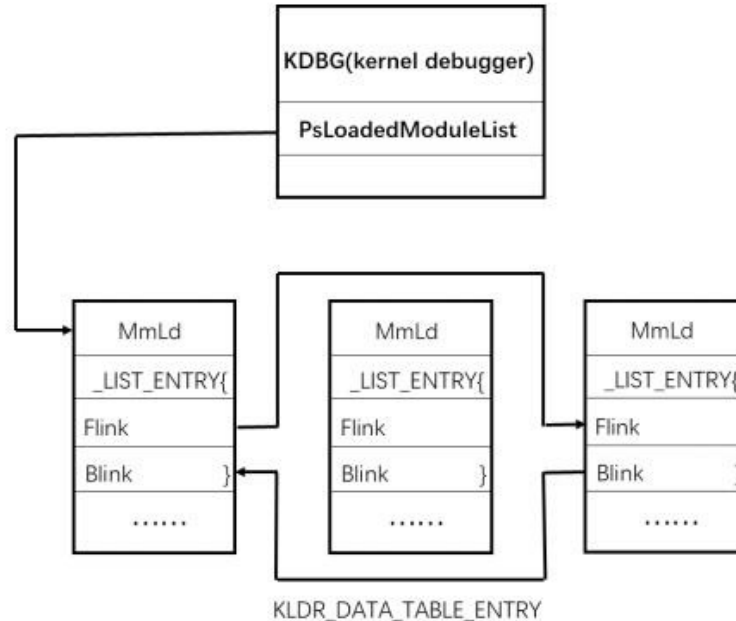
- 1: Find rogue processes
- 2: Analyse DLLs
- 3: Review network artefacts
- 4: Look for evidence of code injections
- 5: Dump suspicious processes → further analysis

# How to find it - process enumeration





# Direct kernel objection manipulation (DKOM)

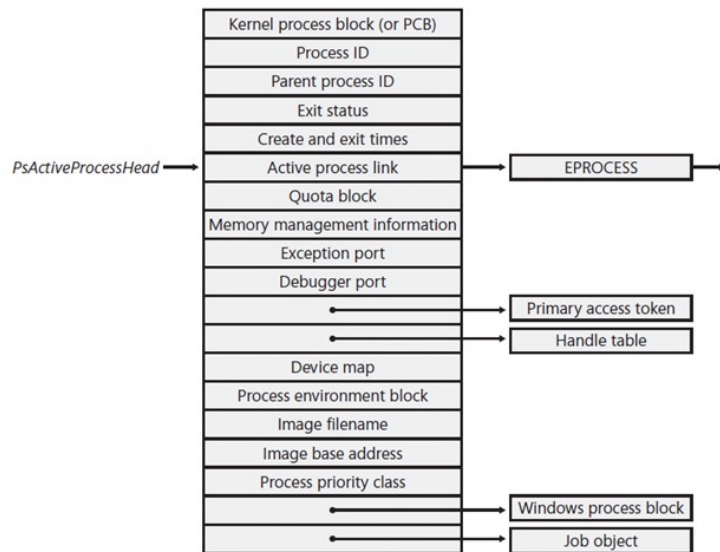


# How to find it - scanning for processes

Key concepts in memory forensics

Walking a list, or

Scanning for objects





# **Walk a list vs scanning**

# Zeus infection

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BY THE FBI**

**EVGENIY MIKHAILOVICH  
BOGACHEV**

Conspiracy to Participate in Racketeering Activity; Bank Fraud; Conspiracy to Violate the Computer Fraud and Abuse Act; Conspiracy to Violate the Identity Theft and Assumption Deterrence Act; Aggravated Identity Theft; Conspiracy; Computer Fraud; Wire Fraud; Money Laundering; Conspiracy to Commit Bank Fraud



**DESCRIPTION**

<b>Aliases:</b> "Evgeniy Bogachev, Evgeniy Mikhailovich Bogachev, "lucky12345", "slavik", "Pollingsoon"	<b>Hair:</b> Brown (usually shaves his head)
<b>Date(s) of Birth Used:</b> October 28, 1983	<b>Height:</b> Approximately 5'9"
<b>Eyes:</b> Brown	<b>Sex:</b> Male
<b>Weight:</b> Approximately 180 pounds	<b>Occupation:</b> Bogachev works in the Information Technology field.
<b>Race:</b> White	
<b>NCIC:</b> W89098955	

**REWARD**

The United States Department of State's Transnational Organized Crime Rewards Program is offering a reward of up to \$3 million for information leading to the arrest and/or conviction of Evgeniy Mikhailovich Bogachev.

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https://github.com/Visgean/Zeus

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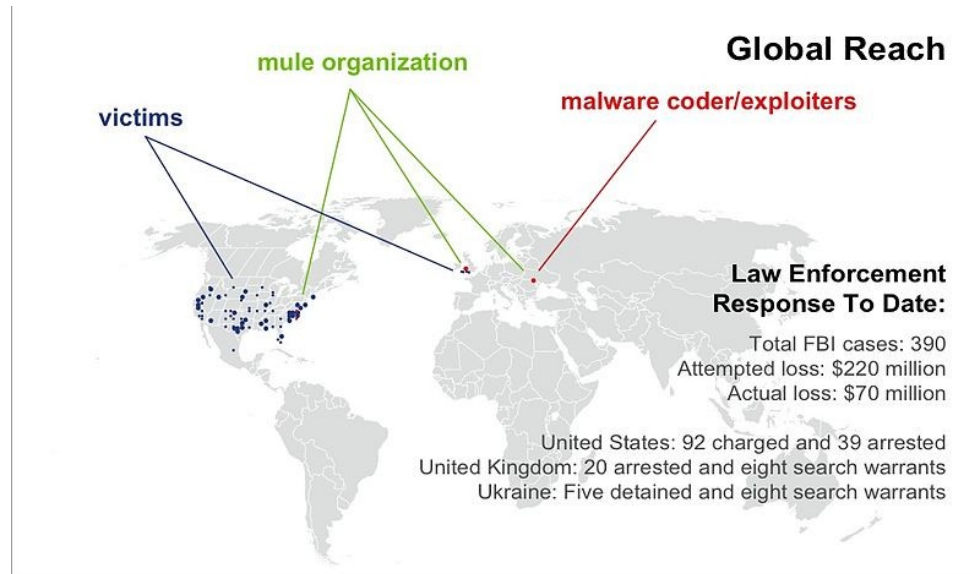
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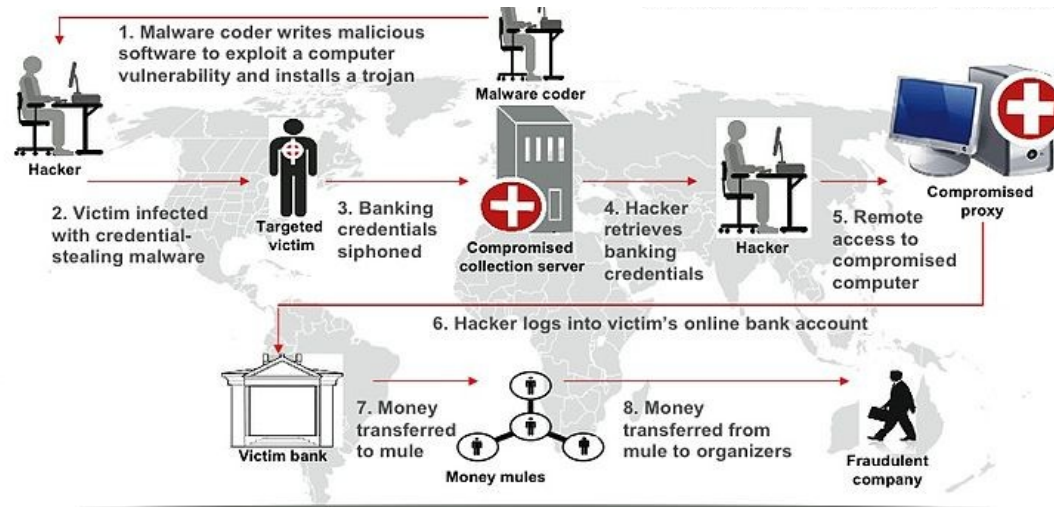
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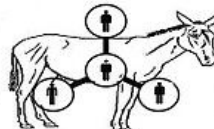
# Zeus infection



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Victims are both financial institutions and owners of infected machines.



Money mules transfer stolen money for criminals, shaving a small percentage for themselves.



Criminals come in many forms:

- Malware coder
- Malware exploiters
- Mule organization



# The life of a network connections struct

Socket()

Bind()

Listen()

Closesocket()

Deallocate

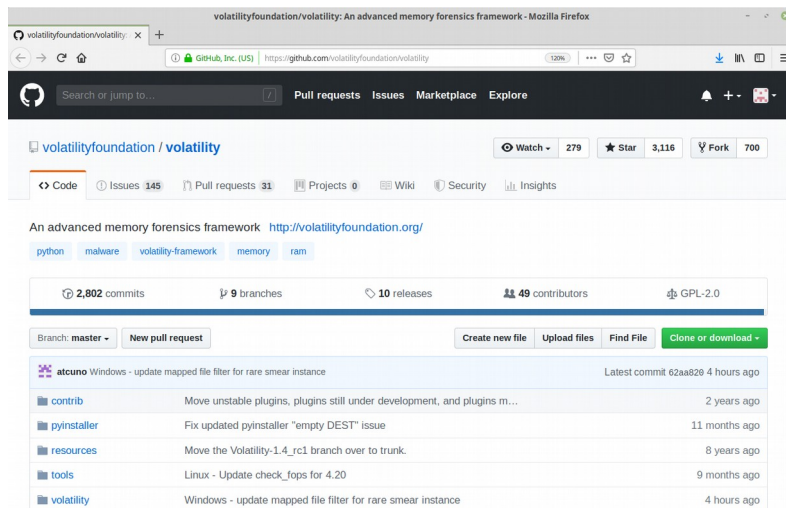


# **Example memory analyses**



# Volatility

Volatility is an open source memory analysis framework writtin in Python



# Volatility and Zeus

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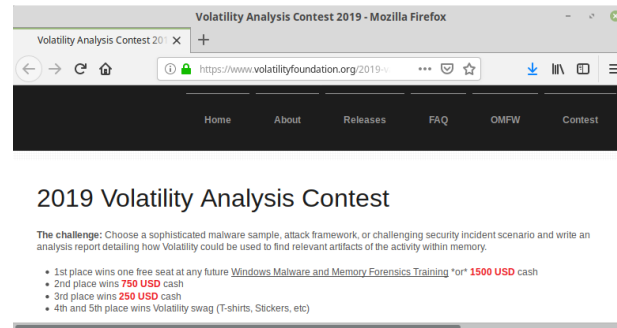
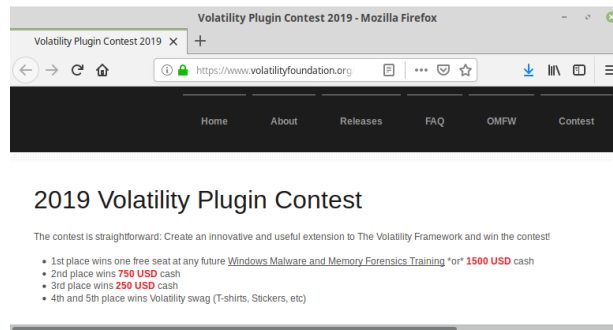
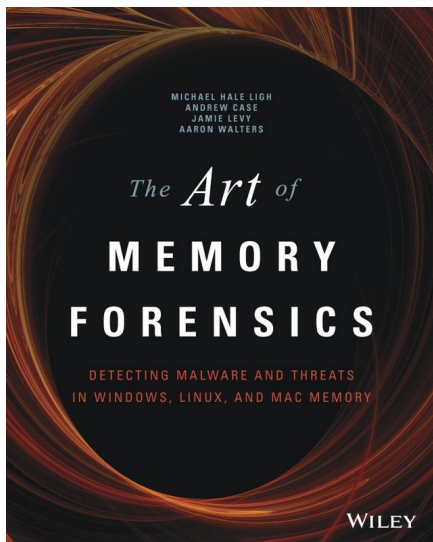
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**Don't pull the plug**




# Further reading



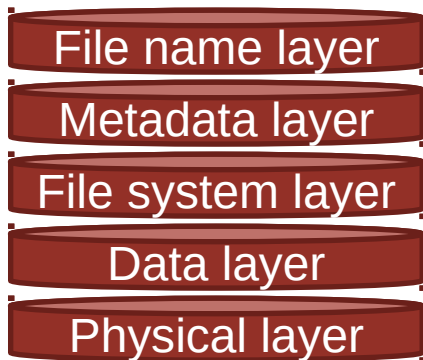


# **Disk (or, file system) forensics**

# Situation

-  Evil file has reached disk
- Persistence is achieved
- Our job: Find the malware

# A closer look at files



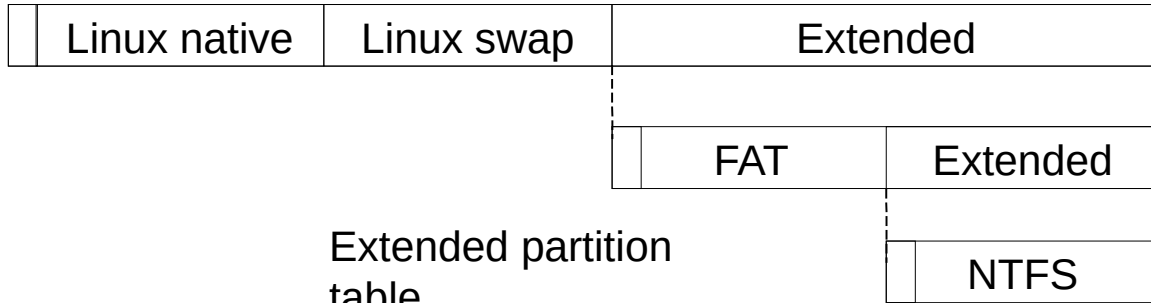
- File names, directories
- Structure information about files/directories
- Partition information
- Sectors, blocks, clusters
- The drive itself, and partitions



# Physical layer

- DOS-based partitions, primary partition table, extended partitions

DOS partition  
table / Master  
Boot Record  
(MBR)



# MBR and EBR

- **Primary** = Master Boot Record (MBR)
- **Extended** = Extended Boot Record (EBR)
- Same layout, 512 bytes or 1 sector

Bytes	Content
0-445	Upstart code, disk signature
446-461	Partition entry 1
462-477	Partition entry 2
478-493	Partition entry 3
494-509	Partition entry 4
510-511	MBR/EBR signature (0xAA55)

# Partitions




Bytes	Content
0	0x00 not boot, 0x80 boot
1-3	Cylinder-head-sector (CHS) of start sector
4	Partition type
5-7	Cylinder-head-sector (CHS) of end sector
8-11	Logical block addressing (LBA) of start sector
12-15	Number of sectors in partition

Type	FAT12	FAT16	FAT32	Linux native	Linux swap	Extended	NFTS
Hex value	0x01	0x0E	0x0C	0x83	0x82	0x05	0x07

# Data layer

- 512-byte sectors
- 1 or more sectors = clusters (Windows) or blocks (Unix)
- Blocks either **allocated**
  - Actively being used by a file
- Or **unallocated**
  - Not being used by a file
  - May contain deleted or unused data

# Deleted != destroyed

-  When a file is deleted, data exists on disk until overwritten
- If overwritten, remnants may still exist in
  - page/swap/hibernation file, or
  - elsewhere on the disk due to (de)fragmentation
  - extra copies
- If disk wiped, only just once, recovery infeasible

# Think libraries

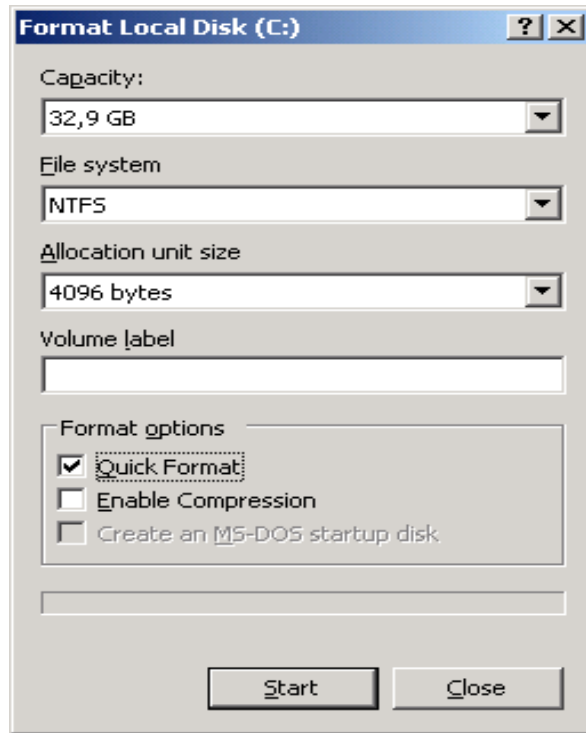


# For NTFS

- An entry in the Master File Table describes a file
- Each entry contains the filename and metadata like permissions, timestamps
- Entries are 1024 bytes
- For files > 1024, so-called non-resident files, entry contains an allocation map of clusters allocated to the file

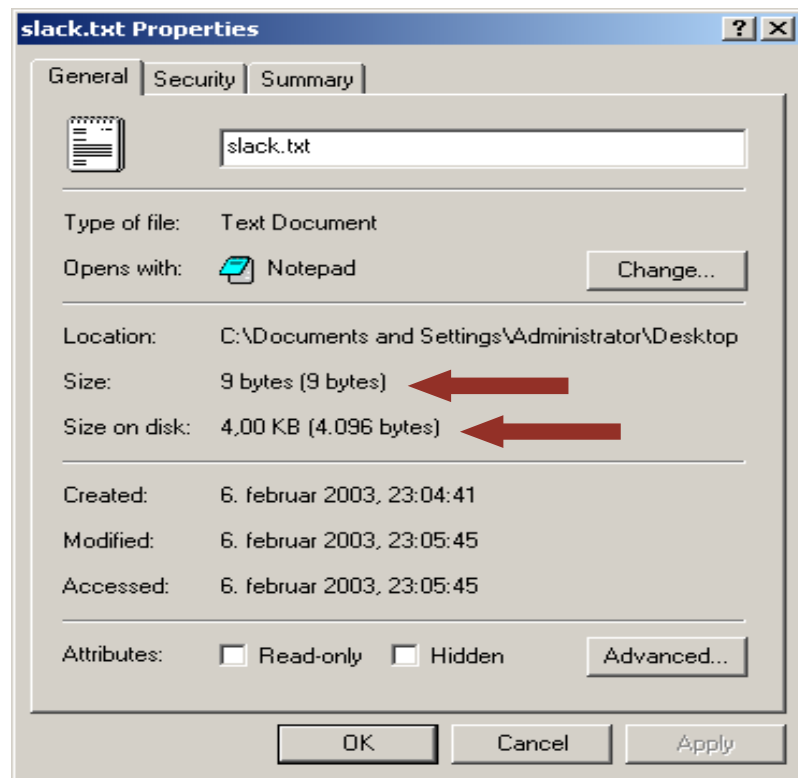
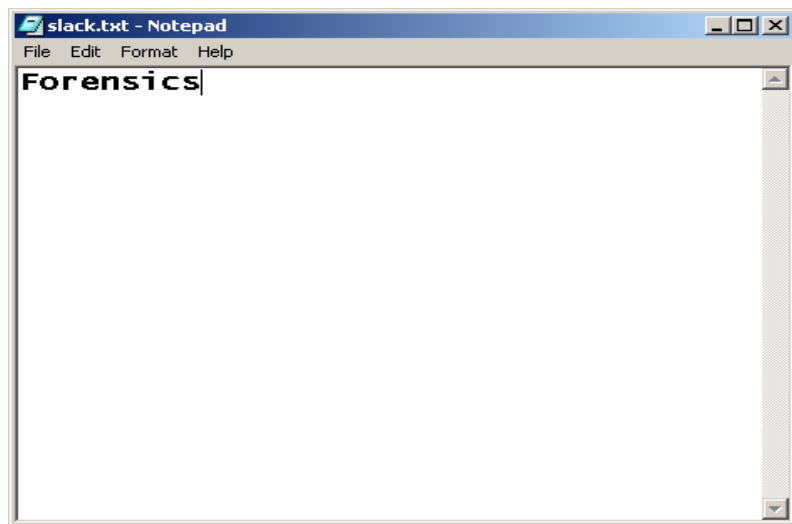
# Format is not wiping

- Formats create and replace file system structures
- Files are not overwritten
- Regular formats take more time as the disk is scanned for bad sectors
- Use wiping software for wiping





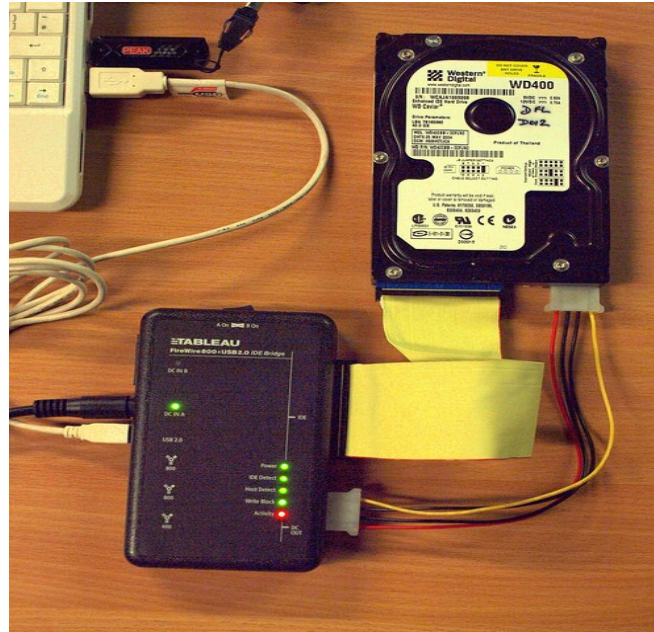
# Slack space



# Create bit-by-bit copy

Forensic workstation

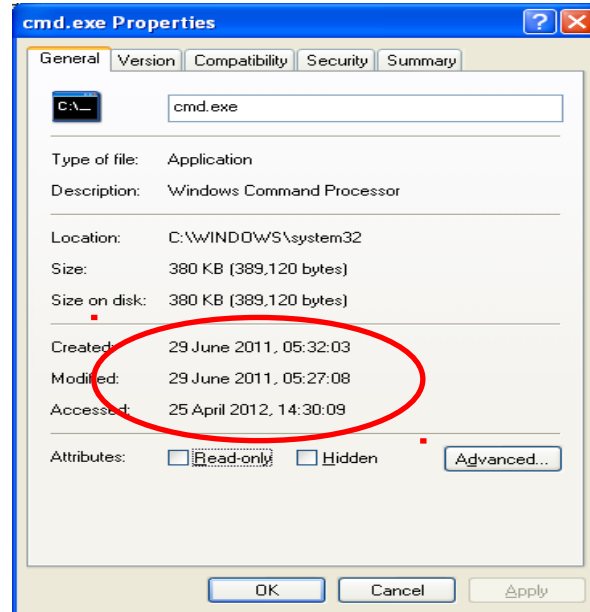
Write blocker



Seized harddrive

# Timelines

- MAC = Modified+Accessed+Changed

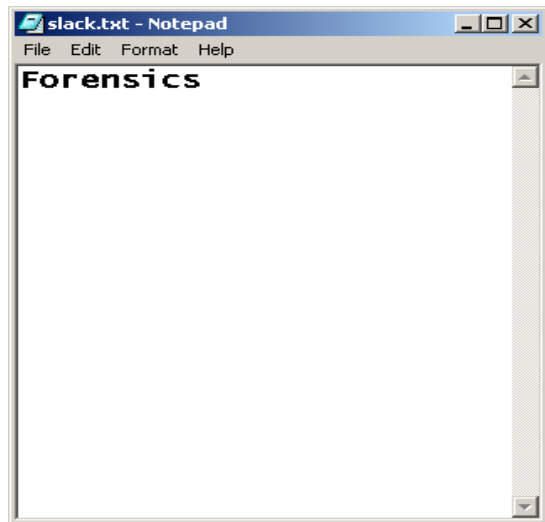


# File types

- Certain file types may be of interest



Slack.txt



Slack.exe



Slack.pdf



Slack.zip



Slack.dat



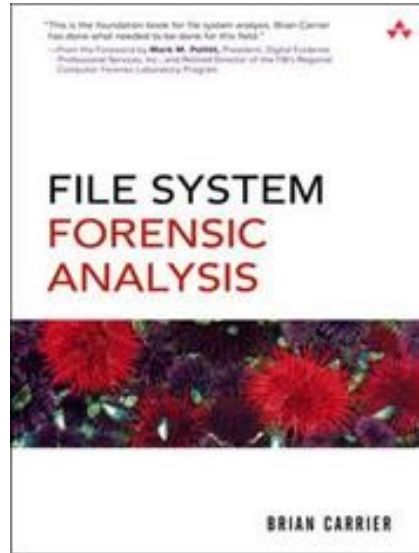
Slack.mp3



Slack.dll

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# Log analysis



# Wrap-up



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