COMP 5350 / 6350 Digital Forensics

Introduction to File Systems File Allocation Table Analysis



Command Line Notes

Hexadecimal Representation

- To read the contents of a disk volumes, we can use some of the built-in functions introduced in a previous session
 - ✓ hexdump
 - √ xxd
- Every position represents 1 byte (8-bits)
- Based on the file system specification, groups of bytes are combined into data structures

```
00100000 eb 3c 90 6d 6b 66 73 2e 66 61 74 00 02 04 04 00 00100010 02 00 02 00 a0 f8 28 00 3e 00 3c 00 00 08 00 00 00100020 00 00 00 00 80 01 29 cb 18 8b f0 43 4f 4d 50 5f 00100030 35 33 35 30 20 20 46 41 54 31 36 20 20 20 0e 1f 00100040 be 5b 7c ac 22 c0 74 0b 56 b4 0e bb 07 00 cd 10
```

Displaying Disk Contents

- dd
 - ✓ Convert and copy files
 - if Input File
 - o of Output File
 - o bs Block Size

- hexdump
 - √ File dump
 - C Hexadecimal and ASCII output
 - s Skip Number of Bytes
 - n Number of Bytes to Display

- Calculations
 - √ \$((5+2))

- Pipes
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```
$ sudo dd if=disk1.dd bs=512 | hexdump -C -s $(( 2048*512 )) -n $(( 4*512 ))
00100000 eb 3c 90 6d 6b 66 73 2e 66 61 74 00 02 04 04 00 |.<.mkfs.fat....|
00100010 02 00 02 00 a0 f8 28 00 3e 00 3c 00 00 08 00 00 |.....(.>.<....|
00100020 00 00 00 00 80 01 29 cb 18 8b f0 43 4f 4d 50 5f |.....)...COMP_|
00100030 35 33 35 30 20 20 46 41 54 31 36 20 20 20 0e 1f |5350 FAT16 ...|
00100040 be 5b 7c ac 22 c0 74 0b 56 b4 0e bb 07 00 cd 10 |.[|.".t.V......|</pre>
```

Introduction to File Systems

What is a File System?

- A file system provides hierarchal data structures needed to store and retrieve data that array files and directories
- File system data categories include:
 - ✓ Data Unit
 - Containers that hold file contents
 - Cluster / Block
 - ✓ Metadata
 - Data that describes a file
 - References to file storage locations
 - File Size
 - Modified, Accessed, and Created (MAC) times
 - √ Filename
 - Contains data that assigns a name for each file



File System Types

File System	Operating System	Details
FAT	Windows	File Allocation Table is a basic file system with 12, 16, and 32-bit versions and was the standard Windows file system before NTFS
exFAT	Windows	Extended File Allocation Table builds on FAT32 and offers a lightweight system without the overhead of NTFS
NTFS	Windows	The New Technology File System (NTFS) is the default file system used by modern Windows versions
ext	Linux	The extended file system was the first file system created specifically for the Linux kernel with ext 2, 3, and 4 as versions
HFS	macOS	The Hierarchical File System is the default file system used by macOS operating systems
APFS	macOS, iOS	The Apple File System was developed as a replacement for HFS, with a focus on flash drives, SSDs, and encryption APFS is the manditory file system for iOS 10.3+ and macOS 10.13+

Operating System vs. File System

- The following operating systems generally coincide with the following file systems
- Although extX is the default file system for the Linux OS, FAT and NTFS are also supported
- Although the extX file system is not supported in Windows by default, third-party solutions do exist

Operating System	File System(s)
MS-DOS	FAT16
Windows 95	FAT16
Windows 98	FAT32, NTFS
Windows NT	NTFS
Windows 2000	NTFS
Windows XP	FAT32, NTFS
Windows 7 / 8 / 10	NTFS
MacOS	HFS
Linux – Debian	ext2
Linux - Red Hat 5 / 6 / 7+	ext3, ext4, XFS

File Size Limitations

Maximum file sizes for the more commonly used file systems:

File System	Max File Size
FAT12	16 MiB
FAT16	2 GiB
FAT32	4 GiB
NTFS	2 TiB
ext2	2 TiB
ext3	2 TiB
ext4	16 TiB
HFS	2 GiB

File System File Access

- When a disk is partitioned, data structures are generated based on which file system is selected
- To access files, a file system works on data sectors
 - ✓ A traditional sectors is 512 bytes long, but larger sectors are configurable (i.e. 4K)
 - ✓ A block of data is made up of between 1 to 128 sectors
- Data is placed in a disk volume based on an offset address
- A file system accounts for
 - √ Which sectors are occupied and free
 - √ File sizes
 - √ Filenames

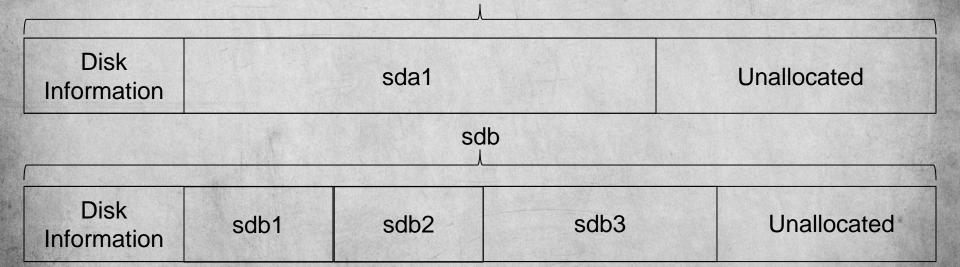
Essential File System Data

- Essential file system data are elements necessary to saving and retrieving files
 - ✓ Data reference addresses
 - √ Filenames
 - ✓ Metadata pointers
- Non-essential file system data are not necessary to saving and retrieving files
 - √ File access times
 - √ File permissions
- A forensics analysis requires understanding of
 - √ Which file system data structures are used to store data
 - ✓ Which operating system wrote the data to the file system.

Disks and Partitions

- Disks are made up of formatted partitions and unallocated space
- File systems like FAT and NTFS will be accessible as partitions (i.e, sdaX and sdbX)

brw-rw	1 root	disk	8,	0 Jan	4 03:08	sda
brw-rw	1 root	disk	8,	1 Jan	4 03:08	sda1
brw-rw	1 root	disk	8,	16 Jan	4 03:09	sdb
brw-rw	1 root	disk	8,	17 Jan	4 03:09	sdb1
brw-rw	1 root	disk	8,	18 Jan	4 03:09	sdb2
brw-rw	1 root	disk	8,	19 Jan	4 03:09	sdb3



sda

File Allocation Table (FAT) File Systems

FAT File System

- The File Allocation Table file system is a basic file system and principally used by legacy Windows OS's
 - ✓ Microsoft DOS
 - √ Windows 9X
- FAT file systems use a simple allocation table to track data based on data clusters
- FAT is supported by all Windows OS's, most Unix-based OS's, compact flash cards, and USB drives

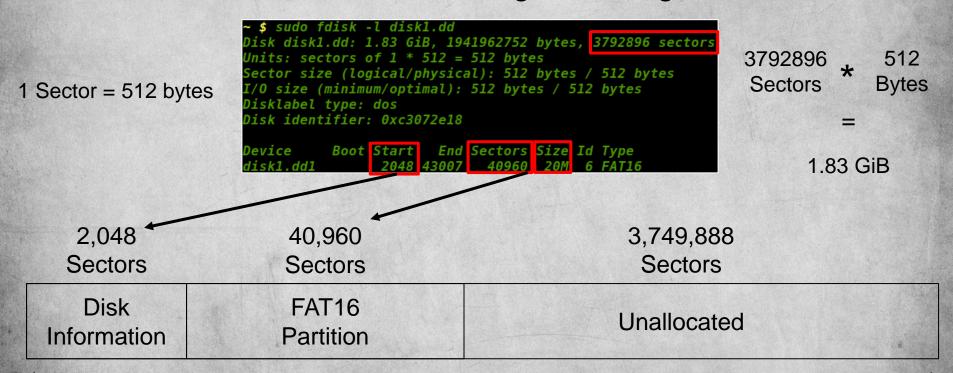
FAT Versions

- FAT12: 12-bit FAT entries
 - ✓ Legacy file system for small disks and form factors
- FAT16: 16-bit FAT entries
 - ✓ Improvement on FAT12 by expanding table entries to 16-bits
- FAT32: 28-bit FAT entries
 - ✓ Generally used to format portable devices
 - √ Permits file fragmentation

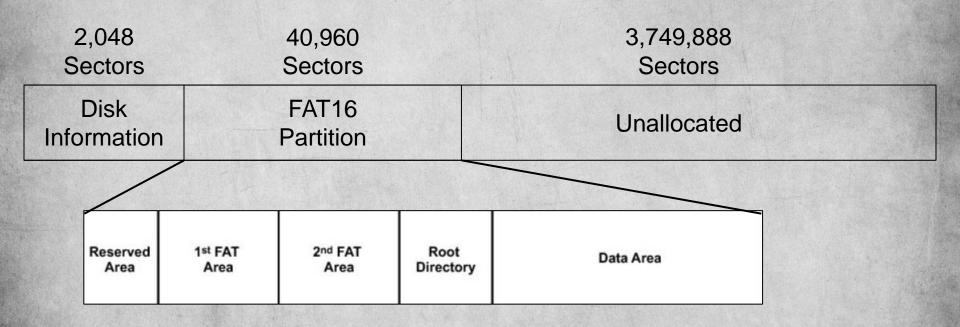
File System	Max File Size	Partition Size	Cluster Size	File Permissions
FAT12	16 MB	< 16 MB	512 bytes - 4 KB	No
FAT16	2 GiB	16 MB - 2 GB	2 KB - 32 KB	No
FAT32	4 GiB	128 MB - 2 TB	2 KB - 32 KB	No

Displaying Disk and Partition Information*

For this session we will be using disk image "disk1.dd"



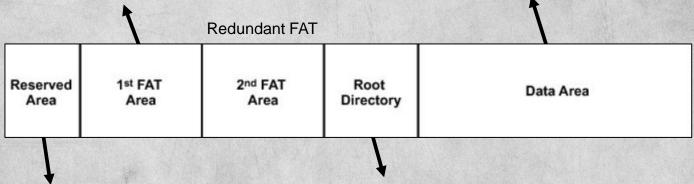
FAT16 Partition Architecture



FAT16 Partition Details

- 16-bit entry with one entry per cluster
 - ✓ Free Cluster (0x0000)
 - ✓ Occupied Cluster
 - 0x0002 0xFFEF
 - ✓ Reserved Cluster (0xFFF6)
 - ✓ Bad Cluster (0xFFF7)
 - ✓ End of Cluster (0xFFFF)

- The contents of files are stored in clusters in the data area
- Provides addresses for files and directories

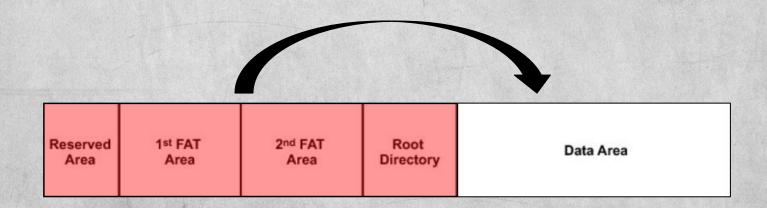


- Boot sector code
 - ✓ # FATs
 - ✓ Sector Size
 - ✓ Sectors / Cluster

- Contains information about files
 - Filenames
 - File Extension
 - File Attributes
 - MAC Times
 - File Starting Cluster
 - File Size

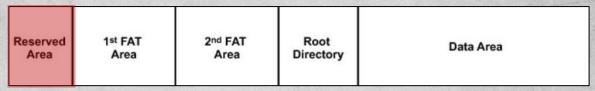
FAT16 Data Recovery Process

 By collecting information from each of the first 4 data structures in a FAT16 partition, we will be able to recover data in the data area!



FAT16 Reserved Area

FAT16 Reserved Area Structure



FAT16 Boot Sector				
Description	Offset	Bytes		
Bootstrap Jump Command*	0000h	3		
OEM Identification*	0003h	8		
# Bytes / Sector	000Bh	2		
# Sectors / Cluster	000Dh	1		
# Reserved Sectors	000Eh	2		
# FATs	0010h	1		
# Root Directory Entries	0011h	2		
# Sectors < 32 MB	0013h	2		
Media Descriptor	0015h	1		
# Sectors / FAT	0016h	2		
# Sectors / Track	0018h	2		
# Drive Heads	001Ah	2		
# Sectors Before Partition	001Ch	4		
# Sectors > 32 MB	0020h	4		
Drive Number	0024h	1		
Current Head	0025h	1		
Extended Boot Signature*	0026h	1		
Volume Serial Number*	0027h	4		
Volume Label*	002Bh	11		
File System ID*	0036h	8		
Bootstrap Code*	003Eh	448		
Boot Sector Signature*	01FEh	2		
* Big Endian				

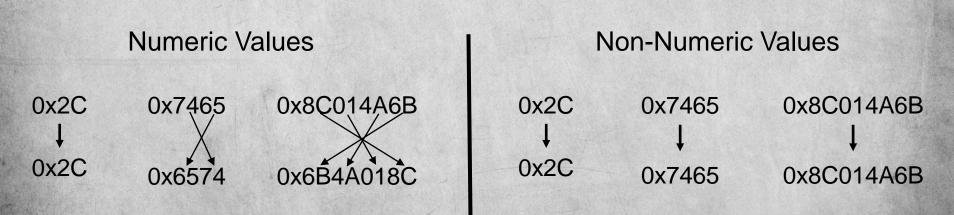
- The reserved area of a FAT16 partition is a block of space that includes a boot sector and other protected data generated during the formatting process
- Some of the key parameters specified in the boot sector:
 - ✓ Partition Size
 - ✓ FAT lengths
 - ✓ # FAT's
 - √ # Root Directory Entries
 - ✓ Data Area Length
- When conducting analysis of a partition, it is necessary to have a solid understanding of endian encoding

Endian

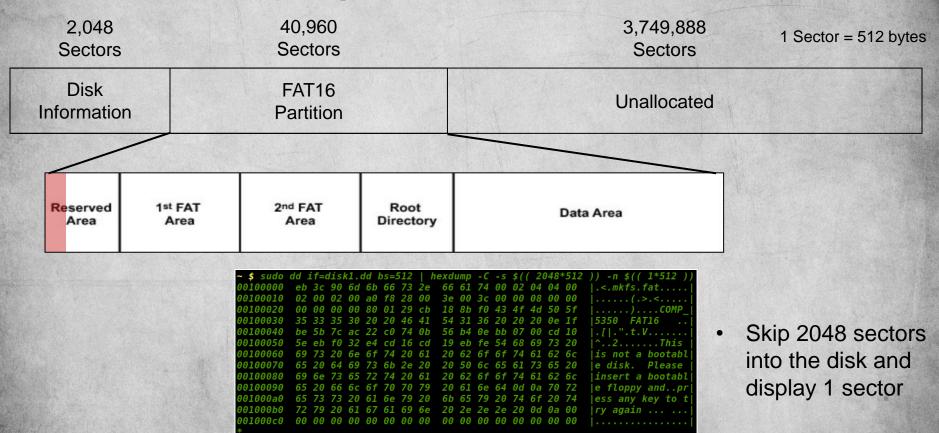
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- Endian has to do with the byte order of data
 - √ Big Endian (BE) Most Significant Byte First
 - ✓ Little Endian (LE) Least Significant Byte First
- Numeric values are generally represented "little endian", whereas non-numeric values are "big endian"



Displaying Boot Sector Contents



Boot Sector – Bootstrap Jump Command

FAT16 Boot Sector				
Description	Offset	Bytes		
Bootstrap Jump Command*	0000h	3		
OEM Identification*	0003h	8		
# Bytes / Sector	000Bh	2		
# Sectors / Cluster	000Dh	1		
# Reserved Sectors	000Eh	2		
# FATs	0010h	1		
# Root Directory Entries	0011h	2		
# Sectors < 32 MB	0013h	2		
Media Descriptor	0015h	1		
# Sectors / FAT	0016h	2		
# Sectors / Track	0018h	2		
# Drive Heads	001Ah	2		
# Sectors Before Partition	001Ch	4		
# Sectors > 32 MB	0020h	4		
Drive Number	0024h	1		
Current Head	0025h	1		
Extended Boot Signature	0026h	1		
Volume Serial Number	0027h	4		
Volume Label*	002Bh	11		
File System ID*	0036h	8		
Bootstrap Code*	003Eh	448		
Boot Sector Signature*	01FEh	2		
* Big Endian				
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eb 3c 90 6d 6b 66 73 2e
                         66 61 74 00 02 04
                                                   .<.mkfs.fat....
                         3e 00 3c 00 00 08 00 00
                         18 8b f0 43 4f 4d 50 5f
35 33 35 30 20 20 46 41 54 31 36 20 20 20 0e 1f
be 5b 7c ac 22 c0 74 0b 56 b4 0e bb 07 00
                                                   .[|.".t.V.....
5e eb f0 32 e4 cd 16 cd
                        19 eb fe 54 68 69
69 73 20 6e 6f 74 20 61 20 62 6f 6f 74 61
                                                  is not a bootabl
                                                   e disk. Please
                                                  insert a bootabl
                                                   e floppy and..pr
                                                   ess any key to
                         20 2e 2e 2e 20 0d 0a 00
                                                   rv again ...
00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00
                         00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00
00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00
                         00 00 00 00 00 00 55 aa
```

0xEB3C90: Jump Short 3C NOP

If bootable, jump 60 bytes to the start of boot code

Boot Sector – OEM ID

FAT16 Boot Sector				
Description Offset Bytes				
	0000h	3		
Bootstrap Jump Command*				
OEM Identification*	0003h	8		
# Bytes / Sector	000Bh	2		
# Sectors / Cluster	000Dh	1		
# Reserved Sectors	000Eh	2		
# FATs	0010h	1		
# Root Directory Entries	0011h	2		
# Sectors < 32 MB	0013h	2		
Media Descriptor	0015h	1		
# Sectors / FAT	0016h	2		
# Sectors / Track	0018h	2		
# Drive Heads	001Ah	2		
# Sectors Before Partition	001Ch	4		
# Sectors > 32 MB	0020h	4		
Drive Number	0024h	1		
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Volume Label*	002Bh	11		
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eb 3c 90 6d 6b 66 73 2e 66 61 74 00 02 04 04 00
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                                         ......(.>.<....
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                                         .[|.".t.V.....
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5e eb f0 32 e4 cd 16 cd 19 eb fe 54 68 69
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69 73 20 6e 6f 74 20 61 20 62 6f 6f
                                         le disk. Please
                                         insert a bootabl
                                         e floppy and..pr
                                         ess any key to t
72 79 20 61 67 61 69 6e 20 2e 2e 2e 20 0d 0a 00
                                         ry again ... ...
```

0x6D6B66732E666174: mkfs.fat

Boot Sector – # Bytes / Sector

FAT16 Boot Sector				
Description	Offset	Bytes		
Bootstrap Jump Command*	0000h	3		
OEM Identification*	0003h	8		
# Bytes / Sector	000Bh	2		
# Sectors / Cluster	000Dh	1		
# Reserved Sectors	000Eh	2		
# FATs	0010h	1		
# Root Directory Entries	0011h	2		
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Media Descriptor	0015h	1		
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* Big Endian				

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eb 3c 90 6d 6b 66 73 2e 66 61 74 00 02 04 04 00
                                                .<.mkfs.fat....
02 00 02 00 a0 f8 28 00
                       3e 00 3c 00 00 08 00 00
                                                . . . . . . ( . > . < . . . . .
00 00 00 00 80 01 29 cb
35 33 35 30 20 20 46 41 54 31 36 20 20 20 0e 1f
                                                5350 FAT16
                                                .[|.".t.V.....
be 5b 7c ac 22 c0 74 0b 56 b4 0e bb 07 00 cd 10
5e eb f0 32 e4 cd 16 cd 19 eb fe 54 68 69
                                                is not a bootabl
69 73 20 6e 6f 74 20 61 20 62 6f 6f 74 61 62 6c
                                                le disk. Please
                                                insert a bootabl
                                                e floppy and..pr
                                                ess any key to t
72 79 20 61 67 61 69 6e
                       20 2e 2e 2e 20 0d 0a 00
                                                ry again ... ...
00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00
                       00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00
```

0x200: 512 Bytes / Sector

Boot Sector – # Sectors / Cluster

FAT16 Boot Sector				
Description	Offset	Bytes		
Bootstrap Jump Command*	0000h	3		
OEM Identification*	0003h	8		
# Bytes / Sector	000Bh	2		
# Sectors / Cluster	000Dh	1		
# Reserved Sectors	000Eh	2		
# FATs	0010h	1		
# Root Directory Entries	0011h	2		
# Sectors < 32 MB	0013h	2		
Media Descriptor	0015h	1		
# Sectors / FAT	0016h	2		
# Sectors / Track	0018h	2		
# Drive Heads	001Ah	2		
# Sectors Before Partition	001Ch	4		
# Sectors > 32 MB	0020h	4		
Drive Number	0024h	1		
Current Head	0025h	1		
Extended Boot Signature	0026h	1		
Volume Serial Number	0027h	4		
Volume Label*	002Bh	11		
File System ID*	0036h	8		
Bootstrap Code*	003Eh	448		
Boot Sector Signature*	01FEh	2		
* Big Endian				

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eb 3c 90 6d 6b 66 73 2e 66 61 74 00 02 04 04 00
                                          |.<.mkfs.fat....
02 00 02 00 a0 f8 28 00 3e 00 3c 00 00 08 00 00
35 33 35 30 20 20 46 41 54 31 36 20 20 20 0e 1f
                                          .[|.".t.V.....
be 5b 7c ac 22 c0 74 0b 56 b4 0e bb 07 00 cd 10
5e eb f0 32 e4 cd 16 cd 19 eb fe 54 68 69 73 20
                                          is not a bootabl
69 73 20 6e 6f 74 20 61 20 62 6f 6f
                                          le disk. Please
            74 20 61 20 62 6f
                                          insert a bootabl
               70 79 20 61 6e 64 0d 0a
                                          e floppy and..pr
                                          ess any key to t
                                          ry again ... ..
72 79 20 61 67 61 69 6e 20 2e 2e 2e 20 0d 0a 00
```

0x4: 4 Sectors / Cluster

$$512 \frac{bytes}{sec tor} * 4 \frac{sec tors}{cluster} = 2048 \frac{bytes}{cluster}$$

Boot Sector – # Reserved Sectors

FAT16 Boot Sec	tor		
Description	Offset	Bytes	
Bootstrap Jump Command*	0000h	3	
OEM Identification*	0003h	8	
# Bytes / Sector	000Bh	2	
# Sectors / Cluster	000Dh	1	
# Reserved Sectors	000Eh	2	
# FATs	0010h	1	
# Root Directory Entries	0011h	2	
# Sectors < 32 MB	0013h	2	
Media Descriptor	0015h	1	
# Sectors / FAT	0016h	2	
# Sectors / Track	0018h	2	
# Drive Heads	001Ah	2	
# Sectors Before Partition	001Ch	4	
# Sectors > 32 MB	0020h	4	
Drive Number	0024h	1	
Current Head	0025h	1	
Extended Boot Signature	0026h	1	
Volume Serial Number	0027h	4	
Volume Label*	002Bh	11	
File System ID*	0036h	8	
Bootstrap Code*	003Eh	448	
Boot Sector Signature*	01FEh	2	
* Big Endian			

0x4: 4 Reserved Sectors - 2 KB

Boot Sector – # File Allocation Tables

FAT16 Boot Sector				
Description	Offset	Bytes		
Bootstrap Jump Command*	0000h	3		
OEM Identification*	0003h	8		
# Bytes / Sector	000Bh	2		
# Sectors / Cluster	000Dh	1		
# Reserved Sectors	000Eh	2		
# FATs	0010h	1		
# Root Directory Entries	0011h	2		
# Sectors < 32 MB	0013h	2		
Media Descriptor	0015h	1		
# Sectors / FAT	0016h	2		
# Sectors / Track	0018h	2		
# Drive Heads	001Ah	2		
# Sectors Before Partition	001Ch	4		
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Drive Number	0024h	1		
Current Head	0025h	1		
Extended Boot Signature	0026h	1		
Volume Serial Number	0027h	4		
Volume Label*	002Bh	11		
File System ID*	0036h	8		
Bootstrap Code*	003Eh	448		
Boot Sector Signature*	01FEh	2		
* Big Endian				

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eb 3c 90 6d 6b 66 73 2e 66 61 74 00 02 04 04 00
                                               .<.mkfs.fat....
02 00 02 00 a0 f8 28 00
                       3e 00 3c 00 00 08 00 00
                                                . . . . . . ( . > . < . . . . .
                       18 8b f0 43 4f 4d
35 33 35 30 20 20 46 41 54 31 36 20 20 20 0e 1f
be 5b 7c ac 22 c0 74 0b 56 b4 0e bb 07 00 cd 10
                                               |./|.".t.V.....
5e eb f0 32 e4 cd 16 cd 19 eb fe 54 68 69
                                               is not a bootabl
                                               e disk. Please
                                               insert a bootabl
                                               e floppy and..pr
                                               ess any key to t
                       20 2e 2e 2e 20 0d 0a 00
                                                ry again ... ...
00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00
                       00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00
```

0x2: 2 File Allocation Tables

Boot Sector – # Root Directory Entries

FAT16 Boot Sec	tor	
Description	Offset	Bytes
Bootstrap Jump Command*	0000h	3
OEM Identification*	0003h	8
# Bytes / Sector	000Bh	2
# Sectors / Cluster	000Dh	1
# Reserved Sectors	000Eh	2
# FATs	0010h	1
# Root Directory Entries	0011h	2
# Sectors < 32 MB	0013h	2
Media Descriptor	0015h	1
# Sectors / FAT	0016h	2
# Sectors / Track	0018h	2
# Drive Heads	001Ah	2
# Sectors Before Partition	001Ch	4
# Sectors > 32 MB	0020h	4
Drive Number	0024h	1
Current Head	0025h	1
Extended Boot Signature	0026h	1
Volume Serial Number	0027h	4
Volume Label*	002Bh	11
File System ID*	0036h	8
Bootstrap Code*	003Eh	448
Boot Sector Signature*	01FEh	2
* Big Endian		

```
eb 3c 90 6d 6b 66 73 2e 66 61 74 00 02 04 04 00
                                                |.<.mkfs.fat....
02 00 02 00 a0 f8 28 00
                       3e 00 3c 00 00 08 00 00
                                                . . . . . . ( . > . < . . . . .
00 00 00 00 80 01 29 cb
                       18 8b f0 43 4f 4d
35 33 35 30 20 20 46 41 54 31 36 20 20 20 0e 1f
                                                5350 FAT16
                                                .[|.".t.V.....
be 5b 7c ac 22 c0 74 0b 56 b4 0e bb 07 00 cd 10
5e eb f0 32 e4 cd 16 cd 19 eb fe 54 68 69 73 20
                                                ^..2.....This
                                                is not a bootabl
69 73 20 6e 6f 74 20 61 20 62 6f 6f 74 61 62 6c
                                                le disk. Please
                                                insert a bootabl
                                                e floppy and..pr
                                                ess any key to t
                                                ry again ... ...
                       20 2e 2e 2e 20 0d 0a 00
00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00
                       00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00
```

0x200: 512 Directory Entries

Boot Sector – # Sectors

FAT16 Boot Sec	tor	
Description	Offset	Bytes
Bootstrap Jump Command*	0000h	3
OEM Identification*	0003h	8
# Bytes / Sector	000Bh	2
# Sectors / Cluster	000Dh	1
# Reserved Sectors	000Eh	2
# FATs	0010h	1
# Root Directory Entries	0011h	2
# Sectors < 32 MB	0013h	2
Media Descriptor	0015h	1
# Sectors / FAT	0016h	2
# Sectors / Track	0018h	2
# Drive Heads	001Ah	2
# Sectors Before Partition	001Ch	4
# Sectors > 32 MB	0020h	4
Drive Number	0024h	1
Current Head	0025h	1
Extended Boot Signature	0026h	1
Volume Serial Number	0027h	4
Volume Label*	002Bh	11
File System ID*	0036h	8
Bootstrap Code*	003Eh	448
Boot Sector Signature*	01FEh	2
* Big Endian		

Total number of sectors in a partition less than 32 MB

```
eb 3c 90 6d 6b 66 73 2e 66 61 74 00 02 04 04 00
                                                    |.<.mkfs.fat....
        02 00 02 00 a0 f8 28 00 3e 00 3c 00 00 08 00 00
                                                    . . . . . . ( . > . < . . . .
        00 00 00 00 80 01 29 cb 18 8b f0 43 4f 4d 50 5f
        35 33 35 30 20 20 46 41 54 31 36 20 20 20 0e 1f
                                                    .[|.".t.V.....
00100040 be 5b 7c ac 22 c0 74 0b 56 b4 0e bb 07 00 cd 10
00100050 5e eb f0 32 e4 cd 16 cd 19 eb fe 54 68 69 73 20
                                                    is not a bootabl
00100060 69 73 20 6e 6f 74 20 61 20 62 6f 6f 74 61 62 6c
                                                    le disk. Please
                     74 20 61 20 62 6f 6f 74 61 62 6c
                                                    insert a bootabl
                                                    e floppy and..pr
                                                    ess any key to t
        72 79 20 61 67 61 69 6e 20 2e 2e 2e 20 0d 0a 00
                                                     ry again ... ..
```

0xA000: 40960 Sectors

$$40960 \sec tors * 512 \frac{bytes}{\sec tor} = 20MB$$

Boot Sector – Media Descriptor

FAT16 Boot Sector			
Description	Offset	Bytes	
Bootstrap Jump Command*	0000h	3	
OEM Identification*	0003h	8	
# Bytes / Sector	000Bh	2	
# Sectors / Cluster	000Dh	1	
# Reserved Sectors	000Eh	2	
# FATs	0010h	1	
# Root Directory Entries	0011h	2	
# Sectors < 32 MB	0013h	2	
Media Descriptor	0015h	1	
# Sectors / FAT	0016h	2	
# Sectors / Track	0018h	2	
# Drive Heads	001Ah	2	
# Sectors Before Partition	001Ch	4	
# Sectors > 32 MB	0020h	4	
Drive Number	0024h	1	
Current Head	0025h	1	
Extended Boot Signature	0026h	1	
Volume Serial Number	0027h	4	
Volume Label*	002Bh	11	
File System ID*	0036h	8	
Bootstrap Code*	003Eh	448	
Boot Sector Signature*	01FEh	2	
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```
eb 3c 90 6d 6b 66 73 2e 66 61 74 00 02 04 04 00
                                                .<.mkfs.fat....
02 00 02 00 a0 f8 28 00
                       3e 00 3c 00 00 08 00 00
                                                . . . . . . ( . > . < . . . . .
00 00 00 00 80 01 29 cb
35 33 35 30 20 20 46 41
                       54 31 36 20 20 20 0e 1f
be 5b 7c ac 22 c0 74 0b 56 b4 0e bb 07 00 cd 10
                                                |./|.".t.V.....
5e eb f0 32 e4 cd 16 cd
                      19 eb fe 54 68 69
                                                is not a bootabl
                                                le disk. Please
                                                insert a bootabl
                                                e floppy and..pr
                                                ess any key to t
                       20 2e 2e 2e 20 0d 0a 00
                                                ry again ... ...
00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00
                       00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00
```

0xF8: Fixed Disk – Hard Disk Partition

Boot Sector – # Sectors / FAT

FAT16 Boot Sec	tor	
Description	Offset	Bytes
Bootstrap Jump Command*	0000h	3
OEM Identification*	0003h	8
# Bytes / Sector	000Bh	2
# Sectors / Cluster	000Dh	1
# Reserved Sectors	000Eh	2
# FATs	0010h	1
# Root Directory Entries	0011h	2
# Sectors < 32 MB	0013h	2
Media Descriptor	0015h	1
# Sectors / FAT	0016h	2
# Sectors / Track	0018h	2
# Drive Heads	001Ah	2
# Sectors Before Partition	001Ch	4
# Sectors > 32 MB	0020h	4
Drive Number	0024h	1
Current Head	0025h	1
Extended Boot Signature	0026h	1
Volume Serial Number	0027h	4
Volume Label*	002Bh	11
File System ID*	0036h	8
Bootstrap Code*	003Eh	448
Boot Sector Signature*	01FEh	2
* Big Endian		

```
eb 3c 90 6d 6b 66 73 2e 66 61 74 00 02 04 04 00
                                              .<.mkfs.fat....
02 00 02 00 a0 f8 28 00
                      3e 00 3c 00 00 08 00 00
                                              .....(.>.<....
00 00 00 00 80 01 29 cb
                      18 8b f0 43 4f 4d 50 5f
                                              .[|.".t.V.....
be 5b 7c ac 22 c0 74 0b 56 b4 0e bb 07 00 cd 10
5e eb f0 32 e4 cd 16 cd 19 eb fe 54 68 69 73 20
                                              is not a bootabl
69 73 20 6e 6f 74 20 61 20 62 6f 6f
                                              le disk. Please
                                              insert a bootabl
                                              e floppy and..pr
                                              ess any key to t
                                              ry again ... ...
72 79 20 61 67 61 69 6e 20 2e 2e 2e 20 0d 0a 00
00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00
                      00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00
```

0x28: 40 Sectors / FAT

Boot Sector – # Sectors / Track

FAT16 Boot Sector		
Description	Offset	Bytes
Bootstrap Jump Command*	0000h	3
OEM Identification*	0003h	8
# Bytes / Sector	000Bh	2
# Sectors / Cluster	000Dh	1
# Reserved Sectors	000Eh	2
# FATs	0010h	1
# Root Directory Entries	0011h	2
# Sectors < 32 MB	0013h	2
Media Descriptor	0015h	1
# Sectors / FAT	0016h	2
# Sectors / Track	0018h	2
# Drive Heads	001Ah	2
# Sectors Before Partition	001Ch	4
# Sectors > 32 MB	0020h	4
Drive Number	0024h	1
Current Head	0025h	1
Extended Boot Signature	0026h	1
Volume Serial Number	0027h	4
Volume Label*	002Bh	11
File System ID*	0036h	8
Bootstrap Code*	003Eh	448
Boot Sector Signature*	01FEh	2
* Big Endian		

```
eb 3c 90 6d 6b 66 73 2e 66 61 74 00 02 04 04 00
                                               .<.mkfs.fat....
02 00 02 00 a0 f8 28 00
                       3e 00 3c 00 00 08 00 00
                                               . . . . . . ( . > . < . . . . .
00 00 00 00 80 01 29 cb
                                               .[|.".t.V.....
be 5b 7c ac 22 c0 74 0b 56 b4 0e bb 07 00 cd 10
5e eb f0 32 e4 cd 16 cd 19 eb fe 54 68 69
                                               is not a bootabl
                                               e disk. Please
                                               insert a bootabl
                                               e floppy and..pr
                                               ess any key to t
72 79 20 61 67 61 69 6e 20 2e 2e 2e 20 0d 0a 00
                                               ry again ... ...
00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00
                       00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00
```

0x3E: 62 Sectors / Track

Boot Sector – # Storage Media Heads

FAT16 Boot Sec	tor	
Description	Offset	Bytes
Bootstrap Jump Command*	0000h	3
OEM Identification*	0003h	8
# Bytes / Sector	000Bh	2
# Sectors / Cluster	000Dh	1
# Reserved Sectors	000Eh	2
# FATs	0010h	1
# Root Directory Entries	0011h	2
# Sectors < 32 MB	0013h	2
Media Descriptor	0015h	1
# Sectors / FAT	0016h	2
# Sectors / Track	0018h	2
# Drive Heads	001Ah	2
# Sectors Before Partition	001Ch	4
# Sectors > 32 MB	0020h	4
Drive Number	0024h	1
Current Head	0025h	1
Extended Boot Signature	0026h	1
Volume Serial Number	0027h	4
Volume Label*	002Bh	11
File System ID*	0036h	8
Bootstrap Code*	003Eh	448
Boot Sector Signature*	01FEh	2
* Big Endian		

```
eb 3c 90 6d 6b 66 73 2e 66 61 74 00 02 04 04 00
                                                .<.mkfs.fat....
02 00 02 00 a0 f8 28 00
                       3e 00 3c 00 00 08 00 00
                                                . . . . . . ( . > . < . . . . .
00 00 00 00 80 01 29 cb
                       18 8b f0 43 4f 4d
35 33 35 30 20 20 46 41 54 31 36 20 20 20 0e 1f
                                                5350 FAT16
be 5b 7c ac 22 c0 74 0b 56 b4 0e bb 07 00 cd 10
                                                |.[|.".t.V.....
5e eb f0 32 e4 cd 16 cd
                       19 eb fe 54 68 69
69 73 20 6e 6f 74 20 61
                      20 62 6f 6f 74 61 62 6c
                                                is not a bootabl
                                                e disk. Please
                                                insert a bootabl
                                                e floppy and..pr
                       6b 65 79 20 74 6f 20 74
                                                ess any key to t
72 79 20 61 67 61 69 6e
                       20 2e 2e 2e 20 0d 0a 00
                                                ry again ... ...
00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00
                       00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00
```

0x3C: 60 Storage Media Heads

Boot Sector – # Sectors Before Partition

FAT16 Boot Sector		
Description	Offset	Bytes
Bootstrap Jump Command*	0000h	3
OEM Identification*	0003h	8
# Bytes / Sector	000Bh	2
# Sectors / Cluster	000Dh	1
# Reserved Sectors	000Eh	2
# FATs	0010h	1
# Root Directory Entries	0011h	2
# Sectors < 32 MB	0013h	2
Media Descriptor	0015h	1
# Sectors / FAT	0016h	2
# Sectors / Track	0018h	2
# Drive Heads	001Ah	2
# Sectors Before Partition	001Ch	4
# Sectors > 32 MB	0020h	4
Drive Number	0024h	1
Current Head	0025h	1
Extended Boot Signature	0026h	1
Volume Serial Number	0027h	4
Volume Label*	002Bh	11
File System ID*	0036h	8
Bootstrap Code*	003Eh	448
Boot Sector Signature*	01FEh	2
* Big Endian		

```
eb 3c 90 6d 6b 66 73 2e 66 61 74 00 02 04 04 00
                                              .<.mkfs.fat....
02 00 02 00 a0 f8 28 00 3e 00 3c 00 00 08 00 00
00 00 00 00 80 01 29 cb
35 33 35 30 20 20 46 41 54 31 36 20 20 20 0e 1f
be 5b 7c ac 22 c0 74 0b 56 b4 0e bb 07 00 cd 10
                                              |./|.".t.V.....
5e eb f0 32 e4 cd 16 cd 19 eb fe 54 68 69
                                              is not a bootabl
69 73 20 6e 6f 74 20 61 20 62 6f 6f
                                              e disk. Please
                                              insert a bootabl
                                              e floppy and..pr
                                              ess any key to
72 79 20 61 67 61 69 6e 20 2e 2e 2e 20 0d 0a 00
                                              rv again ... ..
00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00
                      00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00
```

0x800: 2048 Sectors Before FAT16 Starts

Boot Sector – # Sectors

FAT16 Boot Sec	tor	
Description	Offset	Bytes
Bootstrap Jump Command*	0000h	3
OEM Identification*	0003h	8
# Bytes / Sector	000Bh	2
# Sectors / Cluster	000Dh	1
# Reserved Sectors	000Eh	2
# FATs	0010h	1
# Root Directory Entries	0011h	2
# Sectors < 32 MB	0013h	2
Media Descriptor	0015h	1
# Sectors / FAT	0016h	2
# Sectors / Track	0018h	2
# Drive Heads	001Ah	2
# Sectors Before Partition	001Ch	4
# Sectors > 32 MB	0020h	4
Drive Number	0024h	1
Current Head	0025h	1
Extended Boot Signature	0026h	1
Volume Serial Number	0027h	4
Volume Label*	002Bh	11
File System ID*	0036h	8
Bootstrap Code*	003Eh	448
Boot Sector Signature*	01FEh	2
* Big Endian		

- Total number of sectors in a partition greater than 32 MB
- Since this partition is 20 MB, these 4 bytes will be zero

```
eb 3c 90 6d 6b 66 73 2e 66 61 74 00 02 04 04 00
                                                  .<.mkfs.fat....
        02 00 02 00 a0 f8 28 00 3e 00 3c 00 00 08 00 00
                                                  ......(.>.<....
       00 00 00 00 80 01 29 cb 18 8b f0 43 4f 4d 50 5f
       35 33 35 30 20 20 46 41 54 31 36 20 20 20 0e 1f
                                                  .[|.".t.V.....
       be 5b 7c ac 22 c0 74 0b 56 b4 0e bb 07 00 cd 10
       5e eb f0 32 e4 cd 16 cd 19 eb fe 54 68 69 73 20
00100060 69 73 20 6e 6f 74 20 61 20 62 6f 6f 74 61 62 6c
                                                  is not a bootabl
                                                  le disk. Please
                                                  insert a bootabl
                                                  e floppy and..pr
                                                  ess any key to t
       72 79 20 61 67 61 69 6e 20 2e 2e 2e 20 0d 0a 00
                                                   ry again ... .
```

0x0: 0 Sectors > 32 MB

$$40960 \sec tors * 512 \frac{bytes}{\sec tor} = 20MB$$

Boot Sector – Drive Number

FAT16 Boot Sector					
Description	Offset	Bytes			
Bootstrap Jump Command*	0000h	3			
OEM Identification*	0003h	8			
# Bytes / Sector	000Bh	2			
# Sectors / Cluster	000Dh	1			
# Reserved Sectors	000Eh	2			
#FATs	0010h	1			
# Root Directory Entries	0011h	2			
# Sectors < 32 MB	0013h	2			
Media Descriptor	0015h	1			
# Sectors / FAT	0016h	2			
# Sectors / Track	0018h	2			
# Drive Heads	001Ah	2			
# Sectors Before Partition	001Ch	4			
# Sectors > 32 MB	0020h	4			
Drive Number	0024h	1			
Current Head	0025h	1			
Extended Boot Signature	0026h	1			
Volume Serial Number	0027h	4			
Volume Label*	002Bh	11			
File System ID*	0036h	8			
Bootstrap Code*	003Eh	448			
Boot Sector Signature*	01FEh	2			
* Big Endian	•				

```
eb 3c 90 6d 6b 66 73 2e 66 61 74 00 02 04 04 00
                                                .<.mkfs.fat....
02 00 02 00 a0 f8 28 00
                       3e 00 3c 00 00 08 00 00
                                                . . . . . . ( . > . < . . . . .
00 00 00 00 80 01 29 cb
                       18 8b f0 43 4f 4d
35 33 35 30 20 20 46 41 54 31 36 20 20 20 0e 1f
                                                .[|.".t.V.....
be 5b 7c ac 22 c0 74 0b 56 b4 0e bb 07 00 cd 10
5e eb f0 32 e4 cd 16 cd 19 eb fe 54 68 69
                                                is not a bootabl
                                                le disk. Please
                                                insert a bootabl
                                                e floppy and..pr
                                                ess any key to t
                       20 2e 2e 2e 20 0d 0a 00
                                                ry again ... ...
00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00
                       00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00
```

0x80: Physical Hard Disk

Boot Sector – Current Head*

FAT16 Boot Sector					
Description	Offset	Bytes			
Bootstrap Jump Command*	0000h	3			
OEM Identification*	0003h	8			
# Bytes / Sector	000Bh	2			
# Sectors / Cluster	000Dh	1			
# Reserved Sectors	000Eh	2			
# FATs	0010h	1			
# Root Directory Entries	0011h	2			
# Sectors < 32 MB	0013h	2			
Media Descriptor	0015h	1			
# Sectors / FAT	0016h	2			
# Sectors / Track	0018h	2			
# Drive Heads	001Ah	2			
# Sectors Before Partition	001Ch	4			
# Sectors > 32 MB	0020h	4			
Drive Number	0024h	1			
Current Head	0025h	1			
Extended Boot Signature	0026h	1			
Volume Serial Number	0027h	4			
Volume Label*	002Bh	11			
File System ID*	0036h	8			
Bootstrap Code*	003Eh	448			
Boot Sector Signature*	01FEh	2			
* Big Endian					

```
eb 3c 90 6d 6b 66 73 2e 66 61 74 00 02 04 04 00
                                               .<.mkfs.fat....
02 00 02 00 a0 f8 28 00 3e 00 3c 00 00 08 00 00
                                                . . . . . . ( . > . < . . . . .
00 00 00 00 80 01 29 cb
                       18 8b f0 43 4f 4d
                       54 31 36 20 20 20 0e 1f
                                               .[|.".t.V.....
be 5b 7c ac 22 c0 74 0b 56 b4 0e bb 07 00 cd 10
5e eb f0 32 e4 cd 16 cd 19 eb fe 54 68 69
                                               is not a bootabl
                                               le disk. Please
                                               insert a bootabl
                                               e floppy and..pr
                                                ess any key to t
                                                ry again ... ...
                       20 2e 2e 2e 20 0d 0a 00
00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00
                       00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00
```

* Not Used

Boot Sector – Extended Boot Signature

FAT16 Boot Sector					
Description	Offset	Bytes			
Bootstrap Jump Command*	0000h	3			
OEM Identification*	0003h	8			
# Bytes / Sector	000Bh	2			
# Sectors / Cluster	000Dh	1			
# Reserved Sectors	000Eh	2			
# FATs	0010h	1			
# Root Directory Entries	0011h	2			
# Sectors < 32 MB	0013h	2			
Media Descriptor	0015h	1			
# Sectors / FAT	0016h	2			
# Sectors / Track	0018h	2			
# Drive Heads	001Ah	2			
# Sectors Before Partition	001Ch	4			
# Sectors > 32 MB	0020h	4			
Drive Number	0024h	1			
Current Head	0025h	1			
Extended Boot Signature	0026h	1			
Volume Serial Number	0027h	4			
Volume Label*	002Bh	11			
File System ID*	0036h	8			
Bootstrap Code*	003Eh	448			
Boot Sector Signature*	01FEh	2			
* Big Endian					

```
66 61 74 00 02 04 04 00
                                                .<.mkfs.fat....
02 00 02 00 a0 f8 28 00
                       3e 00 3c 00 00 08 00 00
                                                . . . . . . ( . > . < . . . . .
00 00 00 00 80 01 29 cb
                       18 8b f0 43 4f 4d
35 33 35 30 20 20 46 41
                       54 31 36 20 20 20 0e 1f
be 5b 7c ac 22 c0 74 0b
                       56 b4 0e bb 07 00 cd 10
                                                |./|.".t.V.....
5e eb f0 32 e4 cd 16 cd
                      19 eb fe 54 68 69
                                                is not a bootabl
                                                e disk. Please
                                                insert a bootabl
                                                e floppy and..pr
                                                ess any key to t
                       20 2e 2e 2e 20 0d 0a 00
                                                rv again ... ...
00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00
                       00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00
```

Set to either 0x28 or 0x29 for Windows NT

Boot Sector – Volume Serial Number

FAT16 Boot Sector					
Description	Offset	Bytes			
Bootstrap Jump Command*	0000h	3			
OEM Identification*	0003h	8			
# Bytes / Sector	000Bh	2			
# Sectors / Cluster	000Dh	1			
# Reserved Sectors	000Eh	2			
# FATs	0010h	1			
# Root Directory Entries	0011h	2			
# Sectors < 32 MB	0013h	2			
Media Descriptor	0015h	1			
# Sectors / FAT	0016h	2			
# Sectors / Track	0018h	2			
# Drive Heads	001Ah	2			
# Sectors Before Partition	001Ch	4			
# Sectors > 32 MB	0020h	4			
Drive Number	0024h	1			
Current Head	0025h	1			
Extended Boot Signature	0026h	1			
Volume Serial Number	0027h	4			
Volume Label*	002Bh	11			
File System ID*	0036h	8			
Bootstrap Code*	003Eh	448			
Boot Sector Signature*	01FEh	2			
* Big Endian					

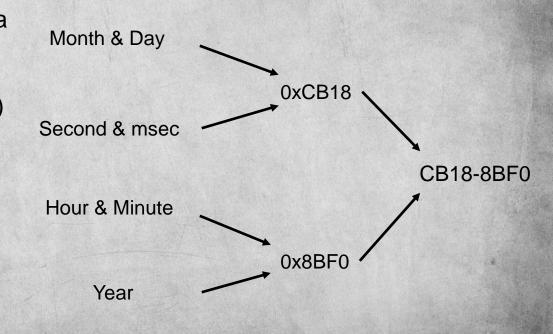
```
eb 3c 90 6d 6b 66 73 2e 66 61 74 00 02 04 04 00
                                              .<.mkfs.fat....
02 00 02 00 a0 f8 28 00 3e 00 3c 00 00 08 00 00
00 00 00 00 80 01 29 cb 18 8b f0 43 4f 4d 50 5f
35 33 35 30 20 20 46 41 54 31 36 20 20 20 0e 1f
                                              .[|.".t.V.....
be 5b 7c ac 22 c0 74 0b 56 b4 0e bb 07 00 cd 10
5e eb f0 32 e4 cd 16 cd 19 eb fe 54 68 69
                                              is not a bootabl
                                              e disk. Please
                                              insert a bootabl
                                              e floppy and..pr
                                              ess any key to
72 79 20 61 67 61 69 6e 20 2e 2e 2e 20 0d 0a 00
                                              rv again ... ..
00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00
                      00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00
```

0xCB188BF0: CB18-8BF0

Volume Serial Number Derivation

```
~ $ sudo dd if=disk1.dd bs=512 | hexdump -C -s $(( 2048*512 )) -n $(( 1*512 )) 00100000 eb 3c 90 6d 6b 66 73 2e 66 61 74 00 02 04 04 00 |.<.mkfs.fat....| 00100010 02 00 02 00 a0 f8 28 00 3e 00 3c 00 00 08 00 00 |.....(.>.<....| 00100020 00 00 00 00 80 01 29 cb 18 8b f0 43 4f 4d 50 5f |.....)....COMP_| 00100030 35 33 35 30 20 20 46 41 54 31 36 20 20 20 0e 1f |5350 FAT16 ...
```

- When a FAT volume is created, a "unique" value is generated based on computer local time
- The volume serial number (VSN) is generated combining local timestamp information
 - ✓ Month and Day
 - ✓ Second and msec
 - ✓ Hour and Minute
 - √ Year
- VSN values are non-essential



Boot Sector – Volume Label

FAT16 Boot Sec	tor	
Description	Offset	Bytes
Bootstrap Jump Command*	0000h	3
OEM Identification*	0003h	8
# Bytes / Sector	000Bh	2
# Sectors / Cluster	000Dh	1
# Reserved Sectors	000Eh	2
# FATs	0010h	1
# Root Directory Entries	0011h	2
# Sectors < 32 MB	0013h	2
Media Descriptor	0015h	1
# Sectors / FAT	0016h	2
# Sectors / Track	0018h	2
# Drive Heads	001Ah	2
# Sectors Before Partition	001Ch	4
# Sectors > 32 MB	0020h	4
Drive Number	0024h	1
Current Head	0025h	1
Extended Boot Signature	0026h	1
Volume Serial Number	0027h	4
Volume Label*	002Bh	11
File System ID*	0036h	8
Bootstrap Code*	003Eh	448
Boot Sector Signature*	01FEh	2
* Big Endian		

- The volume label is a maximum of 11 characters
- Any label less than 11 characters is padded with %20

```
eb 3c 90 6d 6b 66 73 2e 66 61 74 00 02 04 04 00
                                                  .<.mkfs.fat....
       02 00 02 00 a0 f8 28 00 3e 00 3c 00 00 08 00 00
       00 00 00 00 80 01 29 cb 18 8b f0 43 4f 4d 50
00100030 35 33 35 30 20 20 46 41 54 31 36 20 20 20
       be 5b 7c ac 22 c0 74 0b 56 b4 0e bb 07 00 cd 10
                                                  |./|.".t.V.....
       5e eb f0 32 e4 cd 16 cd 19 eb fe 54 68 69
       69 73 20 6e 6f 74 20 61 20 62 6f 6f 74 61
                                                  is not a bootabl
                                                  le disk. Please
                                                  insert a bootabl
                                                  e floppy and..pr
                                                  ess any key to
       72 79 20 61 67 61 69 6e 20 2e 2e 2e 20 0d 0a 00
                                                  rv again ... .
```

0x434F4D505F353335302020: "COMP_5350"

Boot Sector – File System Identifier

FAT16 Boot Sec	tor				
Description	Offset	Bytes			
Bootstrap Jump Command*	0000h	3			
OEM Identification*	0003h	8			
# Bytes / Sector	000Bh	2			
# Sectors / Cluster	000Dh	1			
# Reserved Sectors	000Eh	2			
# FATs	0010h	1			
# Root Directory Entries	0011h	2			
# Sectors < 32 MB	0013h	2			
Media Descriptor	0015h	1			
# Sectors / FAT	0016h	2			
# Sectors / Track	0018h	2			
# Drive Heads	001Ah	2			
# Sectors Before Partition	001Ch	4			
# Sectors > 32 MB	0020h	4			
Drive Number	0024h	1			
Current Head	0025h	1			
Extended Boot Signature	0026h	1			
Volume Serial Number	0027h	4			
Volume Label*	002Bh	11			
File System ID*	0036h	8			
Bootstrap Code*	003Eh	448			
Boot Sector Signature*	01FEh	2			
* Big Endian					

```
eb 3c 90 6d 6b 66 73 2e 66 61 74 00 02 04 04 00
                                                .<.mkfs.fat....
02 00 02 00 a0 f8 28 00 3e 00 3c 00 00 08 00 00
                                                . . . . . . ( . > . < . . . . .
00 00 00 00 80 01 29 cb 18 8b f0 43 4f 4d 50 5f
35 33 35 30 20 20 46 41 54 31 36 20 20 20 0e 1f
                                                .[|.".t.V.....
be 5b 7c ac 22 c0 74 0b 56 b4 0e bb 07 00 cd 10
5e eb f0 32 e4 cd 16 cd 19 eb fe 54 68 69
                                                is not a bootabl
69 73 20 6e 6f 74 20 61 20 62 6f 6f 74 61 62 6c
                                                le disk. Please
                                                insert a bootabl
                                                e floppy and..pr
                                                ess any key to t
72 79 20 61 67 61 69 6e
                       20 2e 2e 2e 20 0d 0a 00
                                                ry again ... ...
00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00
                       00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00
```

0x4641543136202020: "FAT16"

Boot Sector – Boot Code

FATAC Part Contain						
FAT16 Boot Sect		D 1				
Description	Offset	Bytes				
Bootstrap Jump Command*	0000h	3				
OEM Identification*	0003h	8				
# Bytes / Sector	000Bh	2				
# Sectors / Cluster	000Dh	1				
# Reserved Sectors	000Eh	2				
# FATs	0010h	1				
# Root Directory Entries	0011h	2				
# Sectors < 32 MB	0013h	2				
Media Descriptor	0015h	1				
# Sectors / FAT	0016h	2				
# Sectors / Track	0018h	2				
# Drive Heads	001Ah	2				
# Sectors Before Partition	001Ch	4				
# Sectors > 32 MB	0020h	4				
Drive Number	0024h	1				
Current Head	0025h	1				
Extended Boot Signature	0026h	1				
Volume Serial Number	0027h	4				
Volume Label*	002Bh	11				
File System ID*	0036h	8				
Bootstrap Code*	003Eh	448				
Boot Sector Signature*	01FEh	2				
* Big Endian	<u>-</u>					

```
.<.mkfs.fat....
                                   66 61 74
                                   18 8b f0 43 4f 4d
          35 33 35 30 20 20 46 41
                                  54 31 36 20 20 20
                                                             .[|.".t.V.....
00100050
00100060
                                                             is not a bootabl
00100070
                                                             e disk.
00100080
                                                             insert a bootabl
00100090
                                                             e floppy and..pr
001000a0
                                                             ess any key to
001000b0
                                                              ry again ... ...
001000c0
                      00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 55 aa
```

If the partition is bootable, then this code will run

Boot Sector – End of Sector Signature

FAT16 Boot Sector					
Description	Offset	Bytes			
Bootstrap Jump Command*	0000h	3			
OEM Identification*	0003h	8			
# Bytes / Sector	000Bh	2			
# Sectors / Cluster	000Dh	1			
# Reserved Sectors	000Eh	2			
# FATs	0010h	1			
# Root Directory Entries	0011h	2			
# Sectors < 32 MB	0013h	2			
Media Descriptor	0015h	1			
# Sectors / FAT	0016h	2			
# Sectors / Track	0018h	2			
# Drive Heads	001Ah	2			
# Sectors Before Partition	001Ch	4			
# Sectors > 32 MB	0020h	4			
Drive Number	0024h	1			
Current Head	0025h	1			
Extended Boot Signature	0026h	1			
Volume Serial Number	0027h	4			
Volume Label*	002Bh	11			
File System ID*	0036h	8			
Bootstrap Code*	003Eh	448			
Boot Sector Signature*	01FEh	2			
* Big Endian					

```
.<.mkfs.fat....
eb 3c 90 6d 6b 66 73 2e
                       66 61 74 00 02 04 04 00
                       3e 00 3c 00 00 08 00 00
                                                . . . . . . ( . > . < . . . . .
35 33 35 30 20 20 46 41
                       54 31 36 20 20 20 0e 1f
be 5b 7c ac 22 c0 74 0b
                       56 b4 0e bb 07 00 cd 10
                                                |./|.".t.V.....
5e eb f0 32 e4 cd 16 cd
                       19 eb fe 54 68 69
69 73 20 6e 6f 74 20 61
                                                is not a bootabl
                                                e disk. Please
                                                insert a bootabl
                                                e floppy and..pr
                                                ess any key to t
                       20 2e 2e 2e 20 0d 0a 00
                                                ry again ... ..
00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00
                       00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00
```

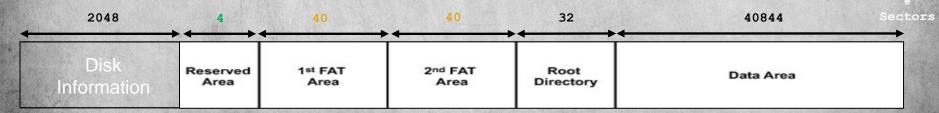
0x55AA: End of Sector Signature

FAT16 Partition Map

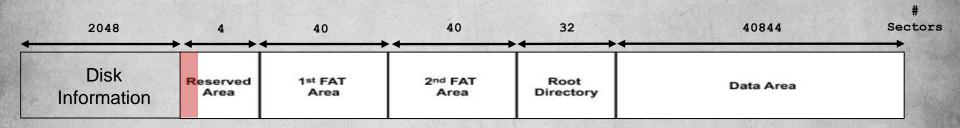
Bytes / Sectors Sectors / Cluster Reserved Sectors # FAT's # Sectors # Sectors / FAT's 0x200 \rightarrow 512 0x4 \rightarrow 4 0x4 \rightarrow 4 0x2 \rightarrow 2 0xA000 \rightarrow 40960 0x0028 \rightarrow 40

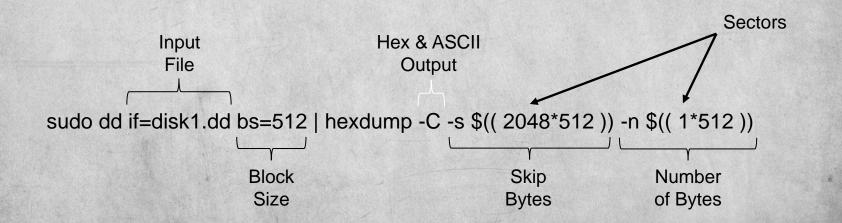
```
hexdump -C -s $(( 2048*512
                                                        -n $(( 1*512
         eb 3c 90 6d 6b 66 73 2e 66 61 74 00 02 04 04
                                                      .<.mkfs.fat....
         02 00 02 00 a0 f8 28 00
                               3e 00 3c 00 00 08 00
                                                       .....(.>.<....
                                                       .....)....COMP
         35 33 35 30 20 20 46 41
                               54 31 36 20 20 20 0e 1f
                                                      5350 FAT16
                                                      .[|.".t.V.....
         be 5b 7c ac 22 c0 74 0b
00100050
        5e eb f0 32 e4 cd 16 cd
                               19 eb fe 54
                                                       ^..2....This
00100060
                6e 6f 74 20 61
                               20 62 6f 6f
                                                      is not a bootabl
                                                      e disk. Please
                                                      insert a bootabl
00100090
                                                       e floppy and..pr
001000a0
                                                       ess any key to t
001000b0
         72 79 20 61 67 61 69 6e
                               20 2e 2e 2e 20 0d 0a 00
                                                       rv again ... ...
        00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00
                               00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00
001000c0
```

Sectors Before Partition 0x800 → 2048



Accessing FAT16 Partitions





Accessing FAT16 Partitions



```
Reserved Area: sudo dd if=disk1.dd bs=512 | hexdump -C -s $(( 2048*512 )) -n $(( 1*512 ))
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1st FAT: sudo dd if=disk1.dd bs=512 | hexdump -C -s $(( 2052*512 )) -n $(( 40*512 ))
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2nd FAT: sudo dd if=disk1.dd bs=512 | hexdump -C -s \$((2092*512)) -n \$((40*512))

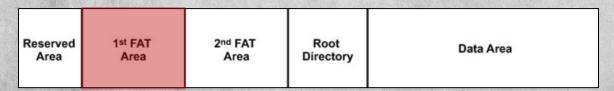
Root Directory: sudo dd if=disk1.dd bs=512 | hexdump -C -s \$((2132*512)) -n \$((32*512))

Data Area: sudo dd if=disk1.dd bs=512 | hexdump -C -s \$((2164*512)) -n \$((4*512))

FAT16 File Allocation Table

File Allocation Table

- A file allocation table provides a lists of data clusters that hold file contents
- The FAT only provides data cluster information and does not provide critical metadata such as filenames, extensions, and file sizes, which are provided in the root directory
- The clusters in a FAT will provide consecutive values until an end of file (EOF) marker is found
 - ✓ 0xFFFF
- The FAT file system has a redundant FAT to ensure integrity



FAT Contents

What does a FAT look like?

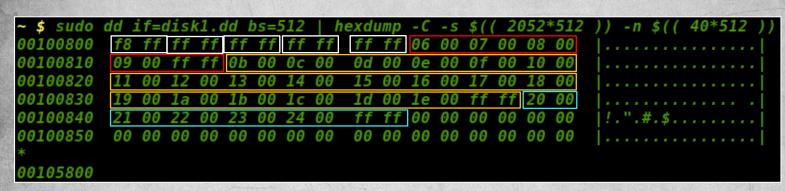


FAT Values

- By looking at the FAT we can determine where in the data area the contents of files are
- However, we also need the FAT16 root directory to provide other critical information including filenames, file sizes, or metadata
- Cluster values to keep in mind when evaluating a FAT
 - ✓ Free Cluster (0x0000)
 - ✓ Occupied Cluster (0x0002 0xFFEF)
 - ✓ Reserved Cluster (0xFFF6)
 - ✓ Bad Cluster (0xFFF7)
 - ✓ Last Cluster in a File (0xFFF8 0xFFFF)

FAT Table Header Clusters for File #1 Clusters for File #2 Clusters for File #3

Reading a File Allocation Table



FAT Table Header Clusters for File #2 Clusters for File #2 Clusters for File #3

*Note: There are 4 sectors per cluster in this example!

The 1st file represented in the FAT resides from cluster 5 to cluster 9 in the data area ✓ The maximum size of the 1st file is 10,240 bytes (i.e. 5 * 4 * 512)

The 2nd file represented in the FAT resides from cluster 10 to cluster 30 in the data area

✓ The maximum size of the 2nd file is 43,008 bytes (i.e. 21 * 4 * 512)

The 3rd file represented in the FAT resides from cluster 31 to cluster 36 in the data area

✓ The maximum size of the 3rd file is 12,288 bytes (i.e. 6 * 4 * 512)

FAT16 Root Directory

FAT16 Root Directory

- The root directory of a FAT16 partition contains critical data about files including filenames, extensions, attributes, and starting data clusters
- Each FAT16 root directory entry is 32 bytes and contains 512 entries

Re	eserved Area	1st FAT Area	2 nd FAT Area	Root Directory	Data Area	
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Each entry in the root directory will contain a 32-byte structure that

includes:

Name	Offset	Bytes	Description	
Filename	0000h	8	Filename	
Extension	0008h	3	Filename extension	
Attribute	000bh	1	File attributes	
Reserved	000ch	10	Reserved	
Time	0016h	2	Time created or last updated	
Date	0018h	2	Date created or last updated	
Cluster	001ah	2	Starting cluster number for file	
File Size	001ch	4	File size in bytes	

Root Directory Contents

2048 40844 4 40 40 32 Sectors Disk Reserved 1st FAT 2nd FAT Root Data Area Area Area Area Information Directory

 This partition has only 3 files on the file system

	~ \$ sudo	dd if=diskl.	dd bs=512	hexdump -C -s	<i>\$((2132*512)</i>)) -n \$((32*512))
	0010a800	43 4f 4d 50	5f 35 33 35	5 30 20 20 08	00 00 2e 05	COMP_5350
	0010a810	ff 50 ff 50	00 00 2e 05	5 ff 50 00 00	00 00 00 00	.P.PP
	0010a820	42 20 00 49	00 6e 00 66	6 00 6f 00 0f	00 72 72 00	B .I.n.f.orr.
	0010a830	6d 00 61 00	74 00 69 00	0 6f 00 00 00	6e 00 00 00	m.a.t.i.on
	0010a840	01 53 00 79	00 73 00 74	4 00 65 00 Of	00 72 6d 00	.S.y.s.t.erm.
	0010a850	20 00 56 00	6f 00 6c 00	0 75 00 00 00	6d 00 65 00	.V.o.l.um.e.
	0010a860	53 59 53 54	45 4d 7e 31	1 20 20 20 16	00 7e 6b 05	SYSTEM~1~k.
	0010a870	ff 50 ff 50	00 00 6c 05	5 ff 50 02 00	00 00 00 00	.P.PlP
	0010a880	41 49 00 6d	00 61 00 67	7 00 65 00 0f	00 e9 31 00	AI.m.a.g.e1.
3	0010a890	2e 00 6a 00	70 00 67 00	0 00 00 00 00	ff ff ff ff	j.p.g
	0010a8a0	49 4d 41 47	45 31 20 26	0 4a 50 47 20	00 26 76 05	IMAGE1 JPG .&v.
	0010a8b0	ff 50 ff 50	00 00 c0 ac	c fc 50 05 00	4c 20 00 00	.P.PPL
	0010a8c0	41 49 00 6d	00 61 00 67	7 00 65 00 0f	00 31 32 00	AI.m.a.g.e12.
	0010a8d0	2e 00 6a 00	70 00 67 00	00 00 00 00	ff ff ff ff	j.p.g
	0010a8e0	49 4d 41 47	45 32 20 26	0 4a 50 47 20	00 2b 76 05	IMAGE2 JPG .+v.
	0010a8f0	ff 50 ff 50	00 00 29 ac	d fc 50 0a 00	90 a0 00 00	.P.P)P
	0010a900	41 49 00 6d	00 61 00 67	7 00 65 00 0f	00 el 20 00	AI.m.a.g.e
	0010a910	33 00 2e 00	6a 00 70 00	0 67 00 00 00	00 00 ff ff	3j.p.g
	0010a920	49 4d 41 47	45 33 7e 31	1 4a 50 47 20	00 30 76 05	IMAGE3~1JPG .0v.
	0010a930	ff 50 ff 50	00 00 63 ac	d fc 50 1f 00	20 2c 00 00	.P.PcP
8	0010a940	00 00 00 00	00 00 00 00	0 00 00 00 00	00 00 00 00	
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	0010e800					
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System Volume Information

Root Directory Entry #1
Root Directory Entry #2
Root Directory Entry #3

Root Directory Entries

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· $ sudo dd if=disk1.dd bs=512 | hexdump -C -s $(( 2132*512 )) -n $(( 32*512 )
                                                | COMP 5350 ....
010a800 43 4f 4d 50 5f 35 33 35  30 20 20 08 00 00 2e 05
0010a810 ff 50 ff 50 00 00 2e 05 ff 50 00 00 00 00 00
                                                .P.P....P....
0010a820 42 20 00 49 00 6e 00 66 00 6f 00 0f 00 72 72 00
                                                B .I.n.f.o...rr.
                                                m.a.t.i.o...n...
010a830 6d 00 61 00 74 00 69 00 6f 00 00 00 6e 00 00 00
.S.v.s.t.e...rm.
.V.o.l.u...m.e.
0010a860 53 59 53 54 45 4d 7e 31 20 20 20 16 00 7e 6b 05
                                                SYSTEM~1 ..~k.
                                                .P.P..l..P.....
0010a870 ff 50 ff 50 00 00 6c 05 ff 50 02 00 00 00 00
0010a880 41 49 00 6d 00 61 00 67 00 65 00 0f 00 e9 31 00
                                                |AI.m.a.g.e...1.|
..j.p.g.....
0010a8a0 49 4d 41 47 45 31 20 20 4a 50 47 20 00 26 76 05
                                                IMAGE1 JPG .&v.
0010a8b0 ff 50 ff 50 00 00 c0 ac fc 50 05 00 4c 20 00 00
                                                .P.P....P..L ..
0010a8c0 41 49 00 6d 00 61 00 67 00 65 00 0f 00 31 32 00
                                                AI.m.a.g.e...12.
..i.p.q......
010a8e0 49 4d 41 47 45 32 20 20 4a 50 47 20 00 2b 76 05
                                                IMAGE2 JPG .+v.
                                                .P.P..)..P.....
0010a8f0 ff 50 ff 50 00 00 29 ad fc 50 0a 00 90 a0 00 00
       41 49 00 6d 00 61 00 67
                           00 65 00 0f 00 el 20 00
                                                AI.m.a.g.e... .
v10a910 33 00 2e 00 6a 00 70 00 67 00 00 00 00 00 ff ff
                                                |3...j.p.g.....
                                                IMAGE3~1JPG .Ov.
0610a920 49 4d 41 47 45 33 7e 31 4a 50 47 20 00 30 76 05
00.10a930 ff 50 ff 50 00 00 63 ad fc 50 1f 00 20 2c 00 00
                                                .P.P..c..P.. ...
```

Status: 0x41 - Normal File

Filename: "IMAGE1 '

Extension: "JPG"

Attribute: 0x20 → Archive

Reserved: 0x00

Time: $0 \times ACCO \rightarrow 21:38:00$ Date: $0 \times 50 FC \rightarrow 7/28/2020$

Cluster: 0x0005 → Cluster 5

File Size: 0x0000204C → 8268 bytes

```
      0010a880
      41
      49
      00
      6d
      00
      61
      00
      67
      00
      65
      00
      0f
      00
      e9
      31
      00
      | AI

      0010a890
      2e
      00
      6a
      00
      70
      00
      67
      00
      00
      00
      00
      0f
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      fc
      ff
      ff
```

	Filename	0000h	8
1	Extension	0008h	3
.1.	Attribute	000bh	1
	Reserved	000ch	10
&v.	Time	0016h	2
	Date	0018h	2
	Cluster	001ah	2
	File Size	001ch	4

Name

Offset Bytes

FAT16 File Status

- FAT16 specifies file status:
 - √ 0x00 Filename Never Used
 - √ 0xe5 Filename Used, But Deleted
 - √ 0x2e Directory
 - √ 0x41 Normal File

```
0010a880 41 49 00 6d 00 61 00 67 00 65 00 0f 00 e9 31 00 |AI.m.a.g.e....1.|
0010a890 2e 00 6a 00 70 00 67 00 00 00 00 ff ff ff ff |..j.p.g......|
0010a8a0 49 4d 41 47 45 31 20 20 4a 50 47 20 00 26 76 05 |IMAGE1 JPG .&v.|
0010a8b0 ff 50 ff 50 00 00 c0 ac fc 50 05 00 4c 20 00 00 |.P.P.....P..L ..|
```

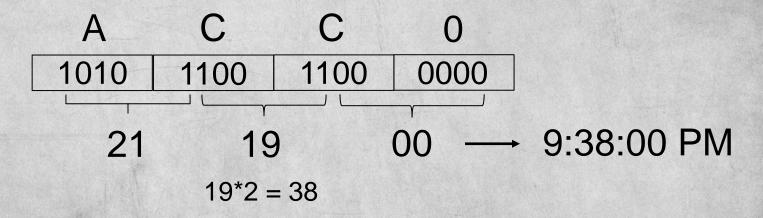
FAT16 File Attributes

- FAT16 specifies file attributes:
 - √ 0x01 Read Only
 - ✓ 0x02 Hidden
 - ✓ 0x04 System
 - √ 0x08 Volume Label
 - ✓ 0x10 Directory
 - ✓ 0x20 Archive
 - √ 0x0F Long File Name

```
0010a880    41 49 00 6d 00 61 00 67 00 65 00 0f 00 e9 31 00 |AI.m.a.g.e....1.|
0010a890    2e 00 6a 00 70 00 67 00 00 00 00 00 ff ff ff ff |..j.p.g.......|
0010a8a0    49 4d 41 47 45 31 20 20 4a 50 47 20 00 26 76 05 |IMAGE1 JPG .&v.|
0010a8b0    ff 50 ff 50 00 00 c0 ac fc 50 05 00 4c 20 00 00 |.P.P.....P..L ..|
```

FAT16 File Time

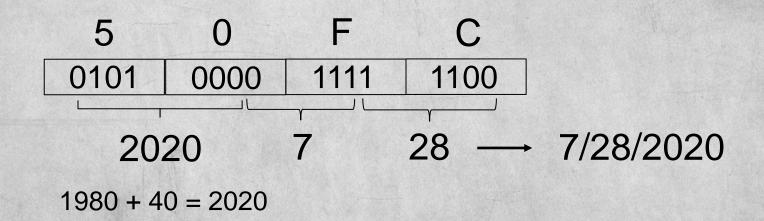
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0010a880    41 49 00 6d 00 61 00 67 00 65 00 0f 00 e9 31 00 |AI.m.a.g.e....1.|
0010a890    2e 00 6a 00 70 00 67 00 00 00 00 ff ff ff ff |..j.p.g......|
0010a8a0    49 4d 41 47 45 31 20 20    4a 50 47 20 00 26 76 05 |IMAGE1 JPG .&v.|
0010a8b0    ff 50 ff 50 00 00 c0 ac fc 50 05 00 4c 20 00 00 |.P.P.....P..L ..|
```



File dates and times are not essential information for files. Why?

FAT16 File Date

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0010a880    41 49 00 6d 00 61 00 67 00 65 00 0f 00 e9 31 00 |AI.m.a.g.e....1.|
0010a890    2e 00 6a 00 70 00 67 00 00 00 00 ff ff ff ff |..j.p.g......|
0010a8a0    49 4d 41 47 45 31 20 20    4a 50 47 20 00 26 76 05 |IMAGE1 JPG .&v.|
0010a8b0    ff 50 ff 50 00 00 c0 ac    fc 50 05 00 4c 20 00 00 |.P.P.....P..L ..|
```



Directory Entries

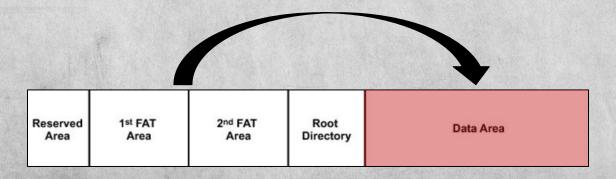
- Following the same process for each file in the previous example, we can generate a table for all root directory entries
- The root directory indicates that three files currently exist, and their contents can be found by looking into the FAT16 data area

Filename	Extension	Attribute	Time	Date	File Start (Cluster)	File Start (Sectors)	File Size (Bytes)	File Size (Sectors)	Status
Image1	jpg	Archive	9:38:00	7/28/2020	0x0005	20	8268	17	Normal File
Image2	jpg	Archive	9:41:18	7/28/2020	0x000A	84	41104	81	Normal File
Image3	jpg	Archive	9:43:06	7/28/2020	0x001F	24	11296	23	Normal File

FAT16 Data Area

FAT16 Data Area

- The data area of a FAT16 partition is where file contents are stored
- As we have seen from the FAT16 partition to find files we will need information found in each of the following data structures
 - File Allocation Table
 - Root Directory
 - Data Area

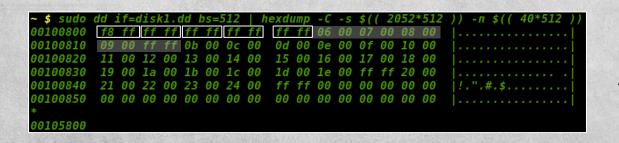


Finding Data Area File Contents

The root directory specifies starting cluster and file size



The FAT points to follow-on clusters or to EOF (i.e. 0xFFFF)



File System Values
512 bytes / sector
1 cluster = 4 sectors
2048 bytes / cluster

List Directory Entries

 Now we can combine the FAT and directory entries to find the location of file contents

Note: The FAT is going to specify the starting location of file contents in the data area! In this case, there is an offset of 12 sectors before file contents are found.

Root Directory Entries (Partial)

Filename	Cluster	File Size (Clusters)	File Size (Sectors)	File Size
Image1	0x0005	5	20	8268 bytes
Image2	0x000A	21	84	41104 bytes
Image3	0x001F	6	24	11296 bytes

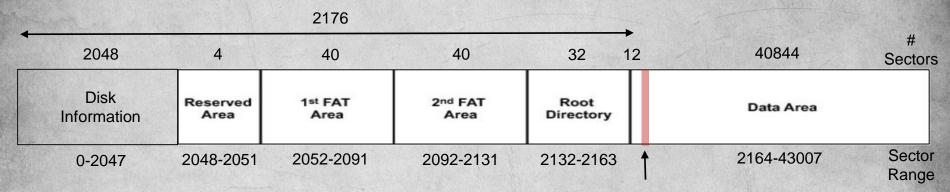
File Allocation Table

Next		
Cluster		
0xFFF8		
0xFFFF		
0x0006		
0x0007		
0x0008		
0x0009		
0xFFFF		

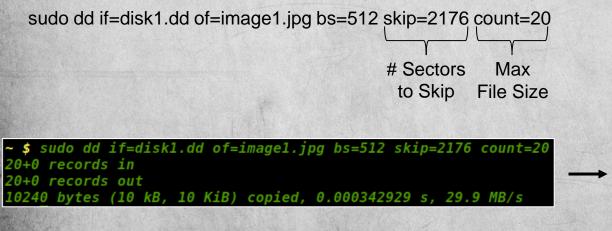
3 Clusters = 12 Sectors

The file named Image1.jpg is 20 sectors long

File Recovery*



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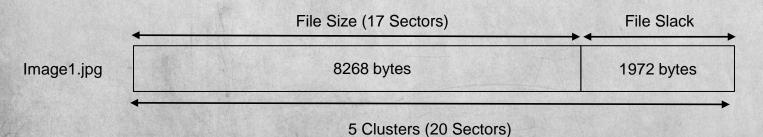


File Slack

 Why is there a discrepancy between the specified size of the file in the root directory and the file recovered?

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Image3	jpg	Archive	9:43:06	7/28/2020	0x001F	24	11296	23	Normal File





Assignment

- Using the same process discussed in this session, recover the other 2 files in the FAT16 file system
- The next quiz will ask questions about which skip and count values were necessary to recover image2.jpg and image3.jpg
- You may work with your project teams on Quiz #2

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