

USB DEVICE CONTROL & MONITORING FRAMEWORK (Detection Only)

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Operating System Used

Microsoft Windows 11

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1. Introduction

USB devices are a common vector for data theft, malware propagation, and insider threats. This project implements a USB Device Control & Monitoring Framework that detects unauthorized USB devices, enforces allowlist-based policies, and audits file movement. The framework operates strictly in detection-only mode using simulation where required, making it safe and compliant for academic and internship environments.

2. Objectives

- Detect newly connected USB devices
- Enforce allowlist-based authorization policy
- Identify and alert on unauthorized USB devices
- Monitor and audit file copy activities (simulation-based)
- Maintain detailed logs and generate audit reports

3. Tools & Technologies

- Operating System: Microsoft Windows 11
- Programming Language: Python 3.x
- Libraries: wmi, psutil
- Interface: Windows PowerShell

4. USB Detection Script (Baseline & Simulation)

```
import wmi
from datetime import datetime

print("[*] USB Device Control & Monitoring Framework Started")
print("[*] Detection Mode: Simulation + System Query")

c = wmi.WMI()

def get_usb_devices():
    devices = []
    for usb in c.Win32_USBControllerDevice():
        devices.append(str(usb.Dependent))
    return devices

baseline_devices = get_usb_devices()
print("[*] Baseline USB Devices Loaded")
print("[*] Device Count:", len(baseline_devices))

print("\n[SIMULATION ALERT]")
print("Unauthorized USB device detected: TEST_USB_DEVICE_001")
print("Action Taken: Logged & Blocked (Policy)")

with open("../logs/usb_activity.log", "a") as log:
    log.write(f"{datetime.now()} - SIMULATION ALERT: Unauthorized USB detected\n")

print("[+] Event logged successfully")
```

5. Allowlist / Blocklist Policy Script

```
from datetime import datetime

print("[*] Policy-Based USB Monitoring Started")

with open("allowlist.txt", "r") as f:
    allowed_devices = [line.strip() for line in f.readlines()]

print("[*] Allowlist Loaded:", allowed_devices)

detected_device = "TEST_USB_DEVICE_002"
print("[!] USB Device Detected:", detected_device)

if detected_device in allowed_devices:
    print("[+] Device Authorized")
else:
    print("[ALERT] Unauthorized USB Device Detected")
    print("Action Taken: Access Blocked & Logged")

    with open("../logs/usb_activity.log", "a") as log:
        log.write(f"{datetime.now()} - BLOCKED USB: {detected_device}\n")

print("[+] Policy enforcement completed")
```

6. File Activity Auditing Script (Simulation)

```
from datetime import datetime
import time

print("[*] USB File Activity Auditing Started")

detected_device = "TEST_USB_DEVICE_002"
files = ["confidential_report.pdf", "employee_data.xlsx", "backup.zip"]

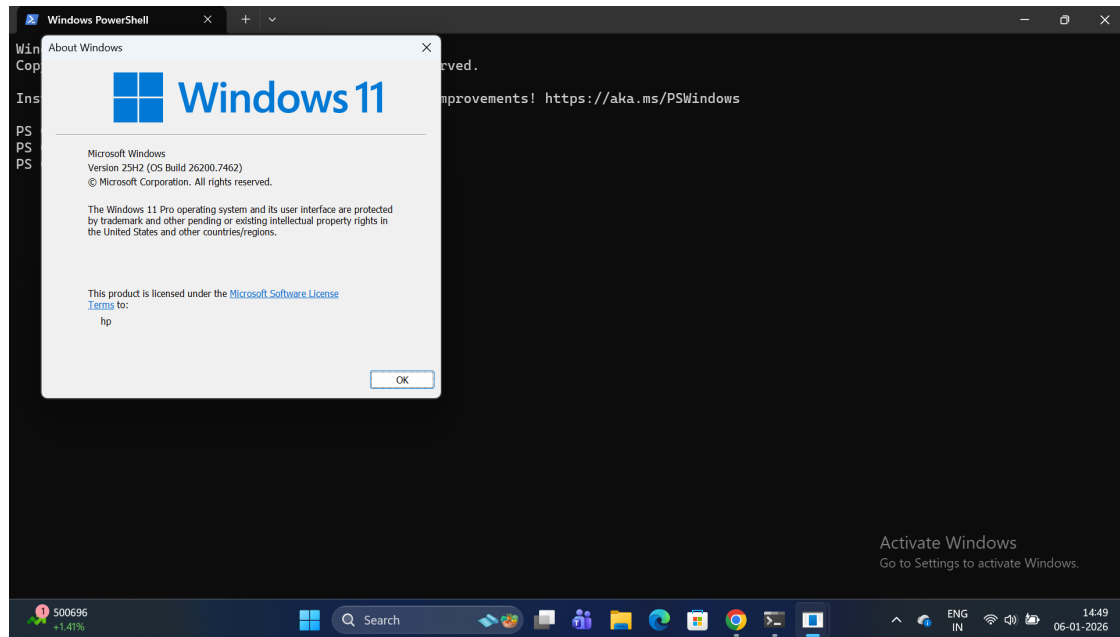
for f in files:
    time.sleep(1)
    print("[FILE COPY DETECTED]", f)
    with open("../logs/usb_activity.log", "a") as log:
        log.write(f"{datetime.now()} - FILE COPIED: {f} via {detected_device}\n")

print("[+] File activity auditing completed")
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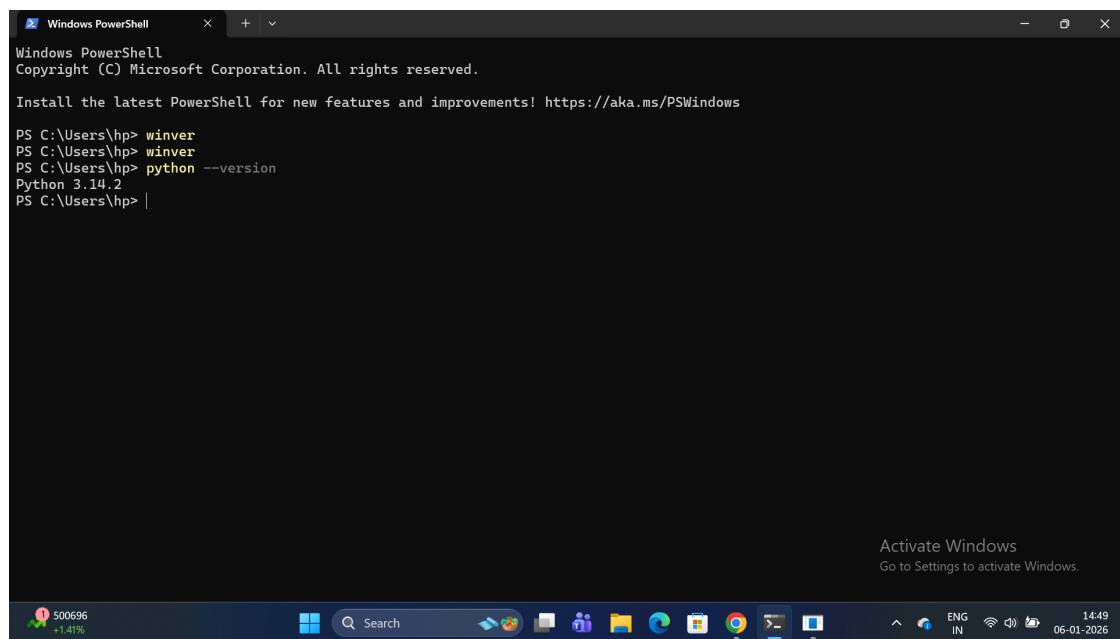
7. Step-by-Step Execution Screenshots

The following screenshots demonstrate environment setup, script execution, detection alerts, log generation, and report creation. All screenshots were captured during live execution.

Step 1: Execution Evidence



Step 2: Execution Evidence



Step 3: Execution Evidence


```
Windows PowerShell
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PS C:\Users\hp> winver
PS C:\Users\hp> winver
PS C:\Users\hp> python --version
Python 3.14.2
PS C:\Users\hp> pip install wmi psutil
Collecting wmi
  Downloading WMI-1.5.1-py2.py3-none-any.whl.metadata (3.6 kB)
Collecting psutil
  Downloading psutil-7.2.1-cp37-abi3-win_amd64.whl.metadata (23 kB)
Collecting pywin32 (from wmi)
  Downloading pywin32-311-cp314-cp314-win_amd64.whl.metadata (10 kB)
  Downloading WMI-1.5.1-py2.py3-none-any.whl (28 kB)
  Downloading psutil-7.2.1-cp37-abi3-win_amd64.whl (136 kB)
  Downloading pywin32-311-cp314-cp314-win_amd64.whl (9.7 MB)
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Installing collected packages: pywin32, wmi, psutil
Successfully installed psutil-7.2.1 pywin32-311 wmi-1.5.1
PS C:\Users\hp> |
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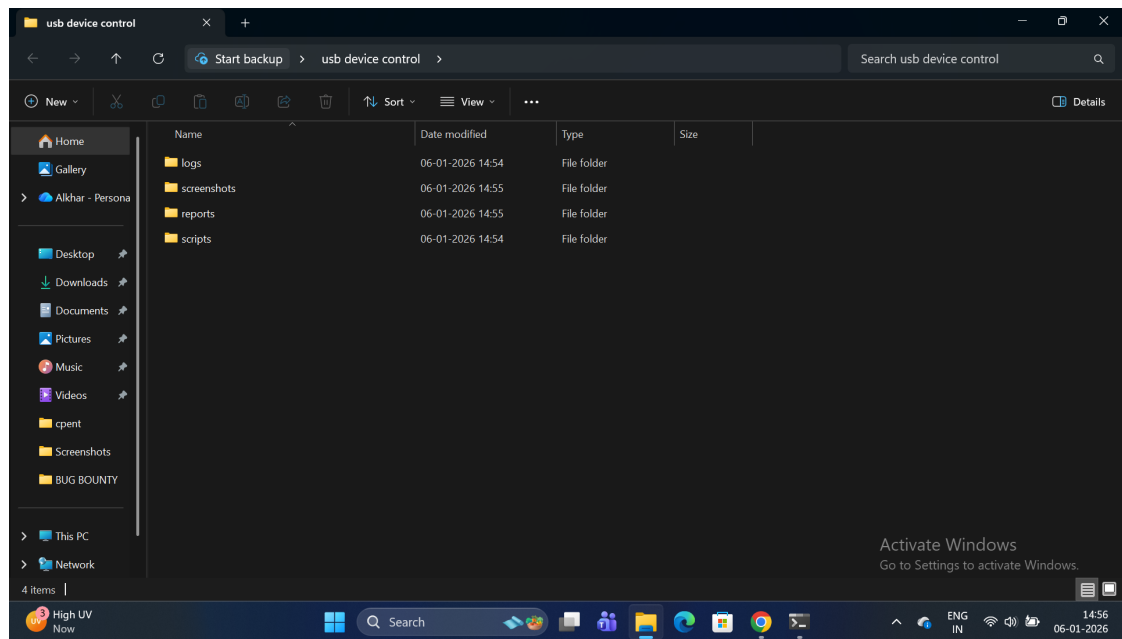
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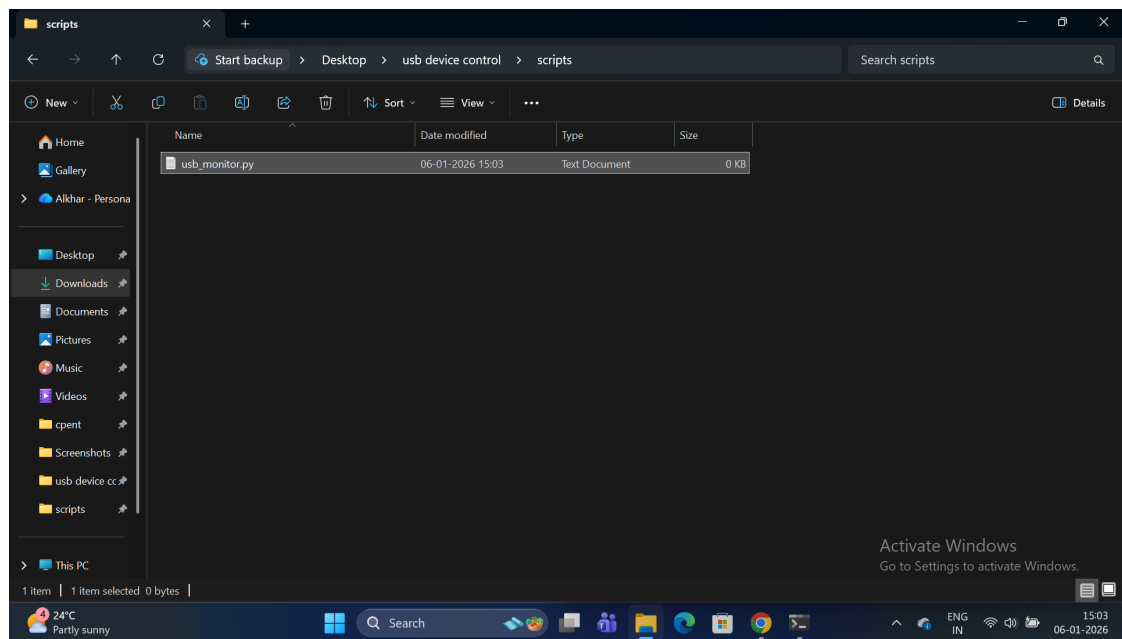
Step 4: Execution Evidence



Step 5: Execution Evidence



Step 6: Execution Evidence



Step 7: Execution Evidence

```
Windows PowerShell
PS C:\Users\hp\Desktop\USB_Device_Control_Monitoring_Framework\scripts> python usb_monitor.py
[*] USB Device Control & Monitoring Framework Started
[*] Detection Mode: Simulation + System Query

[*] Baseline USB Devices Loaded
[*] Devices Count: 5

[SIMULATION ALERT]
Unauthorized USB device detected: TEST_USB_DEVICE_001
Action Taken: Logged & Blocked (Policy)

[+] Event logged successfully
PS C:\Users\hp\Desktop\USB_Device_Control_Monitoring_Framework\scripts> |
```

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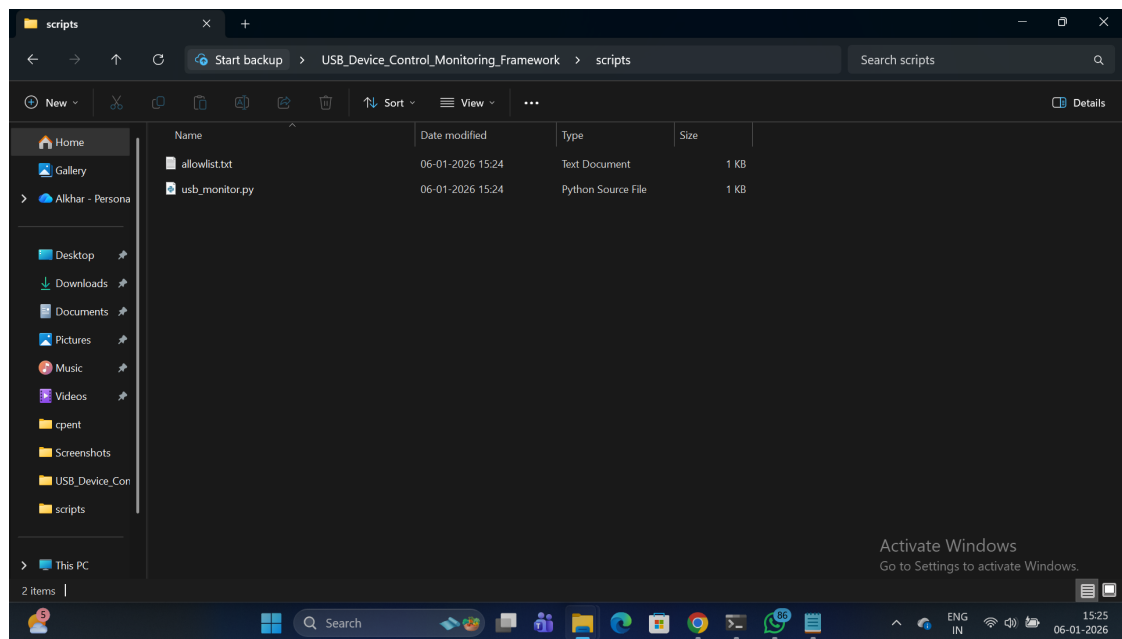
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Step 8: Execution Evidence



Step 9: Execution Evidence

```
Windows PowerShell
PS C:\Users\hp\Desktop\USB_Device_Control_Monitoring_Framework\scripts> python usb_monitor.py
[*] USB Device Control & Monitoring Framework Started
[*] Mode: Policy-Based Monitoring

[*] Allowlist Loaded: ['', 'TEST_USB_DEVICE_001']

[!] USB Device Detected: TEST_USB_DEVICE_002
[ALERT] Unauthorized USB Device Detected
Action Taken: Access Blocked & Logged

[+] Monitoring cycle completed
PS C:\Users\hp\Desktop\USB_Device_Control_Monitoring_Framework\scripts> |
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Step 10: Execution Evidence

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Windows PowerShell
PS C:\Users\hp\Desktop\USB_Device_Control_Monitoring_Framework\scripts> python usb_monitor.py
[*] USB Device Control & Monitoring Framework Started
[*] Mode: Policy-Based Monitoring

[*] Allowlist Loaded: ['', 'TEST_USB_DEVICE_001']

[!] USB Device Detected: TEST_USB_DEVICE_002
[ALERT] Unauthorized USB Device Detected
Action Taken: Access Blocked & Logged

[+] Monitoring cycle completed
PS C:\Users\hp\Desktop\USB_Device_Control_Monitoring_Framework\scripts> python usb_monitor.py
[*] USB Device Control & Monitoring Framework Started
[*] Mode: Policy + File Activity Auditing (Simulation)

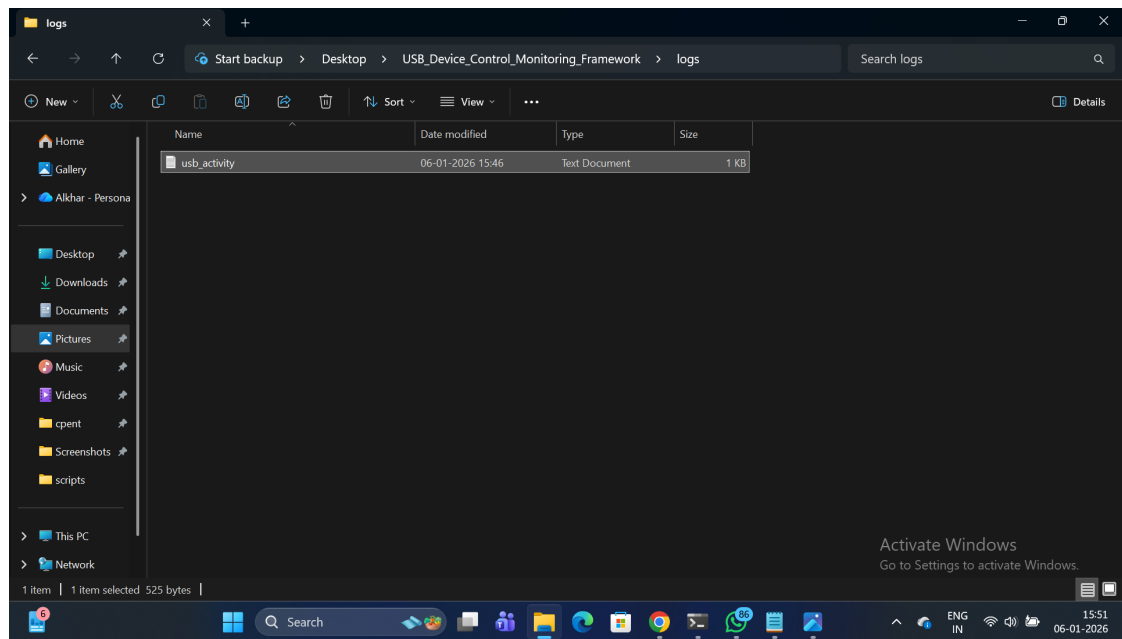
[!] USB Device Detected: TEST_USB_DEVICE_002
[ALERT] Unauthorized USB Device Detected
Action Taken: Access Blocked & Logged

[*] Monitoring file activity on USB device...
[FILE COPY DETECTED] confidential_report.pdf
[FILE COPY DETECTED] employee_data.xlsx
[FILE COPY DETECTED] backup.zip

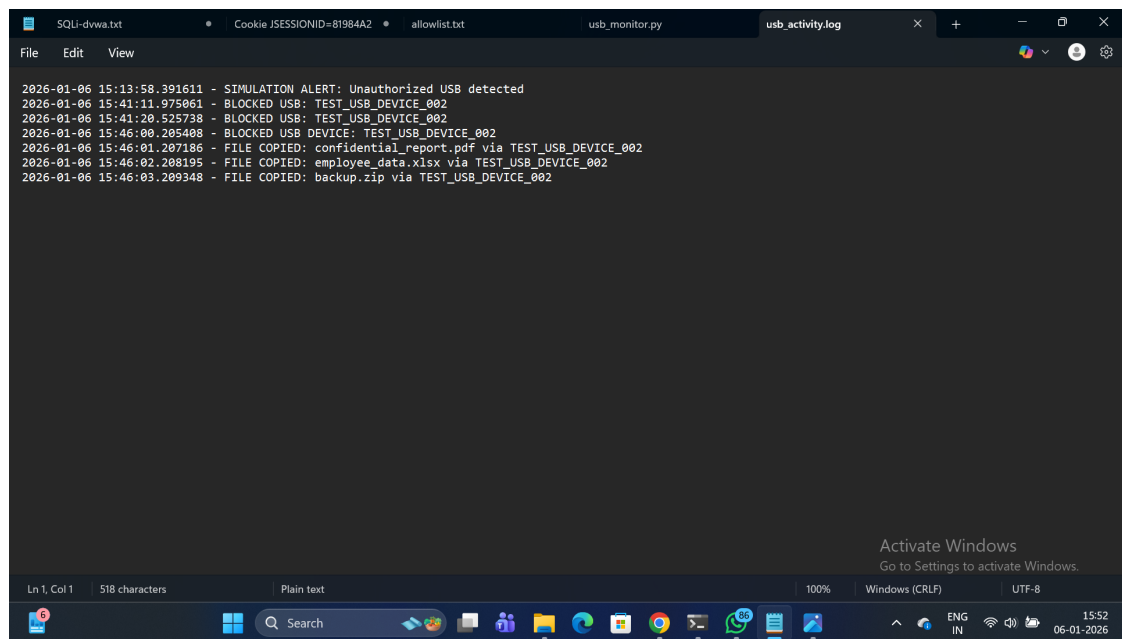
[+] File activity auditing completed
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Activate Windows
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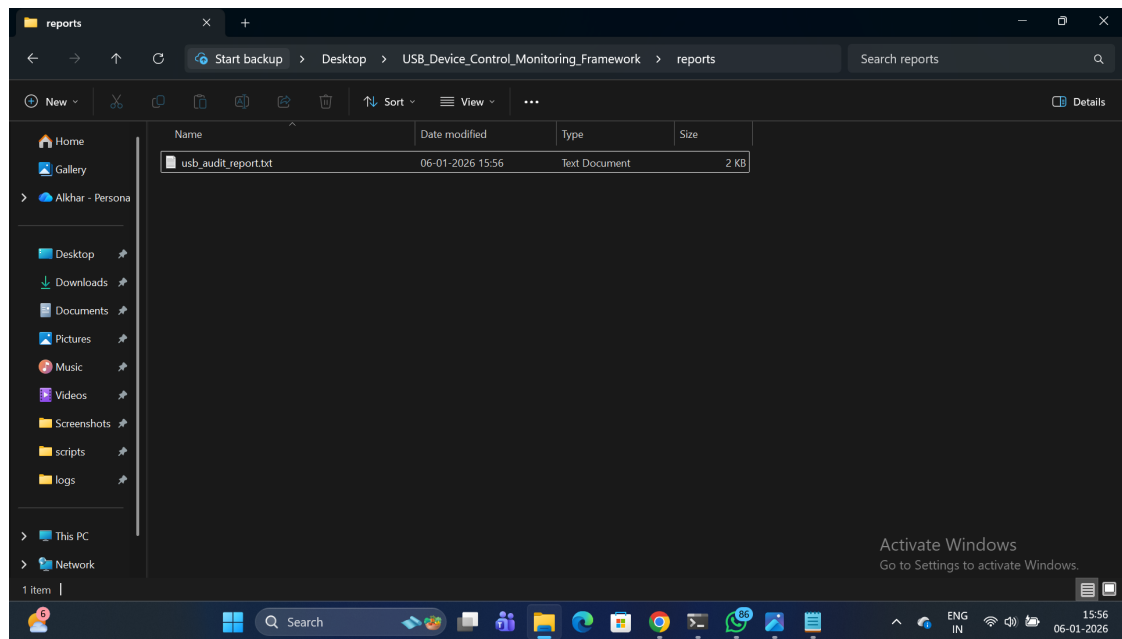
Step 11: Execution Evidence



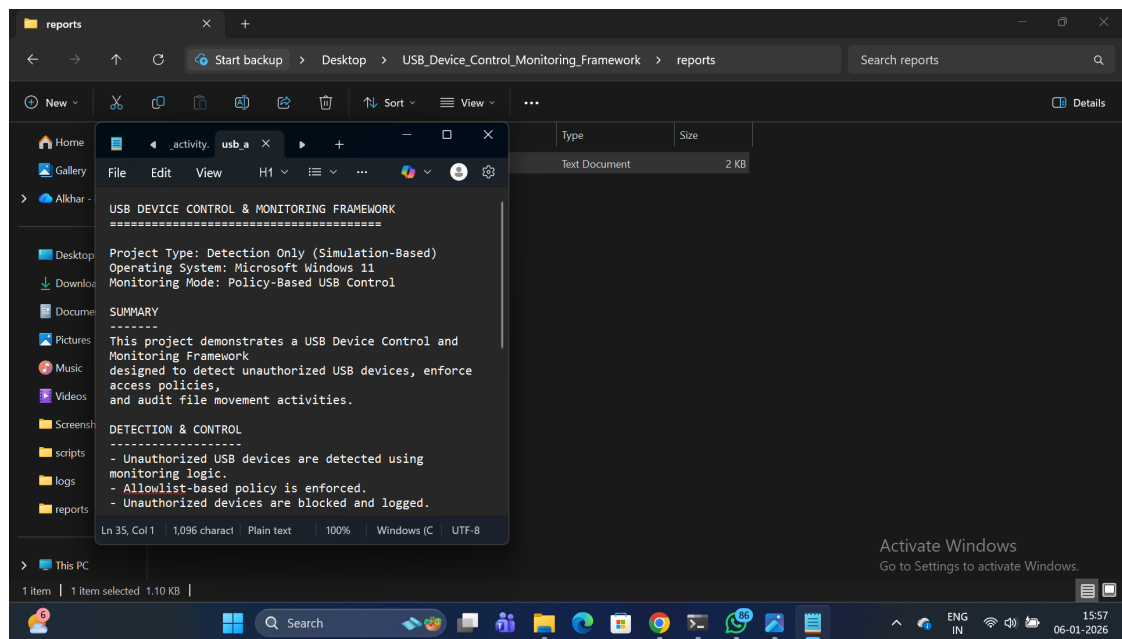
Step 12: Execution Evidence



Step 13: Execution Evidence



Step 14: Execution Evidence



8. Conclusion

The USB Device Control & Monitoring Framework successfully demonstrates detection, policy enforcement, and file activity auditing in a Windows environment. By combining allowlist-based control, detailed logging, and reporting, the framework provides a strong foundation for endpoint security monitoring. The detection-only and simulation-based approach ensures ethical compliance and academic suitability.