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Project: Data Extraction Using Open-Source Software

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Introduction:

Data extraction using open-source software refers to the process of retrieving and extracting data from various sources using freely available open-source tools or libraries. This cost-effective and flexible option allows users to access, modify, and customize the software's source code according to their specific needs.

In this project, Testdisk for Linux and FreeRecover for Windows are the chosen open-source software for data extraction.

Objective of the Project:

The main objective of data extraction is to retrieve relevant and accurate data from various sources, convert it into a usable format, and prepare it for further analysis, processing, or storage. The key objectives of data extraction include:

1. **Data Retrieval:** The project aims to retrieve data from different sources such as databases, websites, files, or APIs. This involves identifying and accessing the relevant data sources, extracting the required data elements, and capturing the data in a standardized format.
2. **Data Transformation:** Data extracted from various sources may not always be in a format that is directly usable. Data extraction aims to transform the retrieved data into a standardized format that can be easily processed and analyzed. This may involve cleaning, structuring, and validating the data to ensure its accuracy, integrity, and consistency.

Description of the Project:

The data extraction project starts with identifying the relevant data sources, which may include databases, websites, files, APIs, or other data repositories. The project team determines the data elements or attributes that need to be extracted based on the project objectives, requirements, and desired outcomes. Data retrieval techniques are then used to extract the identified data elements from the sources, and the extracted data is stored in a temporary or permanent location for further processing. Once the data has been retrieved, data transformation techniques are applied to convert the data into a standardized format that is compatible with the target system or analysis tools. This may involve cleaning, structuring, validating, and enriching the data to ensure its accuracy, integrity, and consistency. Data integration techniques may also be applied to merge data from multiple sources into a unified dataset, resolving data inconsistencies or discrepancies.

Scope of the Project:

Data Sources: The project scope includes identifying and accessing the relevant data sources, which could include databases, websites, files, APIs, or other data repositories. The scope may also involve evaluating the complexity, diversity, and availability of data sources, and determining the feasibility of data extraction from these sources.

Data Elements: The project scope includes determining the specific data elements or attributes that need to be extracted from the data sources. This may involve defining the data requirements, data mapping, and data modelling, based on the project objectives, requirements, and desired outcomes.

In summary, the scope of this data extraction project includes identifying and accessing relevant data sources and extracting specific data elements from these sources using opensource software. The project also includes data transformation techniques to convert the extracted data into a standardized format for further analysis and processing.

Target System Description

1.

Operating system- Windows 11 64 bit

Storage – 512Gb SSD

Processor – Core i5 9500

Ram- 16Gb

Files Recovered From – Local Disk D

2.

Operating system- Red Hat Linux 64bit

Storage – 30Gb Virtual Disk

Ram- 3Gb Files Recovered From – Local Disk D

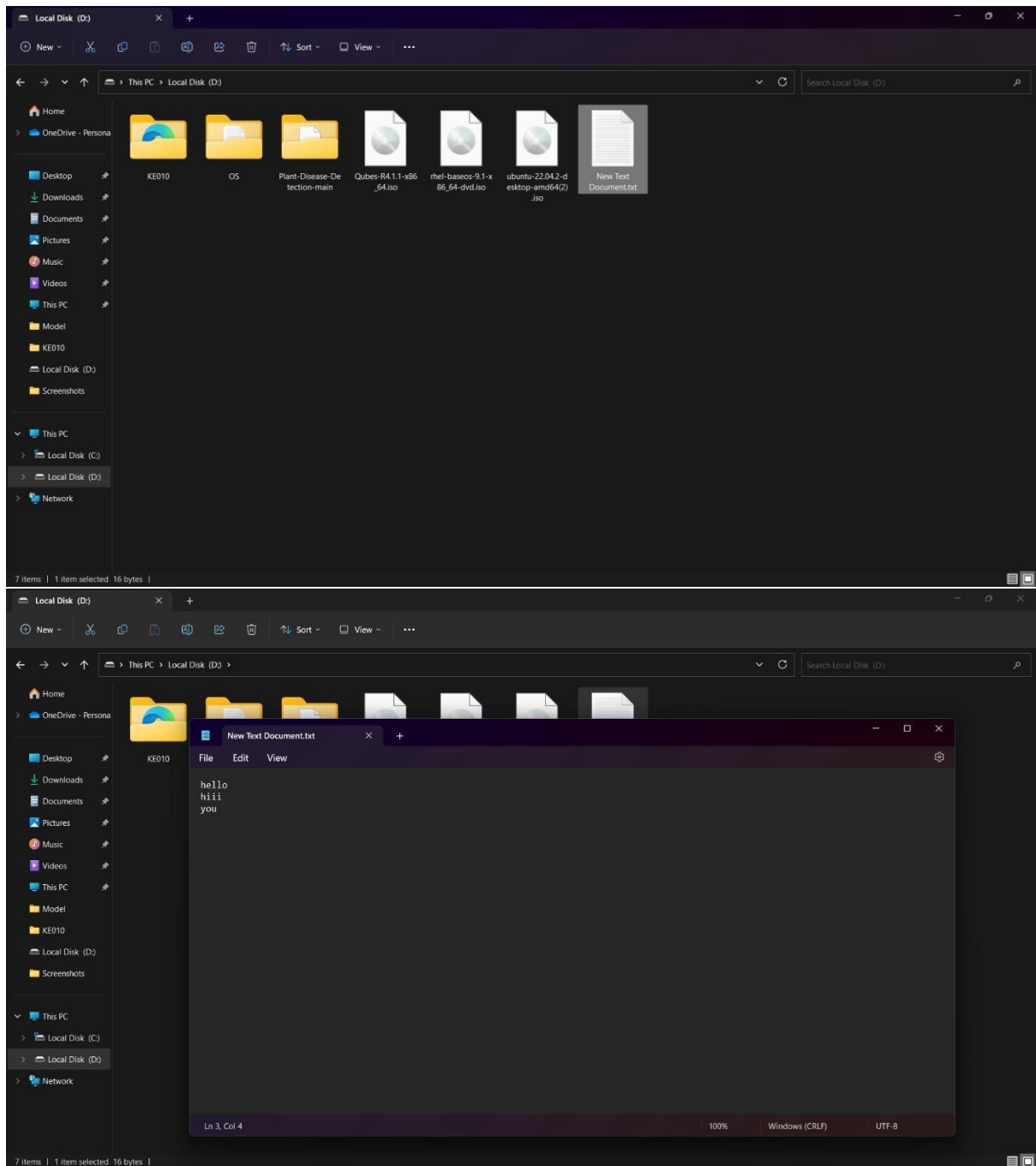
Some brief steps for Data extraction in Linux in Test Disk

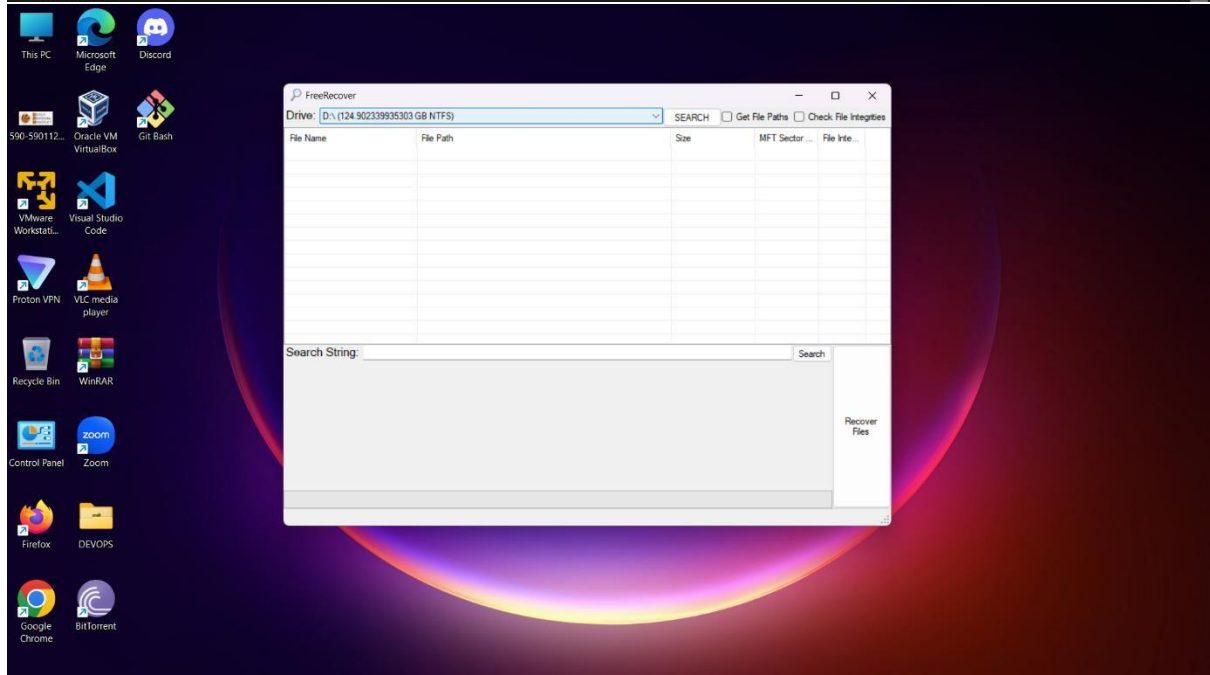
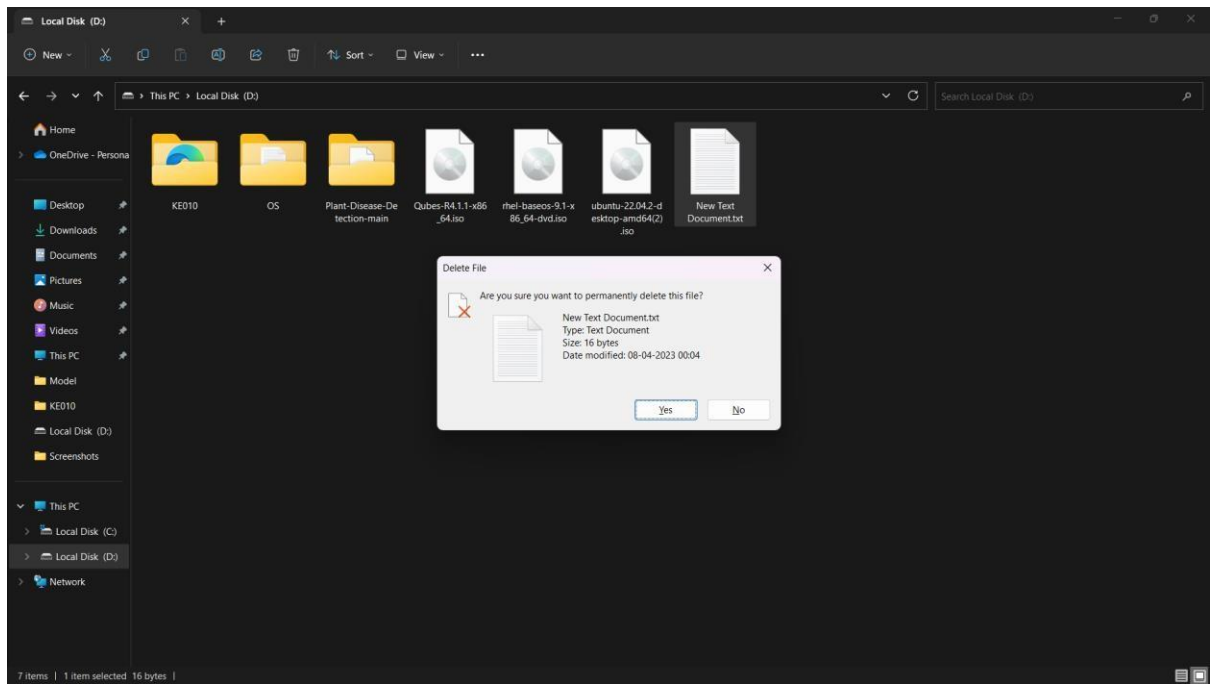
1. Log creation.
2. Disk selection.
3. Partition table type selection.
4. Current partition table status.
5. Quick Search for partitions.
6. Save the partition table or search for more partitions.
7. Partition table recovery.
8. NTFS Boot sector recovery.
9. Recover deleted files.

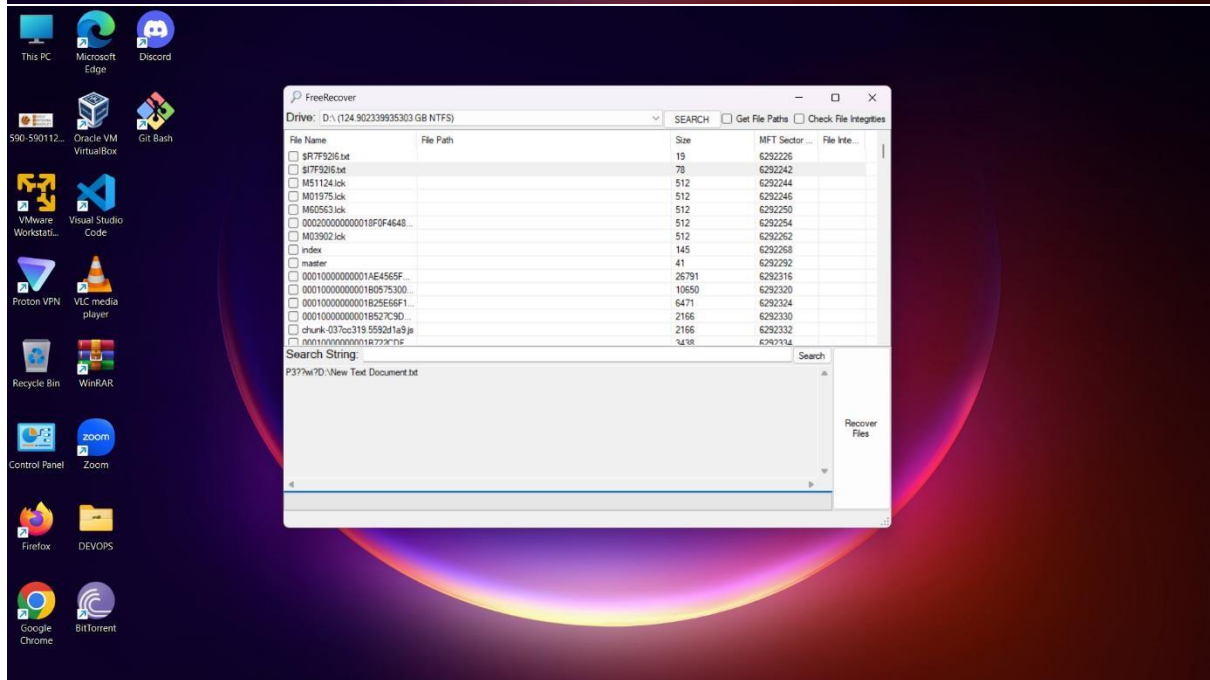
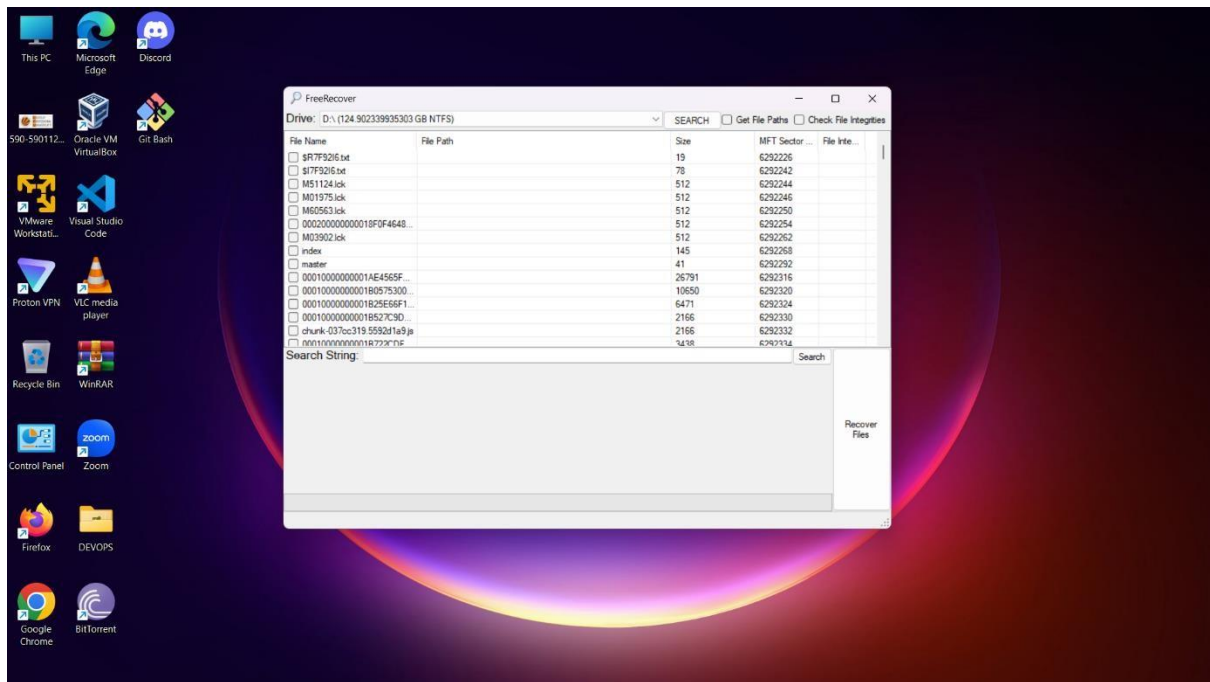
Some brief steps for Data extraction in Windows in FreeRecover

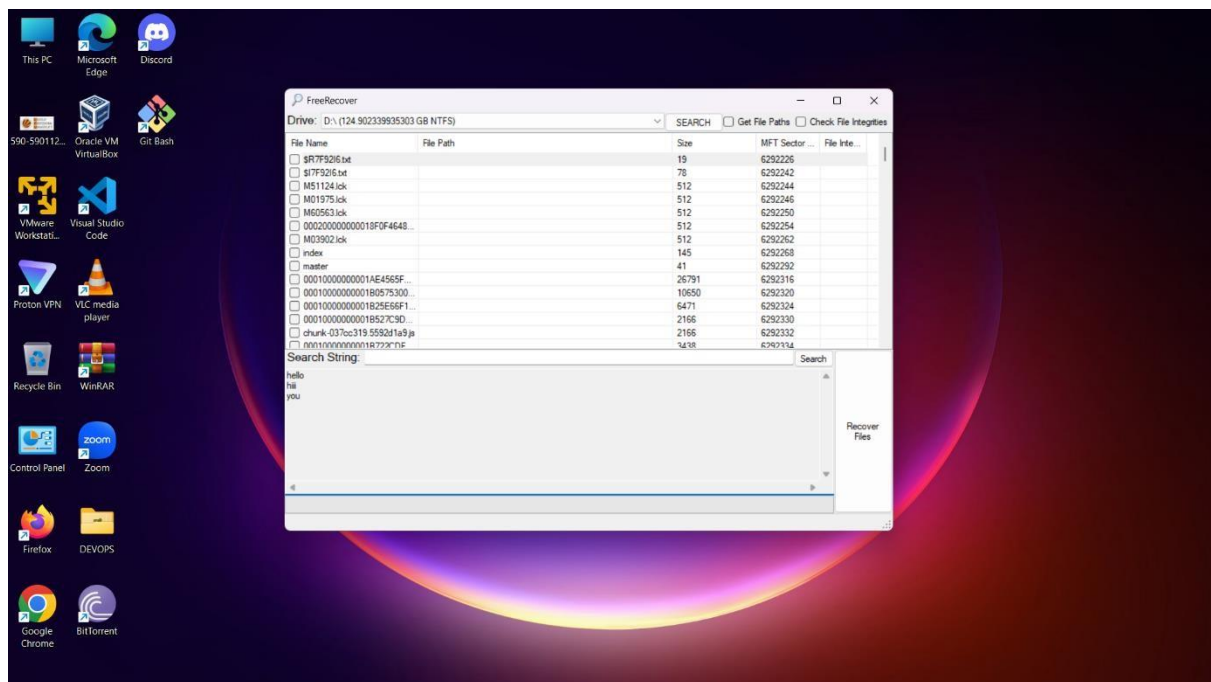
1. Install FreeRecover or run the exe file of the Software.
2. Selecting Disk.
3. Searching for deleted Data.
4. Desired Data selection to recover.
5. Recover deleted Data.

System Snapshots









GitHub Link:

<https://github.com/jatinrana19/INT-301>

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