

Lab 1: Introduction to Digital Forensics – Autopsy software

What You Need for this lab

- Windows 10
- Investigate a USB drive
 - Owned by George Montgomery
- Assume we have the image file
 - <https://www.dropbox.com/s/nw23q14vzsykyup/Ch01InChap01.dd>
 - (from book Guide to Computer Forensics and Investigations. Sixth Edition)
- Software
 - Autopsy : <https://www.autopsy.com/download/>
- Tasks
 - Recover Word files, images
 - Search key words


Step 1.

Check hash code online : https://emn178.github.io/online-tools/md5_checksum.html

MD5 File Checksum

This MD5 online tool helps you calculate the hash of a file from local or URL using MD5 without uploading the file. It also supports HMAC.

Input


Ch01InChap01.dd

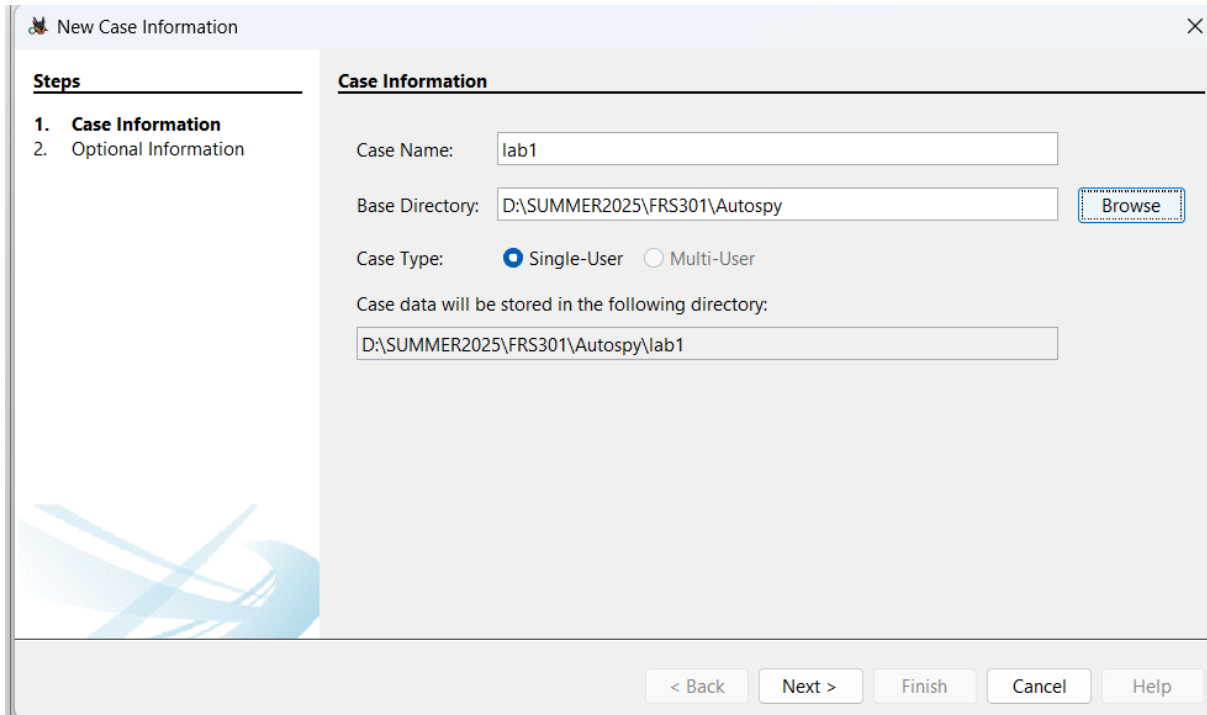
Output

a117773bcf1fc88ec0ab8e0a349fbbcb

Settings

Step 2.

Create a case with name

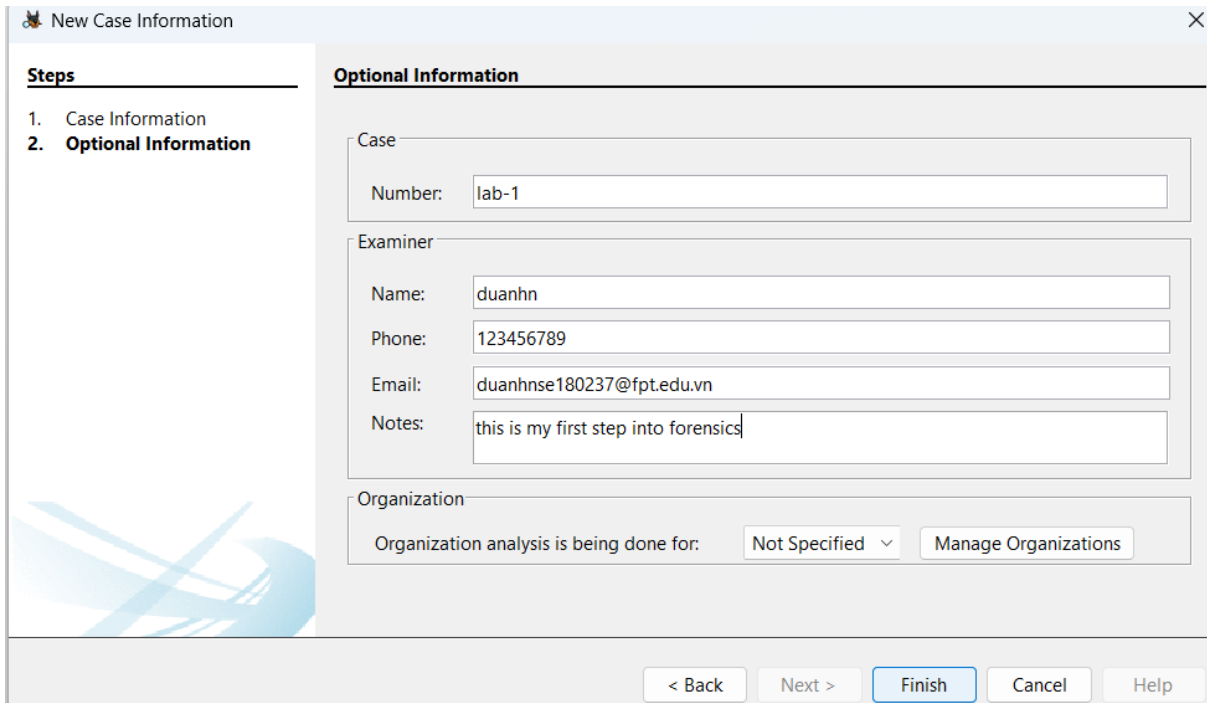


The dialog box is titled "New Case Information" and has a close button (X) in the top right corner. On the left, a "Steps" sidebar shows "1. Case Information" as the current step and "2. Optional Information" as the next step. The main area is titled "Case Information" and contains the following fields:

- Case Name:** A text box containing "lab1".
- Base Directory:** A text box containing "D:\SUMMER2025\FRS301\Autopsy" with a "Browse" button to its right.
- Case Type:** Two radio buttons: "Single-User" (selected) and "Multi-User".
- Case data will be stored in the following directory:** A text box containing "D:\SUMMER2025\FRS301\Autopsy\lab1".

At the bottom, there are five buttons: "< Back", "Next >", "Finish", "Cancel", and "Help".

Details of the case



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- Case:** A text box for "Number" containing "lab-1".
- Examiner:** A group box containing four text boxes: "Name" (duanh), "Phone" (123456789), "Email" (duanhse180237@fpt.edu.vn), and "Notes" (this is my first step into forensics).
- Organization:** A group box containing a label "Organization analysis is being done for:", a dropdown menu set to "Not Specified", and a "Manage Organizations" button.

At the bottom, there are five buttons: "< Back", "Next >", "Finish" (highlighted in blue), "Cancel", and "Help".

Choose Data Format

Add Data Source

Steps

1. **Select Host**
2. Select Data Source Type
3. Select Data Source
4. Configure Ingest
5. Add Data Source

Select Host

Hosts are used to organize data sources and other data.

☒ Generate new host name based on data source name

☐ Specify new host name

☐ Use existing host

< Back Next > Finish Cancel Help

Click Disk Image or VM File

Add Data Source

Steps

1. Select Host
2. **Select Data Source Type**
3. Select Data Source
4. Configure Ingest
5. Add Data Source

Select Data Source Type

☒ Disk Image or VM File

☐ Local Disk

☐ Logical Files

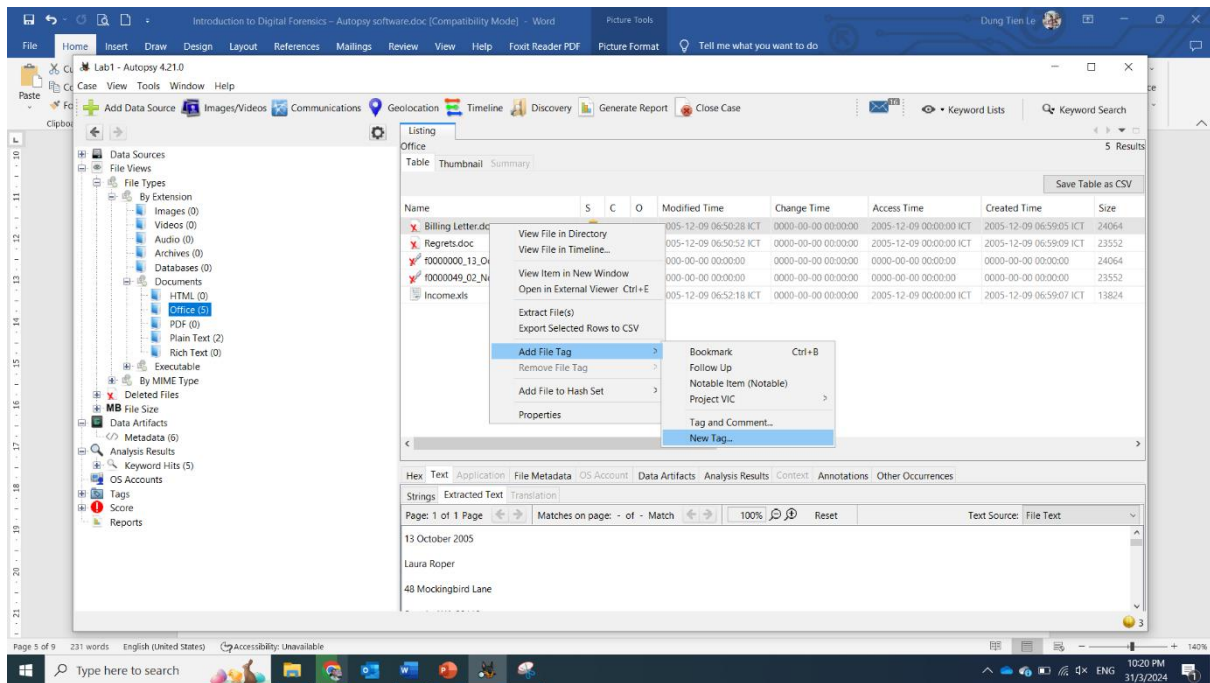
☐ Unallocated Space Image File

☐ Autopsy Logical Imager Results

☐ XRY Text Export

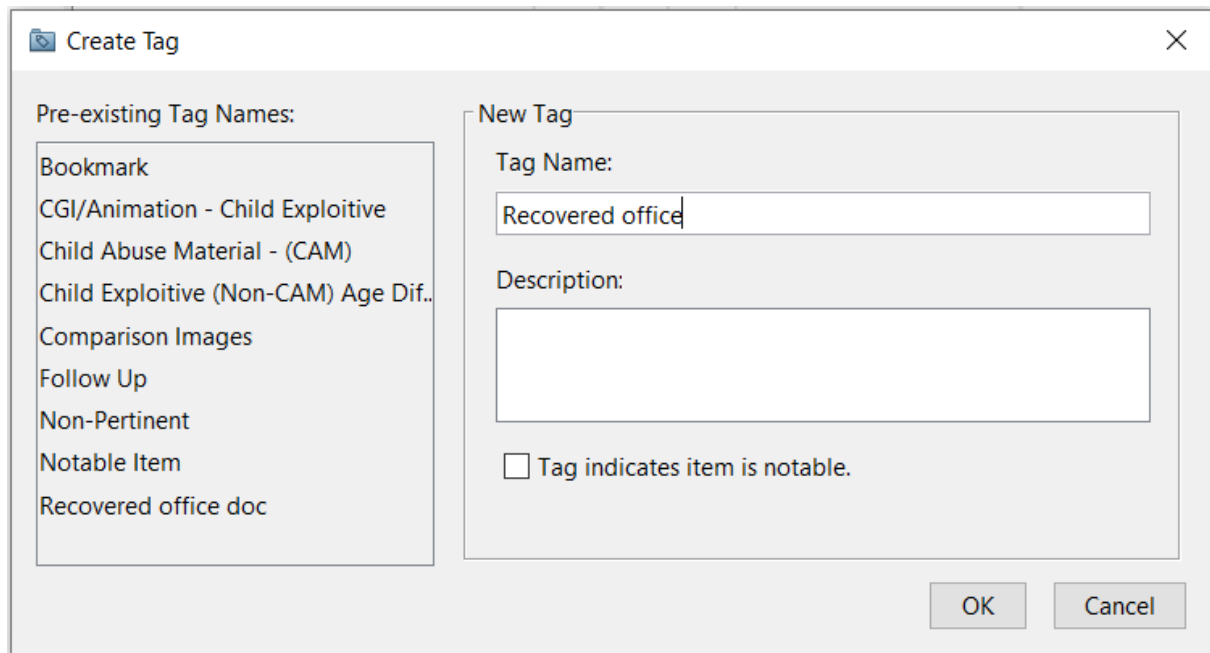
< Back Next > Finish Cancel Help

Choose the image file

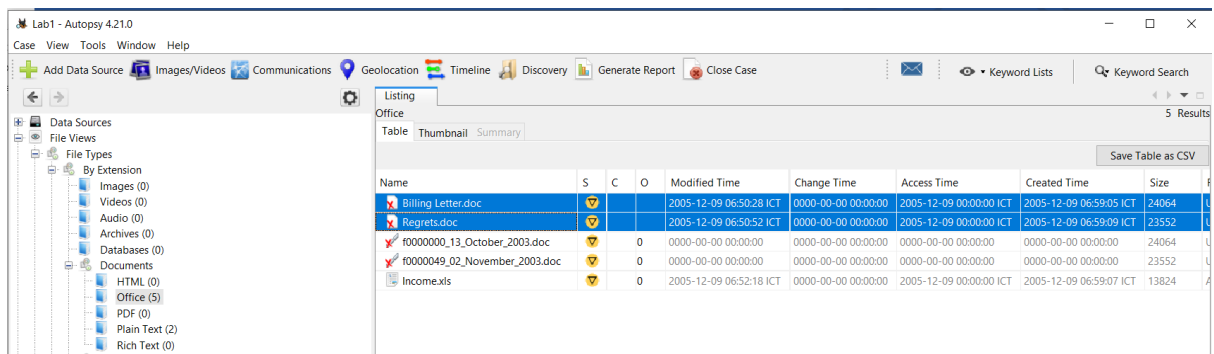
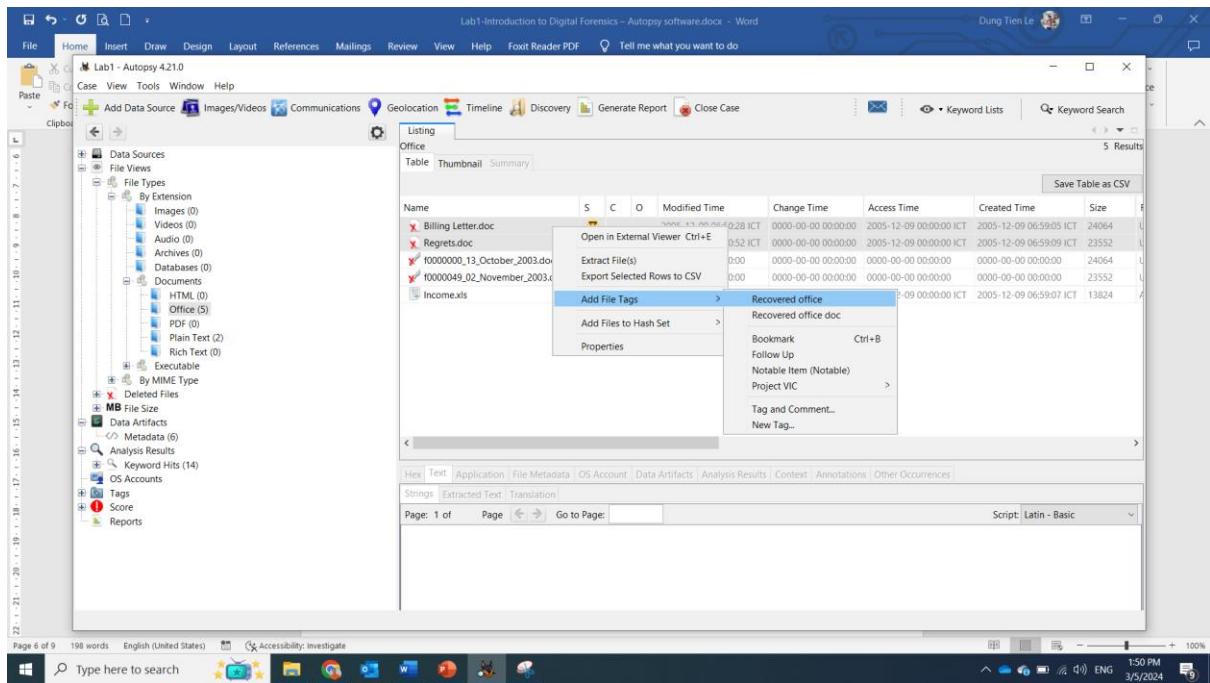


Step 3.

Create a tag for reporting

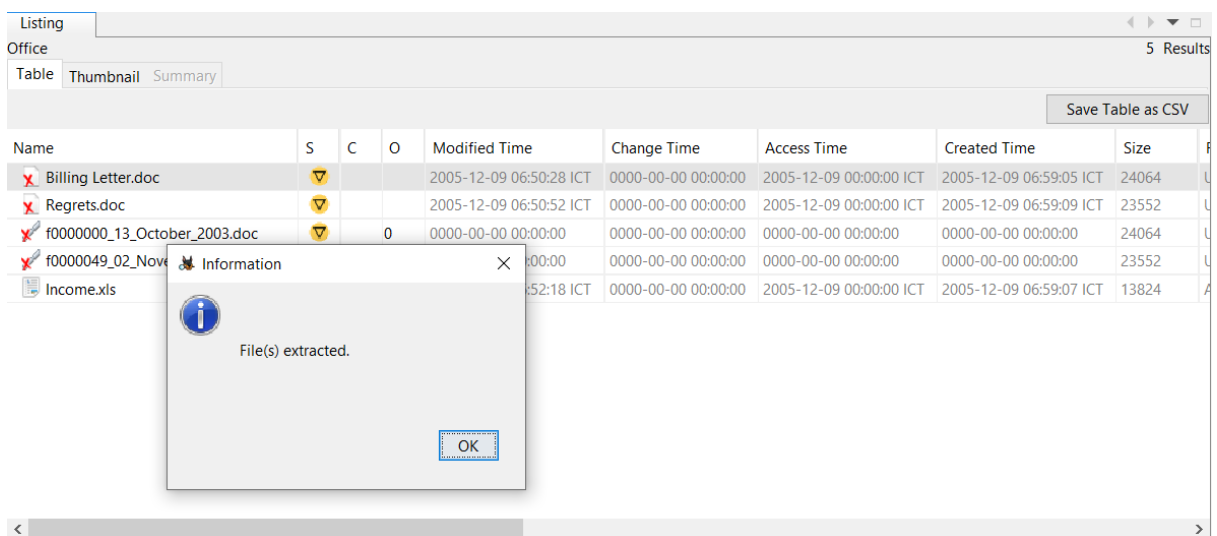
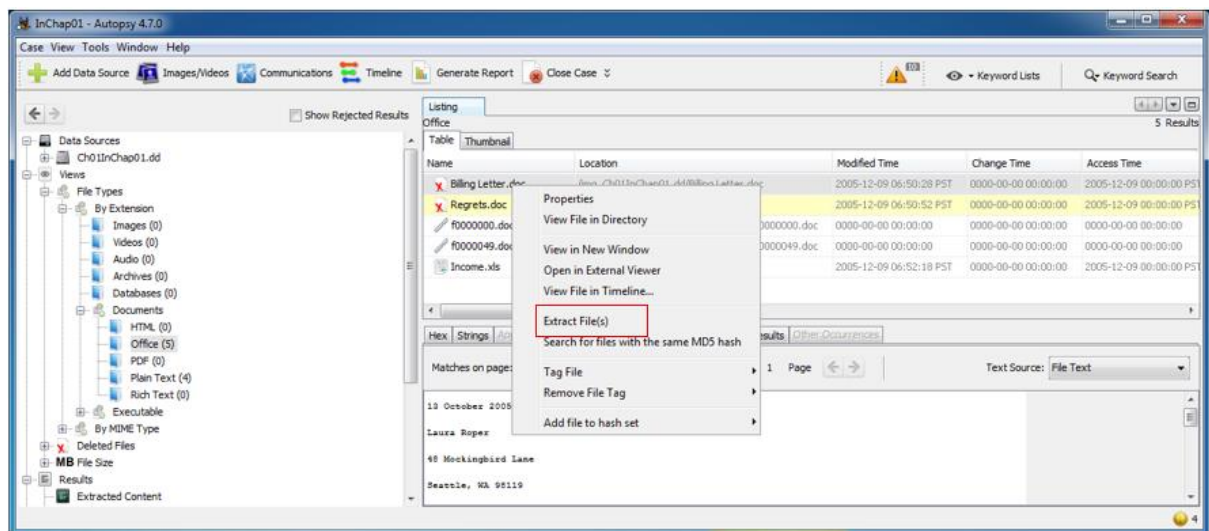


Tag both deleted files

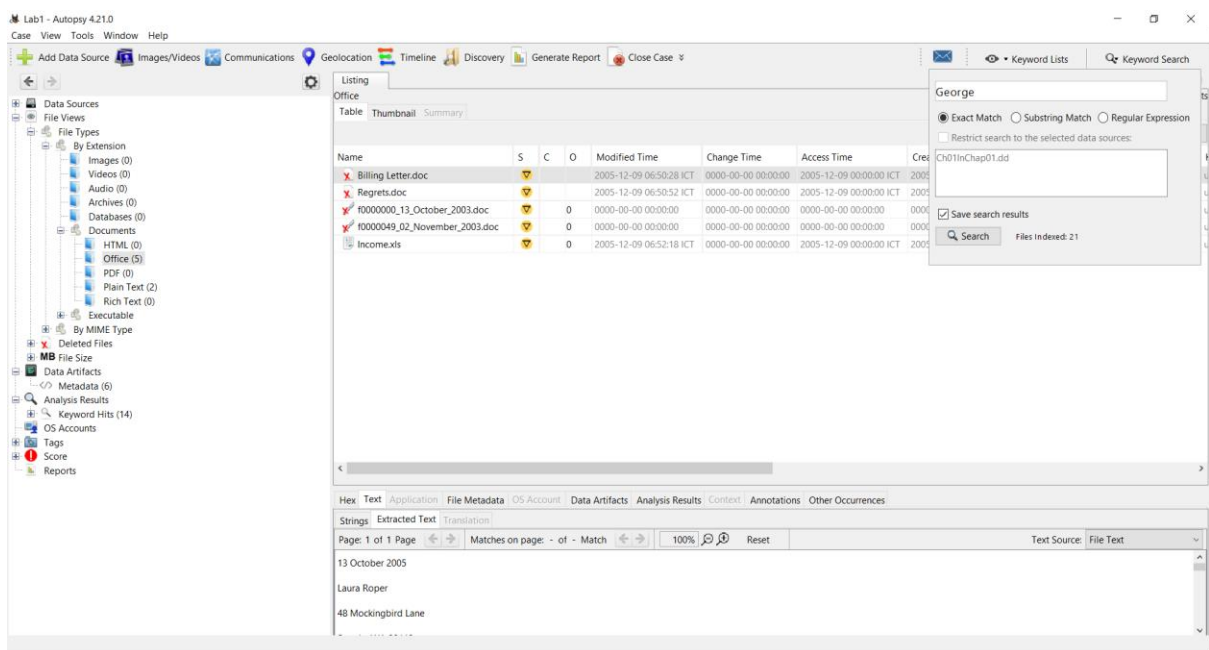


Step 4.

Recover deleted file



Search keywords : “George”



Search results

The screenshot shows a 'Keyword search 2 - George' window with a table of results. The table has columns: Name, Keyword Preview, Location, Modified Time, Change Time, and Action. The selected entry is 'f0000049_02_November_2003.doc' with the keyword 'nowhere.comRegards,«George» Montgomery-----'.

Name	Keyword Preview	Location	Modified Time	Change Time	Action
Unalloc_4_121344_1474560	address listed below.«George» Montgomery3467 Main	/img_Ch01InChap01.dd/\$Unalloc/Unalloc_4_121344_147	0000-00-00 00:00:00	0000-00-00 00:00:00	00
Billing Letter.doc	address listed below.«George» Montgomery3467 Main	/img_Ch01InChap01.dd/Billing Letter.doc	2005-12-09 06:50:28 ICT	0000-00-00 00:00:00	20
f0000000_13_October_2003.doc	address listed below.«George» Montgomery3467 Main	/img_Ch01InChap01.dd/\$CarvedFiles/1/f0000000_13_Oc	0000-00-00 00:00:00	0000-00-00 00:00:00	00
f0000049_02_November_2003.doc	nowhere.comRegards,«George» Montgomery-----	/img_Ch01InChap01.dd/\$CarvedFiles/1/f0000049_02_Nd	0000-00-00 00:00:00	0000-00-00 00:00:00	00
Regrets.doc	nowhere.comRegards,«George» Montgomery-----	/img_Ch01InChap01.dd/Regrets.doc	2005-12-09 06:50:52 ICT	0000-00-00 00:00:00	20

Below the table, the 'Strings' tab is active, showing the extracted text: 'George Montgomery'. The text source is 'Search Results'.

Step 5.

Generate reports

The 'Generate Report' dialog box is open, showing the 'Select and Configure Report Modules' section. The 'HTML Report' module is selected. The 'Header' and 'Footer' fields are empty.

Select and Configure Report Modules

Report Modules:

- ☒ HTML Report
- ☐ Excel Report
- ☐ Files - Text
- ☐ Data Source Summary Report
- ☐ Save Tagged Hashes
- ☐ Extract Unique Words
- ☐ TSK Body File
- ☐ Google Earth KML
- ☐ CASE-UCO
- ☐ Portable Case

A report about results and tagged items in HTML format.

Header:

Footer:

< Back Next > Finish Cancel Help

Open or Save as file doc is recovered.

Report Navigation

- Case Summary
- ★ Data Source Usage (1)
- 🔍 Keyword Hits (14)
- 📁 Metadata (6)
- ★ Tagged Files (3)
- ★ Tagged Images (0)
- ★ Tagged Results (0)

Autopsy Forensic Report

HTML Report Generated on 2025/06/19 14:47:04

Case: lab1
Case Number: lab-1
Number of data sources in case: 1
Notes: this is my first step into forensics.
Examiner: duanh

Image Information:

Ch01InChap01.dd

Timezone: Asia/Saigon
Path: D:\SUMMER2025\FRS301\Lab 1\Sources\Ch01InChap01.dd

Software Information:

Autopsy Version: 4.22.1
Android Analyzer Module: 4.22.1

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