

Recovering Deleted and Damaged Files (4e)

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Time on Task:

1 hour, 44 minutes

Progress:

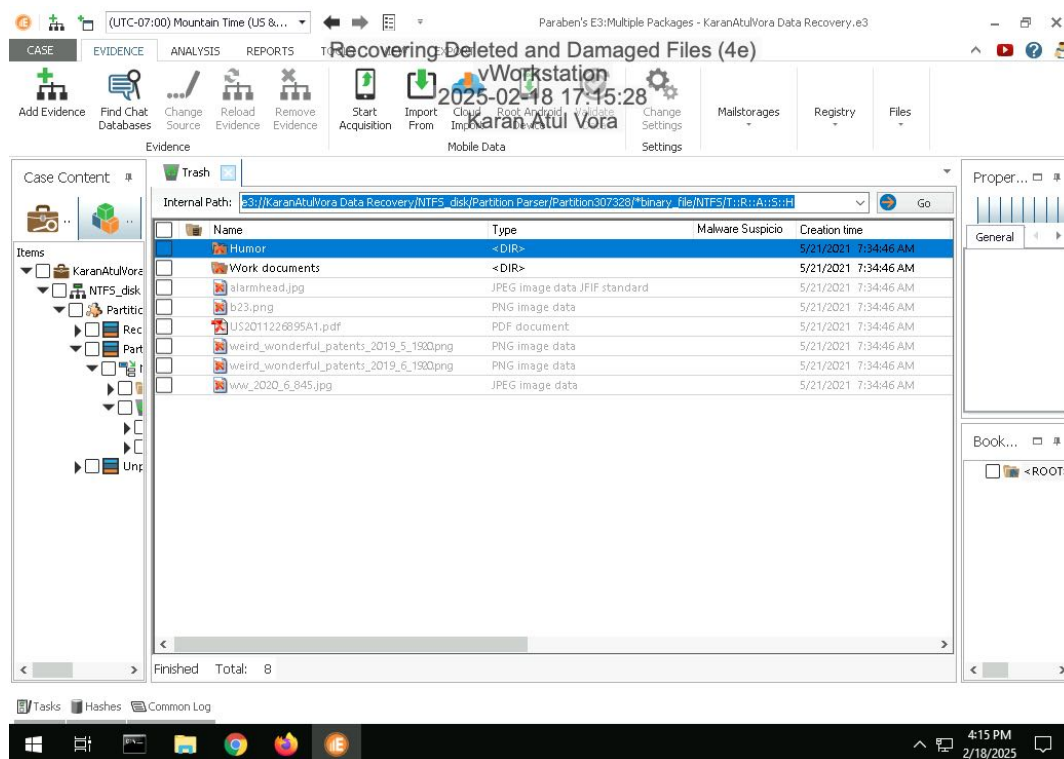
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Section 1: Hands-On Demonstration

Part 1: Recover Deleted Files from an NTFS Drive Image with E3

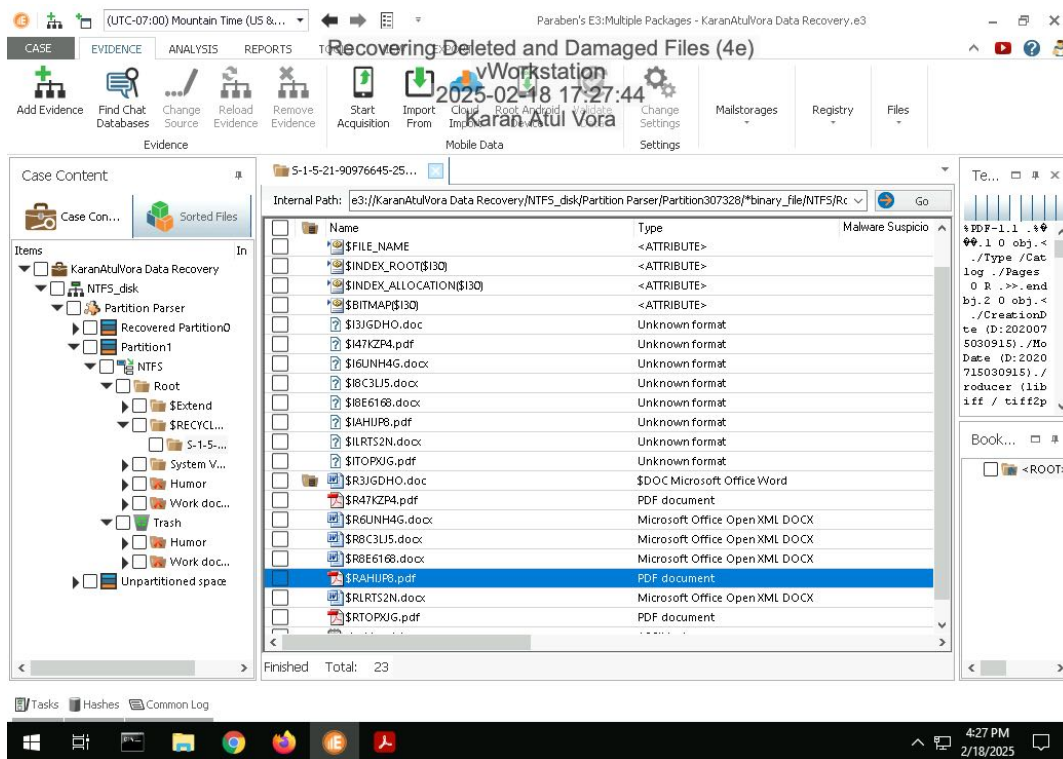
13. Make a screen capture showing the list of recovered files and folders in the E3 Trash folder.



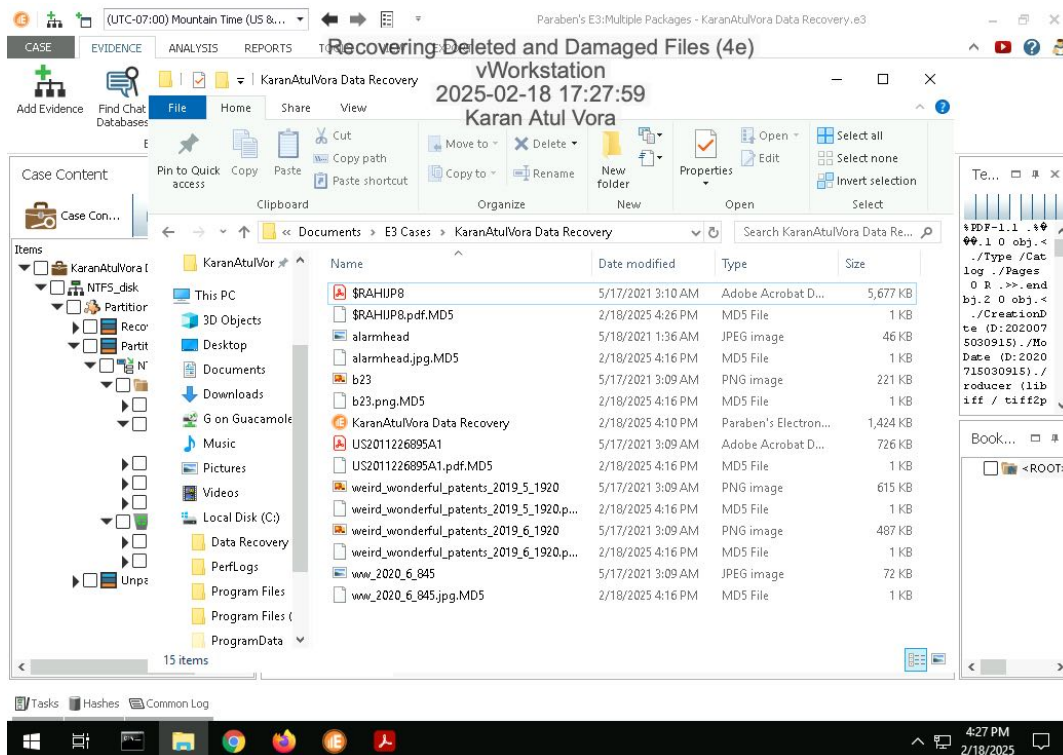
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20. Make a screen capture showing the patent file in the File Viewer.

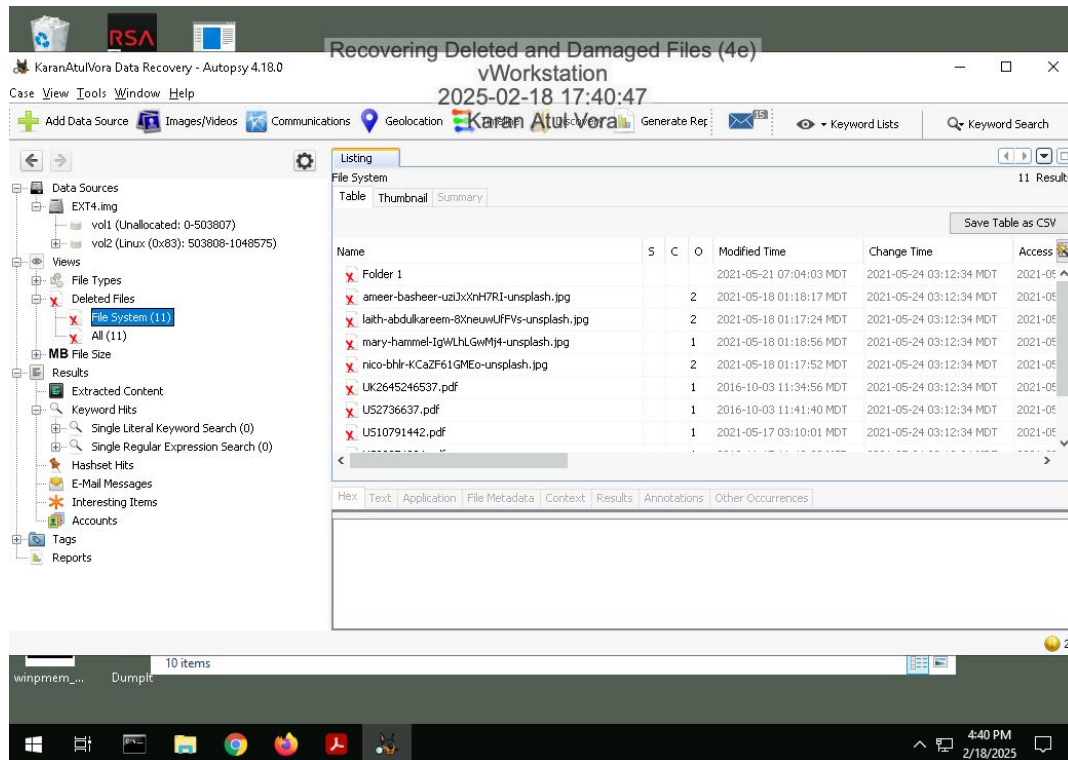


25. Make a screen capture showing the recovered files in the File Explorer.



Part 2: Recover Deleted Files from an Ext4 Drive Image with Autopsy

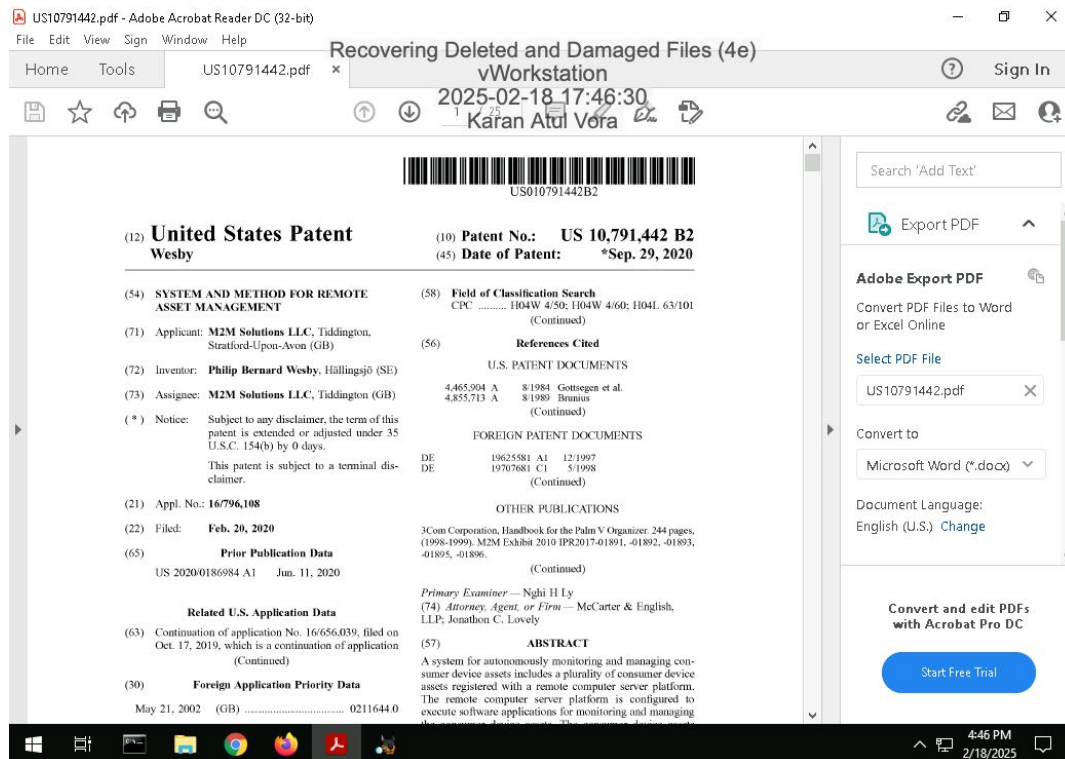
14. Make a screen capture showing the contents of the list of deleted files in Autopsy.



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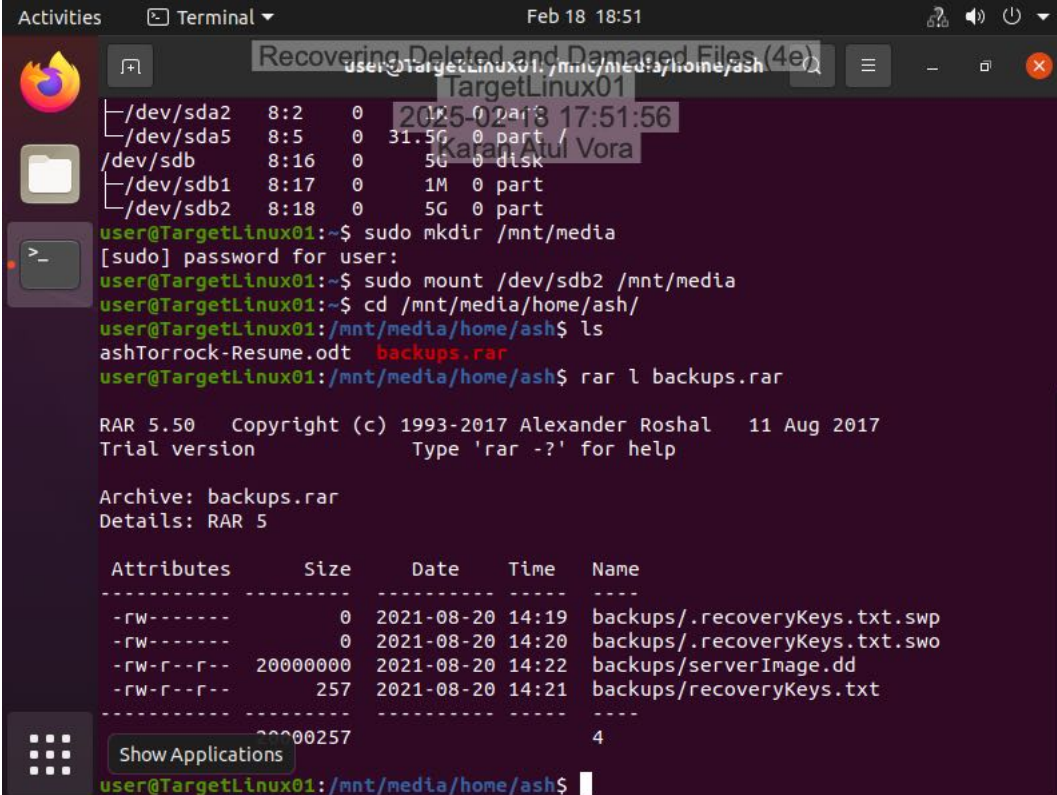
22. Make a screen capture showing the recovered patent file.



Section 2: Applied Learning

Part 1: Recover Deleted Files in Linux with PhotoRec

9. Make a screen capture showing the contents of the RAR archive in the /mnt/media/home/ash directory.



The screenshot shows a terminal window on a Linux system. The user is at the prompt `user@TargetLinux01:~`. They first run `sudo mkdir /mnt/media`, then `sudo mount /dev/sdb2 /mnt/media` after providing a password. They then navigate to `/mnt/media/home/ash/` and run `ls`, which shows `ashTorrock-Resume.odt` and `backups.rar`. Finally, they run `rar l backups.rar`, which displays the following information:

```
RAR 5.50 Copyright (c) 1993-2017 Alexander Roshal 11 Aug 2017
Trial version Type 'rar -?' for help

Archive: backups.rar
Details: RAR 5

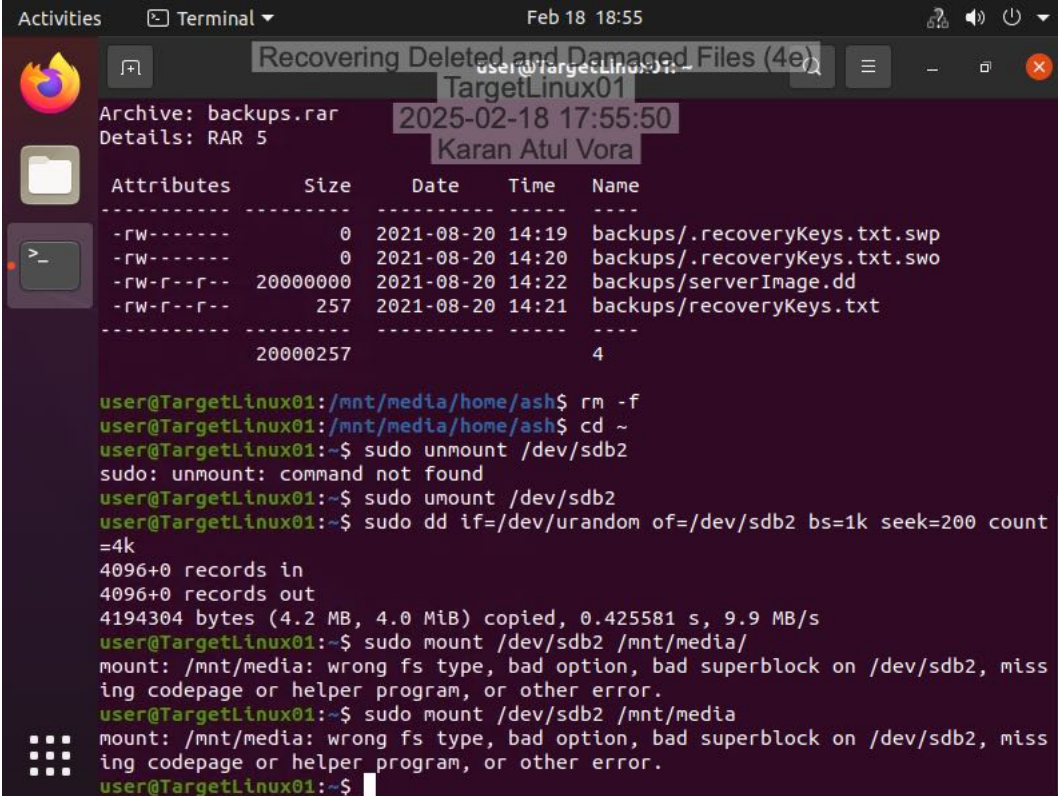
Attributes Size Date Time Name
-----
-rw----- 0 2021-08-20 14:19 backups/.recoveryKeys.txt.swp
-rw----- 0 2021-08-20 14:20 backups/.recoveryKeys.txt.swo
-rw-r--r-- 20000000 2021-08-20 14:22 backups/serverImage.dd
-rw-r--r-- 257 2021-08-20 14:21 backups/recoveryKeys.txt
-----
00000257 4
```

The terminal window also shows a file system listing for `/dev/sda2` through `/dev/sdb2` with their respective sizes and partitions.

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15. Make a screen capture showing the failed mount attempt on the `/dev/sdb2` device.



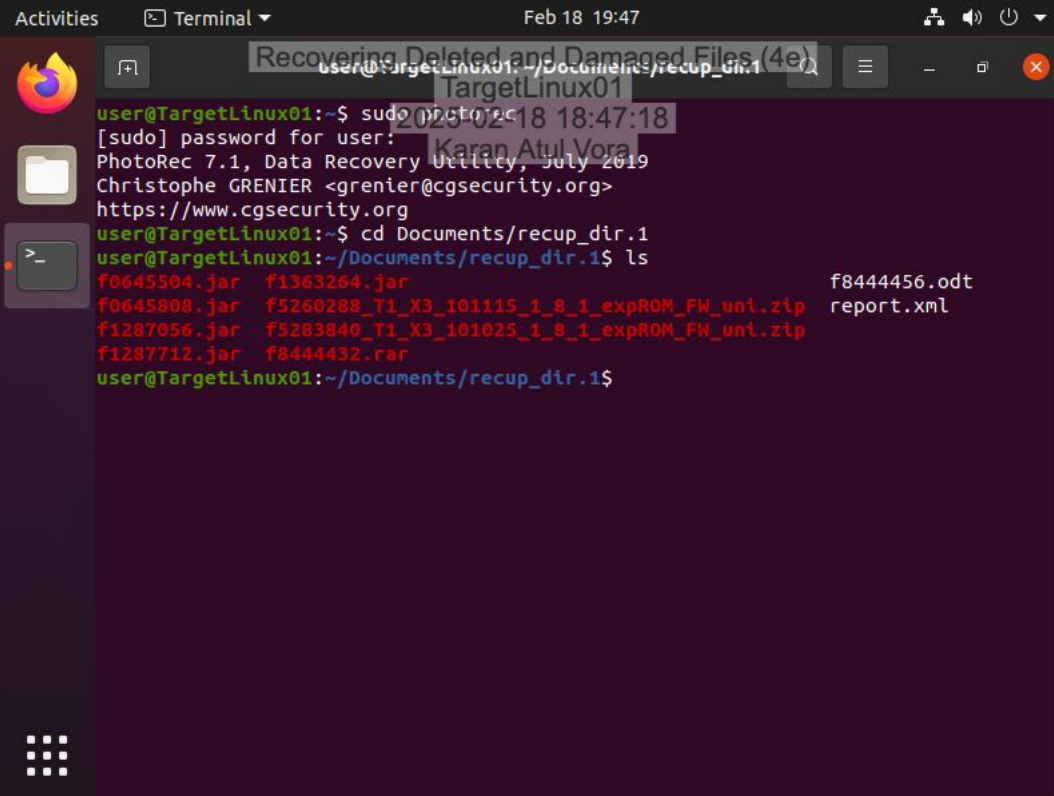
The screenshot shows a terminal window on a system named 'TargetLinux01'. At the top, there is a header with the title 'Recovering Deleted and Damaged Files (4e)', the username 'user@TargetLinux01', and a timestamp '2025-02-18 17:55:50'. Below this, a file listing for 'backups.rar' (RAR 5) is shown with columns for Attributes, Size, Date, Time, and Name. The files listed are: backups/.recoveryKeys.txt.swp (0 bytes, 2021-08-20 14:19), backups/.recoveryKeys.txt.swo (0 bytes, 2021-08-20 14:20), backups/serverImage.dd (20000000 bytes, 2021-08-20 14:22), and backups/recoveryKeys.txt (257 bytes, 2021-08-20 14:21). The total size is 20000257 bytes and there are 4 files. The terminal then shows the user running several commands: `rm -f`, `cd ~`, `sudo unmount /dev/sdb2` (which fails with 'command not found'), `sudo umount /dev/sdb2`, and `sudo dd if=/dev/urandom of=/dev/sdb2 bs=1k seek=200 count=4k`. The output of the `dd` command shows 4096+0 records in, 4096+0 records out, and 4194304 bytes (4.2 MB, 4.0 MiB) copied at 9.9 MB/s. Finally, the user attempts to mount `/dev/sdb2` to `/mnt/media/` using `sudo mount /dev/sdb2 /mnt/media/` and `sudo mount /dev/sdb2 /mnt/media`, both of which fail with the error: 'mount: /mnt/media: wrong fs type, bad option, bad superblock on /dev/sdb2, missing codepage or helper program, or other error.'

```
user@TargetLinux01:~$ rm -f
user@TargetLinux01:~$ cd ~
user@TargetLinux01:~$ sudo unmount /dev/sdb2
sudo: unmount: command not found
user@TargetLinux01:~$ sudo umount /dev/sdb2
user@TargetLinux01:~$ sudo dd if=/dev/urandom of=/dev/sdb2 bs=1k seek=200 count=4k
4096+0 records in
4096+0 records out
4194304 bytes (4.2 MB, 4.0 MiB) copied, 0.425581 s, 9.9 MB/s
user@TargetLinux01:~$ sudo mount /dev/sdb2 /mnt/media/
mount: /mnt/media: wrong fs type, bad option, bad superblock on /dev/sdb2, missing codepage or helper program, or other error.
user@TargetLinux01:~$ sudo mount /dev/sdb2 /mnt/media
mount: /mnt/media: wrong fs type, bad option, bad superblock on /dev/sdb2, missing codepage or helper program, or other error.
user@TargetLinux01:~$
```

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32. Make a screen capture showing the **compressed files recovered by PhotoRec**.

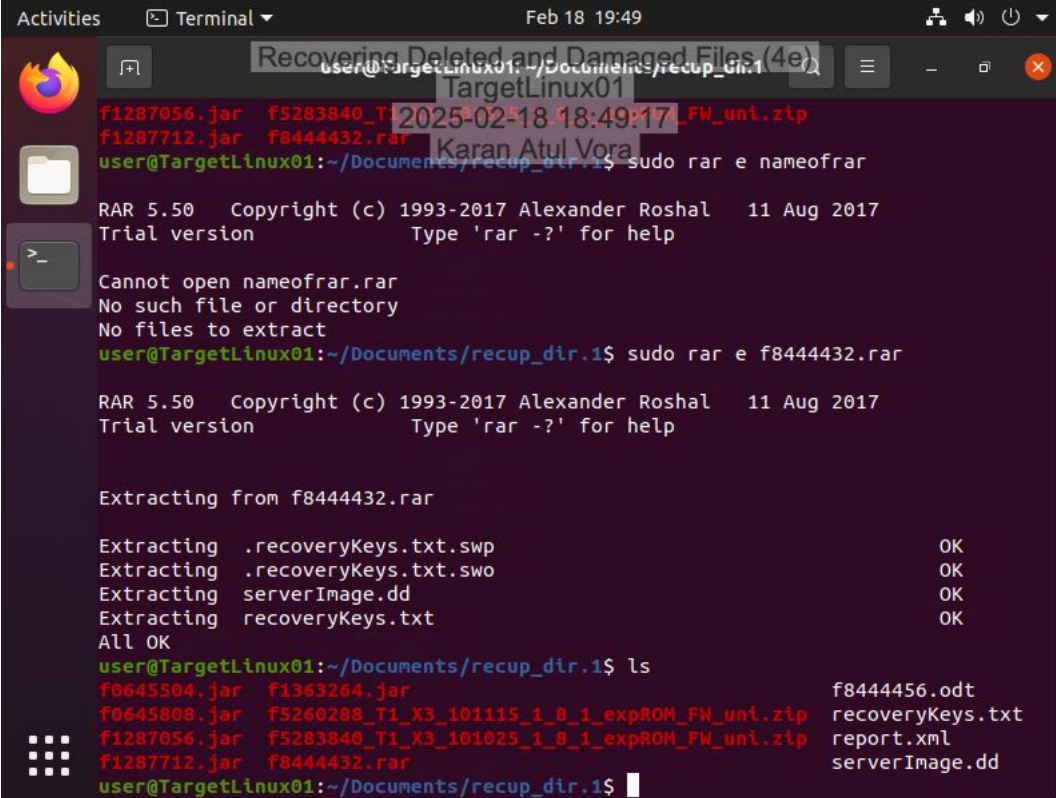


```
user@TargetLinux01:~/Documents/recup_dir.1$ sudo photorec
[sudo] password for user:
PhotoRec 7.1, Data Recovery Utility, July 2019
Christophe GRENIER <grenier@cgsecurity.org>
https://www.cgsecurity.org
user@TargetLinux01:~/Documents/recup_dir.1$ cd Documents/recup_dir.1
user@TargetLinux01:~/Documents/recup_dir.1$ ls
f0645504.jar  f1363264.jar  f8444456.odt
f0645808.jar  f5260288_T1_X3_101115_1_8_1_expROM_FW_uni.zip  report.xml
f1287056.jar  f5283840_T1_X3_101025_1_8_1_expROM_FW_uni.zip
f1287712.jar  f8444432.rar
user@TargetLinux01:~/Documents/recup_dir.1$
```

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35. Make a screen capture showing the backup files recovered from the RAR archive.



The screenshot shows a terminal window titled "Recovering Deleted and Damaged Files (4e)" with the following content:

```
user@TargetLinux01:~/Documents/recup_dir.1$ sudo rar e nameofrar
RAR 5.50 Copyright (c) 1993-2017 Alexander Roshal 11 Aug 2017
Trial version Type 'rar -?' for help

Cannot open nameofrar.rar
No such file or directory
No files to extract
user@TargetLinux01:~/Documents/recup_dir.1$ sudo rar e f8444432.rar

RAR 5.50 Copyright (c) 1993-2017 Alexander Roshal 11 Aug 2017
Trial version Type 'rar -?' for help

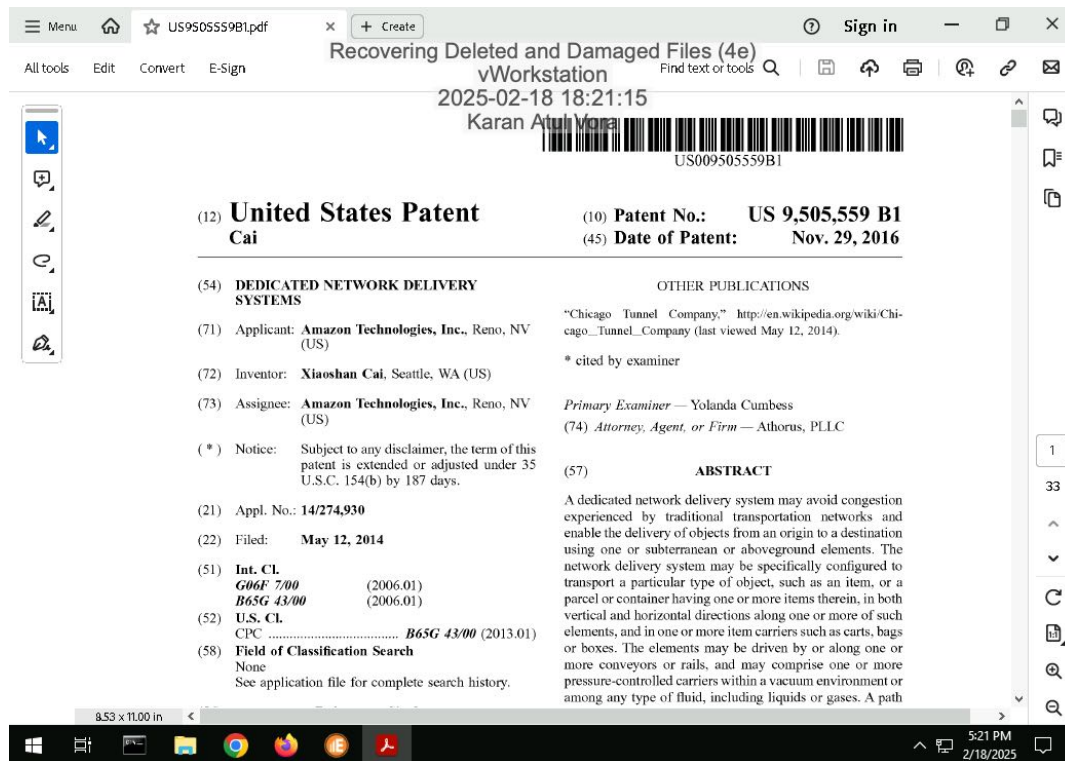
Extracting from f8444432.rar

Extracting .recoveryKeys.txt.swp OK
Extracting .recoveryKeys.txt.swo OK
Extracting serverImage.dd OK
Extracting recoveryKeys.txt OK
All OK
user@TargetLinux01:~/Documents/recup_dir.1$ ls
f0645504.jar f1363264.jar f8444456.odt
f0645808.jar f5260288_T1_X3_101115_1_8_1_expROM_FW_uni.zip recoveryKeys.txt
f1287056.jar f5283840_T1_X3_101025_1_8_1_expROM_FW_uni.zip report.xml
f1287712.jar f8444432.rar serverImage.dd
user@TargetLinux01:~/Documents/recup_dir.1$
```


Section 3: Challenge and Analysis

Part 1: Recover Deleted Files from a FAT Drive Image

Make a screen capture showing the patent file recovered from the FAT32 drive image within E3.



Part 2: Recover Deleted Files from a APFS Drive Image

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Make a screen capture showing the **patent file** recovered from the **APFS** drive image within **Autopsy**.

The screenshot shows a web browser window with the title "Recovering Deleted and Damaged Files (4e)". The address bar shows "GB2339950A.pdf". The browser interface includes a menu, home, and search icons, along with a "Sign in" button. The main content area displays the patent details for "UK Patent Application (12) GB (11) 2 339 950 (13) A". The patent is dated "2025-02-18 18:31:40" and is attributed to "Karan Atul Vora". The patent details are organized into a table with two columns. The left column contains the following information: (21) Application No 9815478.4, (22) Date of Filing 17.07.1998, (71) Applicant(s) Duncan Morriss Butlin, H M Prison Woodhill, Tattenhoe Street, Milton Keynes, MK4 4DA, United Kingdom, (72) Inventor(s) Duncan Morriss Butlin, and (74) Agent and/or Address for Service Duncan Morriss Butlin, H M Prison Woodhill, Tattenhoe Street, Milton Keynes, MK4 4DA, United Kingdom. The right column contains the following information: (51) INT CL⁷ B60R 13/10, B60Q 1/50, (52) UK CL (Edition R) G5C CFF, (56) Documents Cited GB 2275808 A, GB 2271012 A, GB 0256122 A, US 5105179 A, US 4631516 A, US 4574269 A, and (58) Field of Search UK CL (Edition P) B7J J103, G5C CBE CBK CBL CDBX, CEQ CER CFF, INT CL⁶ B60Q 1/50 1/56, B60R 13/00 13/10, G09F 21/04, ONLINE: WPI. Below the table, the abstract title is "Number Plate Providing Information About The Vehicle Driver". The abstract text describes a two-sided, reversible number plate system for motor vehicles, which displays the sex or other information concerning the driver. The plate is attached to the vehicle with "quick-release", positive-lock clips, to enable the quick reversing of the plate when a driver of the opposite sex takes over, while ensuring secure attachment to the vehicle body to minimise risk of accidental detachment. The symbol makes the sex of drivers immediately apparent to other road users and will accordingly change the way they behave with each another; road users will

The browser window is displayed on a desktop environment with a taskbar at the bottom showing various application icons and the system clock indicating 5:31 PM on 2/18/2025.