

Revision 1**Practical for Computer Security and Forensics(NST41062)****Date: - 04/01/2023****Title:** Hide a secret file in another file using CMD**Aim:**

- To get experience on steganography

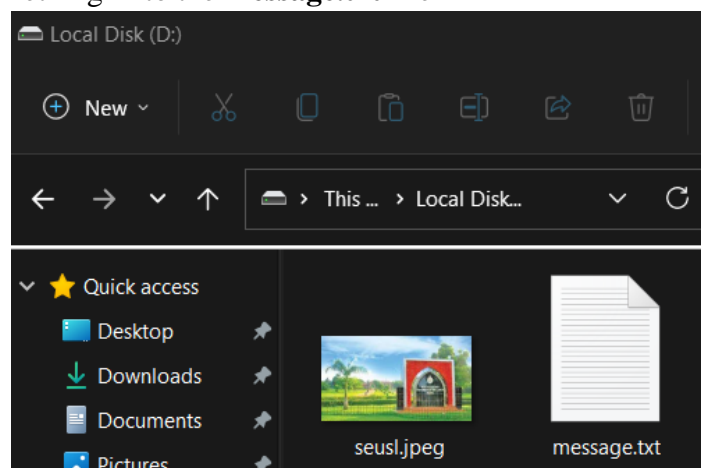
Task:

- Hide a secret message/file in an image using CMD
- First Password Protect a Secret Message then Hide Using CMD

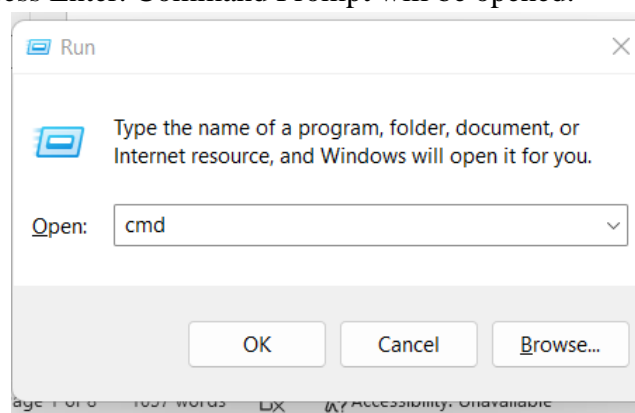
Activity 1: Hide a secret message/file in an image using CMD

1. **Step 1:** First get the path of the message file containing Secret Message & the Image file behind which we are going to hide our message, on your local drive. Like in this case, we have put both files in “D:”.

In here type something in to the **message.txt** file



2. **Step 2:** Press “**Windows key +R**” from Keyboard, one window will open, Just Type CMD and Press Enter. Command Prompt will be opened.



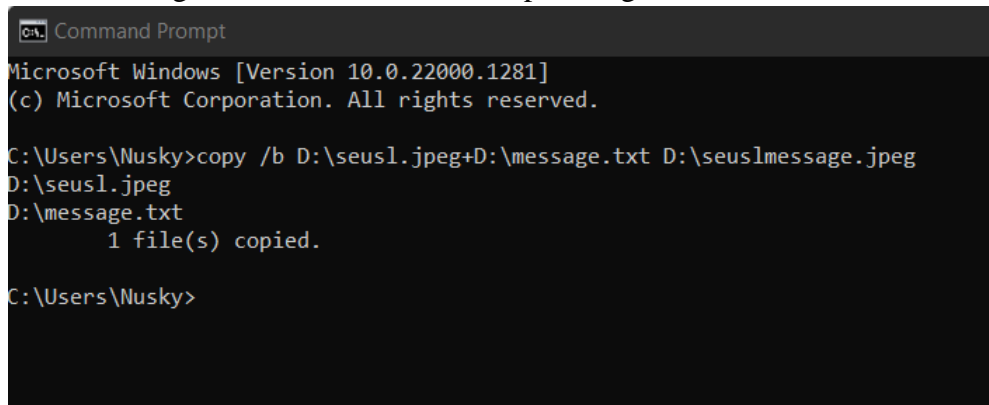
3. **Step 3:** Now, just type one simple command:

Copy /b <<Path of the Text File.extension>>+<<Path of the Image file.extension>> <<Path of the destination File.extension>>

4. Like in this case, our Text file name is “**message.txt**”, Image File name is “**seusl.jpeg**”. So, let’s apply simple command:

copy /b D:\seusl.jpeg+D:\message.txt D:\seuslmessage.jpeg

and **Press Enter**. Here, “**seuslmessage.jpeg**” is our **steganographic Image File**, created in “**D:**”. This file will contain data of “message file”. In here the message has hid behind the output image

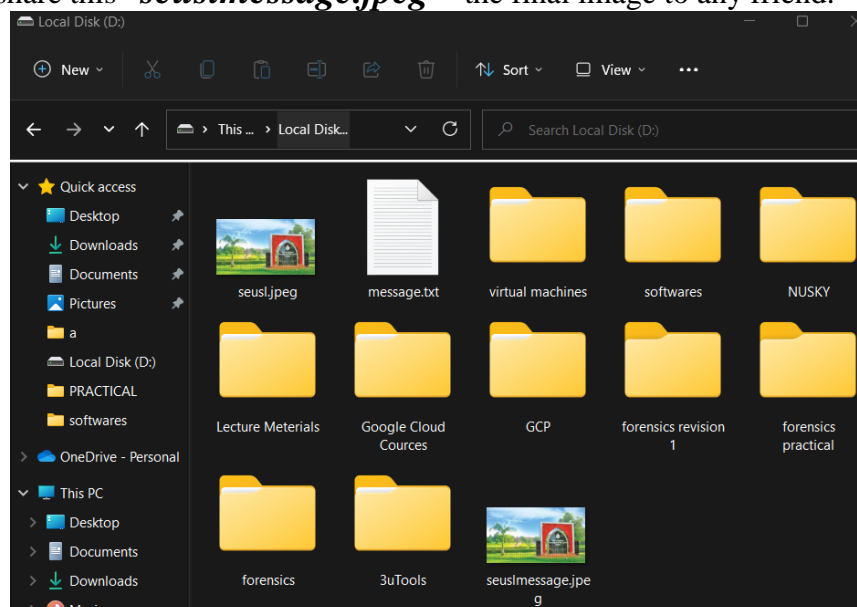


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Command Prompt
Microsoft Windows [Version 10.0.22000.1281]
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C:\Users\Nusky>copy /b D:\seusl.jpeg+D:\message.txt D:\seuslmessage.jpeg
D:\seusl.jpeg
D:\message.txt
        1 file(s) copied.

C:\Users\Nusky>
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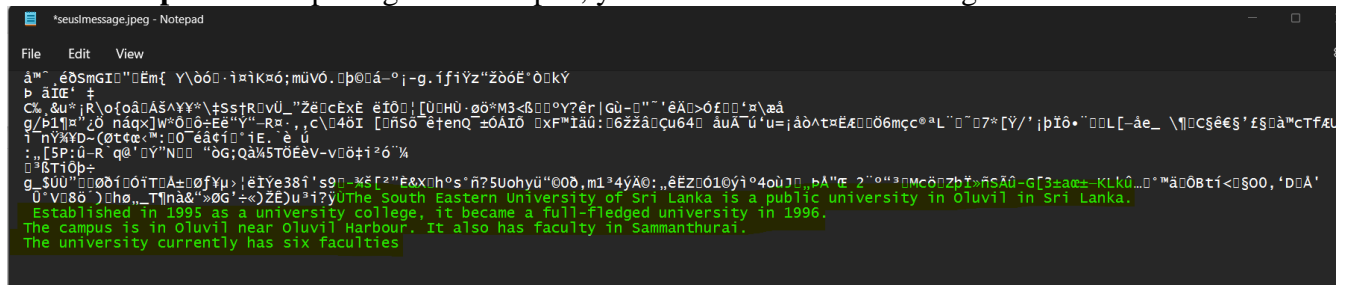
- Step 4:** You can share this “**seuslmessage.jpeg**”- the final image to any friend.



- Step 5:** Now, to find the secret message hide in the steganographic Image file, just open this file with “**Notepad**” because our message was in the “.txt” format and supported program to open it is “Notepad”.

Open the output image with notepad to see the hided message by us.

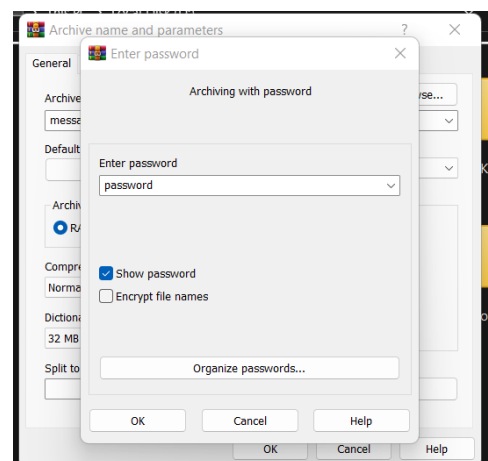
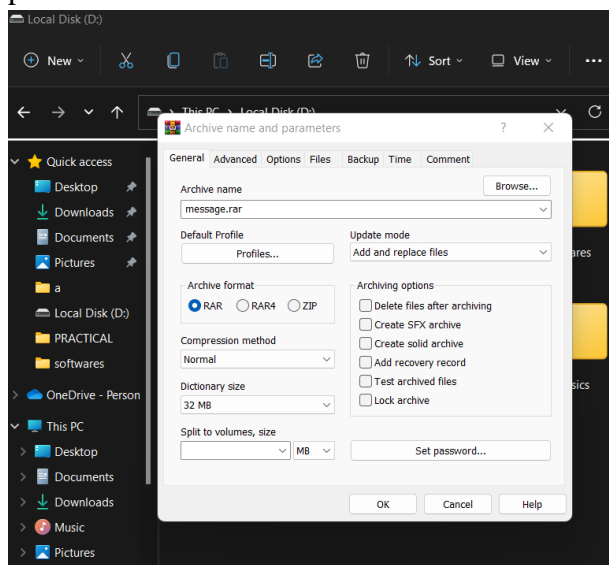
- Step 6:** After opening with Notepad, you can see the secret message here.



Activity 2: First Password Protect a Secret Message then Hide Using CMD

If anyhow, someone come to know about the secret message, then it will be no More secret. So let’s put an extra layer of security by password protecting out secret message text file with Winrar. Just follow the steps:

- Step 1:** You must have installed “**Winrar**” program in your System. if not installed, then first download it. The URL is given below.
<https://www.win-rar.com/start.html?&L=0>
- Step 2:** Right-click on the “**Message.txt**” file [in this case], click on “**Add to Archive**” in Winrar. One Window of Winrar program will be opened. Go to first tab “**General**” and click on “**Set Password**” button to make this file password protected.



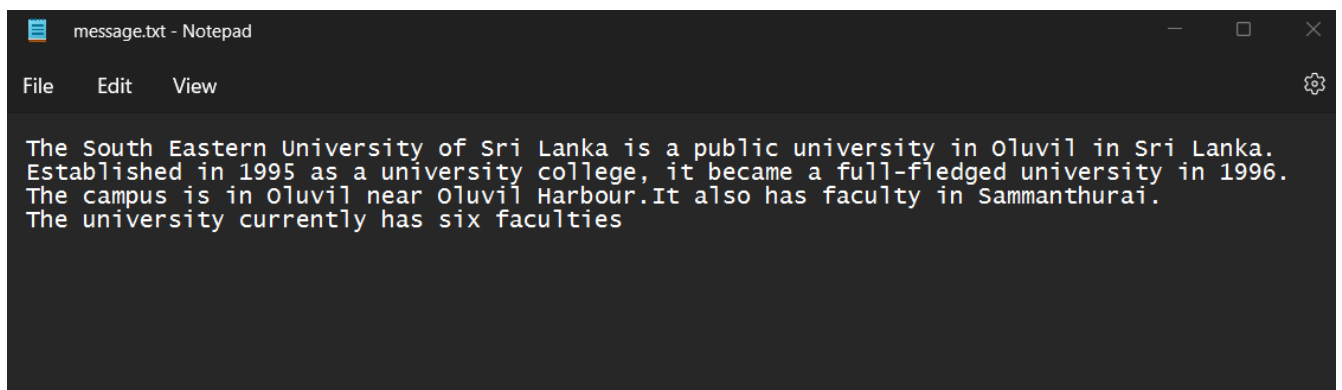
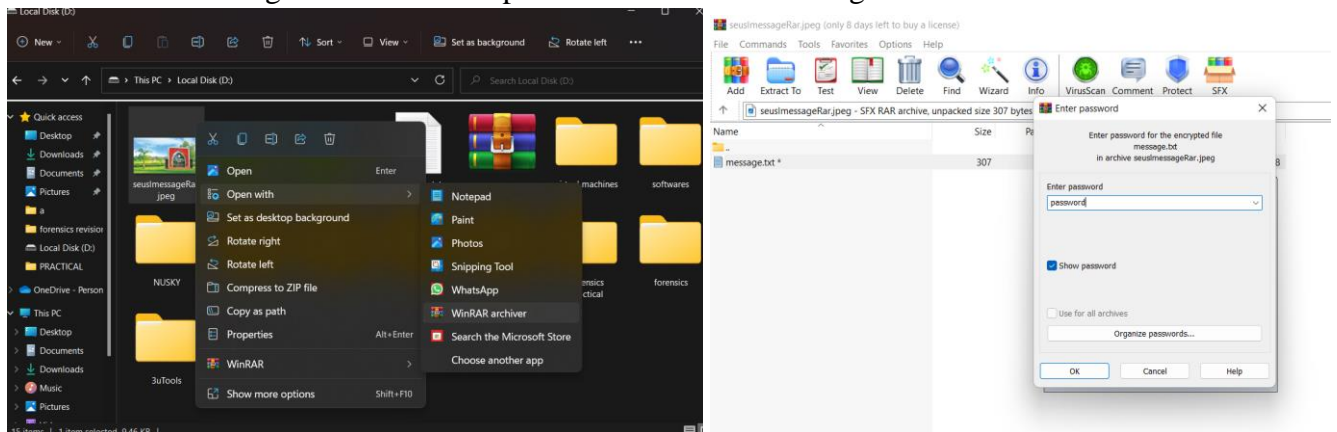
3. **Step 3:** After this, you will have “**message.rar**” file [in this case], now just follow the same command in Command Prompt as:

Copy /b D:\seusl.jpeg+ D:\message.rar D:\seuslmessageRar.jpeg

Here “**seuslmessageRar.jpeg**” is output Steganographic file. Just share this file and also a Password key to open it.

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C:\Users\Nusky>copy /b D:\seusl.jpeg+D:\message.rar D:\seuslmessageRar.jpeg
D:\seusl.jpeg
1 file(s) copied.
```

4. **Step 4:** Now, If you/your friend want to see the secret message, Just open the “**seuslmessageRar.jpeg**” file with “**Winrar**” to unlock it from the password and Now message.txt file can be opened and the secret message can be read.

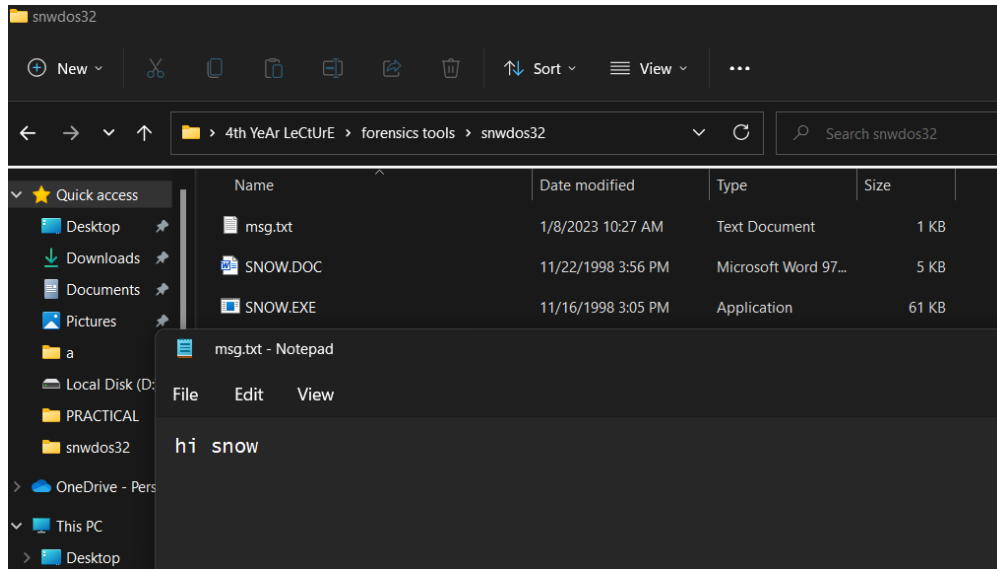


Activity 3: Work with more Steganography Tools

- SNOW - <http://www.darkside.com.au/snow/>

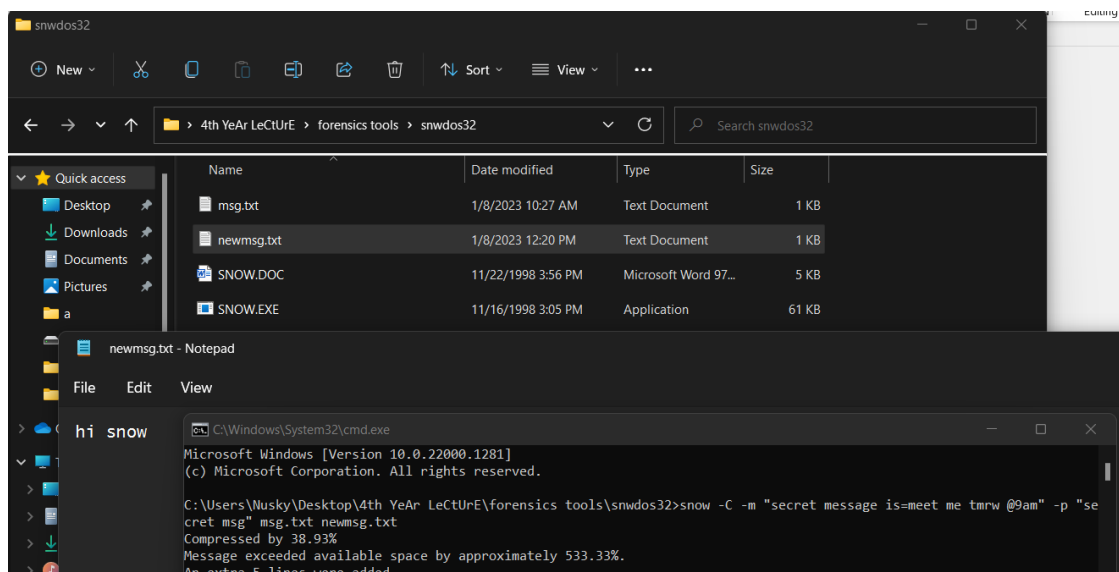
Open the uncompressed file.

- Run the SNOW.exe file.
- Open CMD and reach the file that you want to hide the message within.
- Before that make a txt file and type whatever you want.



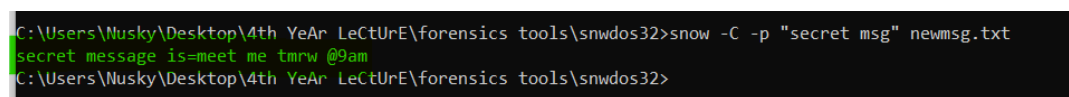
- Write the command like below for concealing the message into a text file:

snow -C -m "secret message is=meet me tmrw @9am" -p "secret msg" msg.txt newmsg.txt



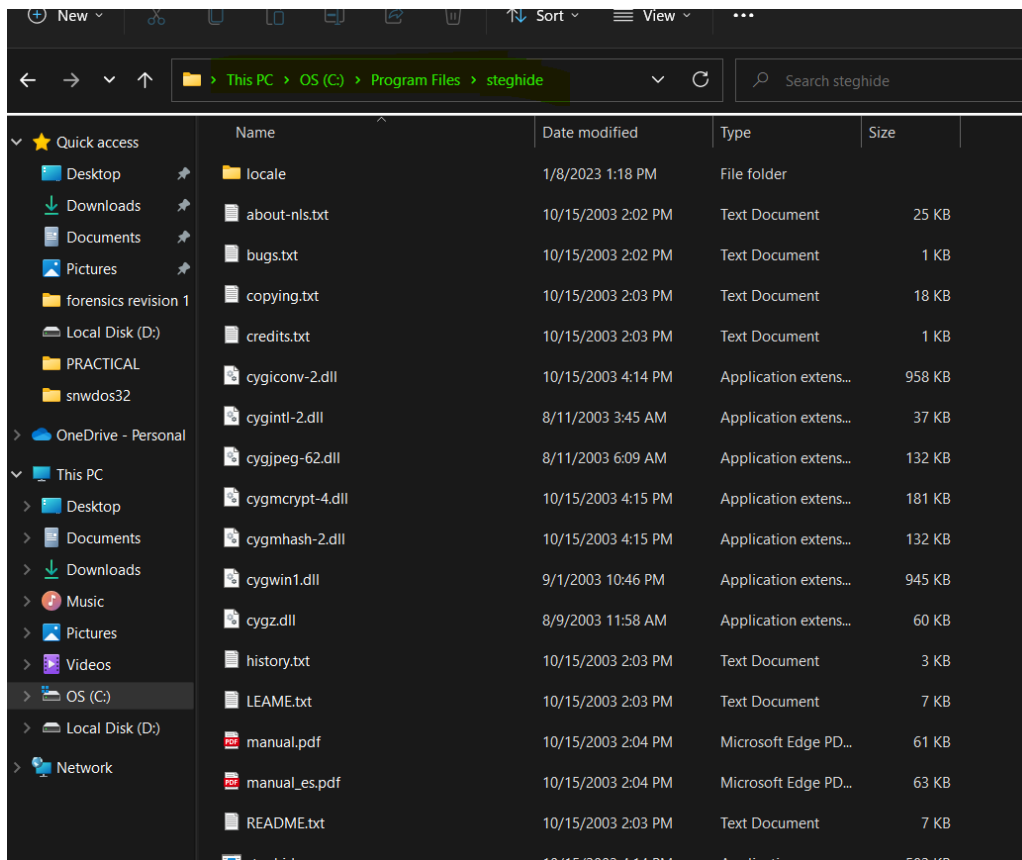
- For extracting the hidden message, use the below command:

snow -C -p "secret msg" newmsg.txt

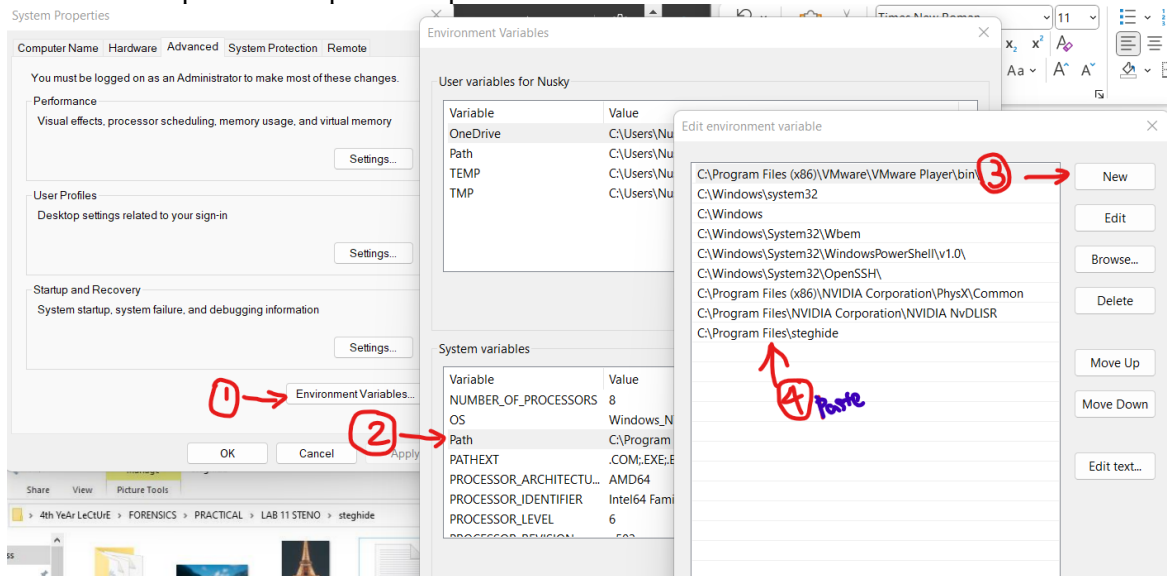


- Steghide - <https://sourceforge.net/projects/steghide/>

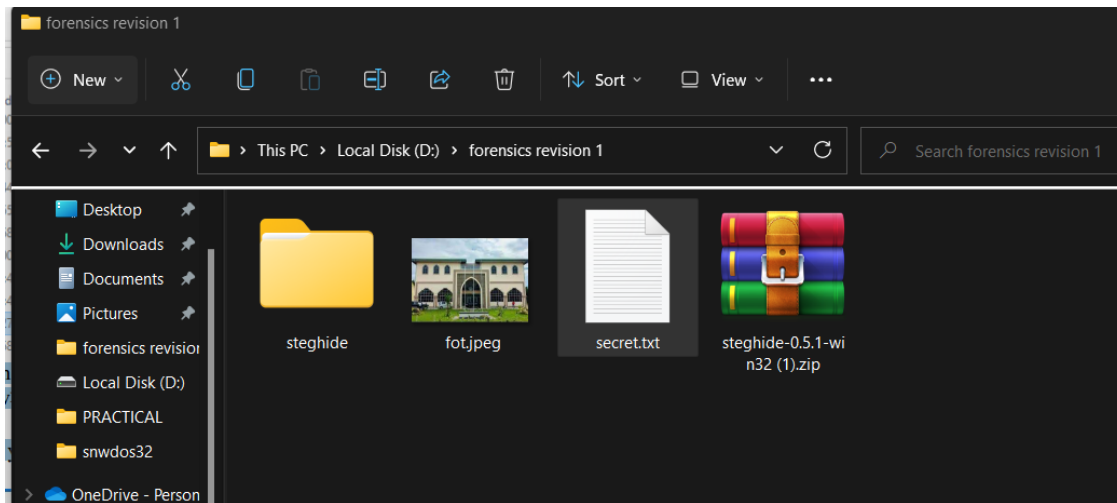
steps: I. After downloading copy paste the extracted steghide folder to your C directory > programfiles



II. Then double click the steghide folder and copy the path of the folder the go to edit environmental variables and click on > path> new> paste that path and click ok to create new variable



III. Then open CMD and move to the folder where you have saved the hiding image ,txt files



IV. Using the following command we can hide a image or audio or txt or video files

steghide embed -cf fot.jpeg -ef secret.txt

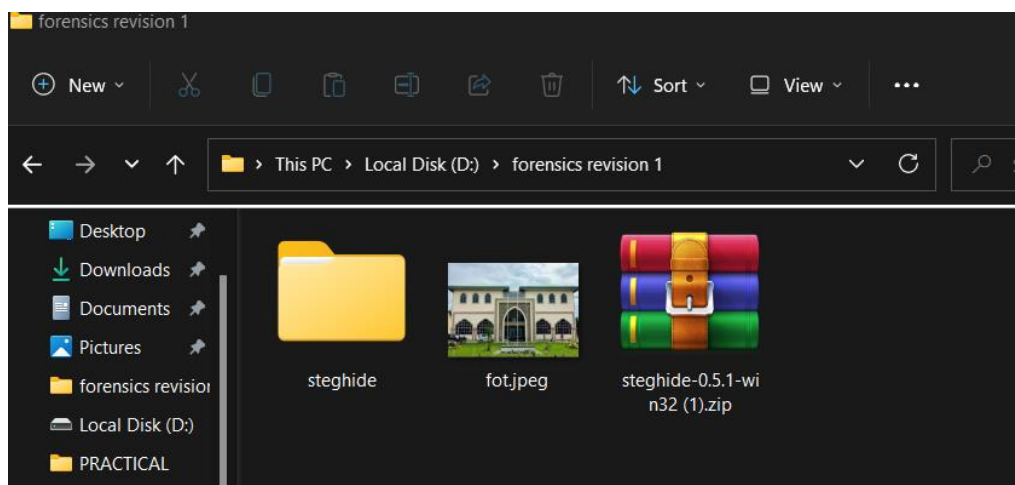
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C:\Windows\System32\cmd.exe
Microsoft Windows [Version 10.0.22000.1281]
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D:\forensics revision 1>steghide embed -cf fot.jpeg -ef secret secret.txt
steghide: unknown argument "secret.txt".
steghide: type "steghide --help" for help.

D:\forensics revision 1>steghide embed -cf fot.jpeg -ef secret.txt
Enter passphrase:
Re-Enter passphrase:
embedding "secret.txt" in "fot.jpeg"... done
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*here I have used “hi” to passphrase

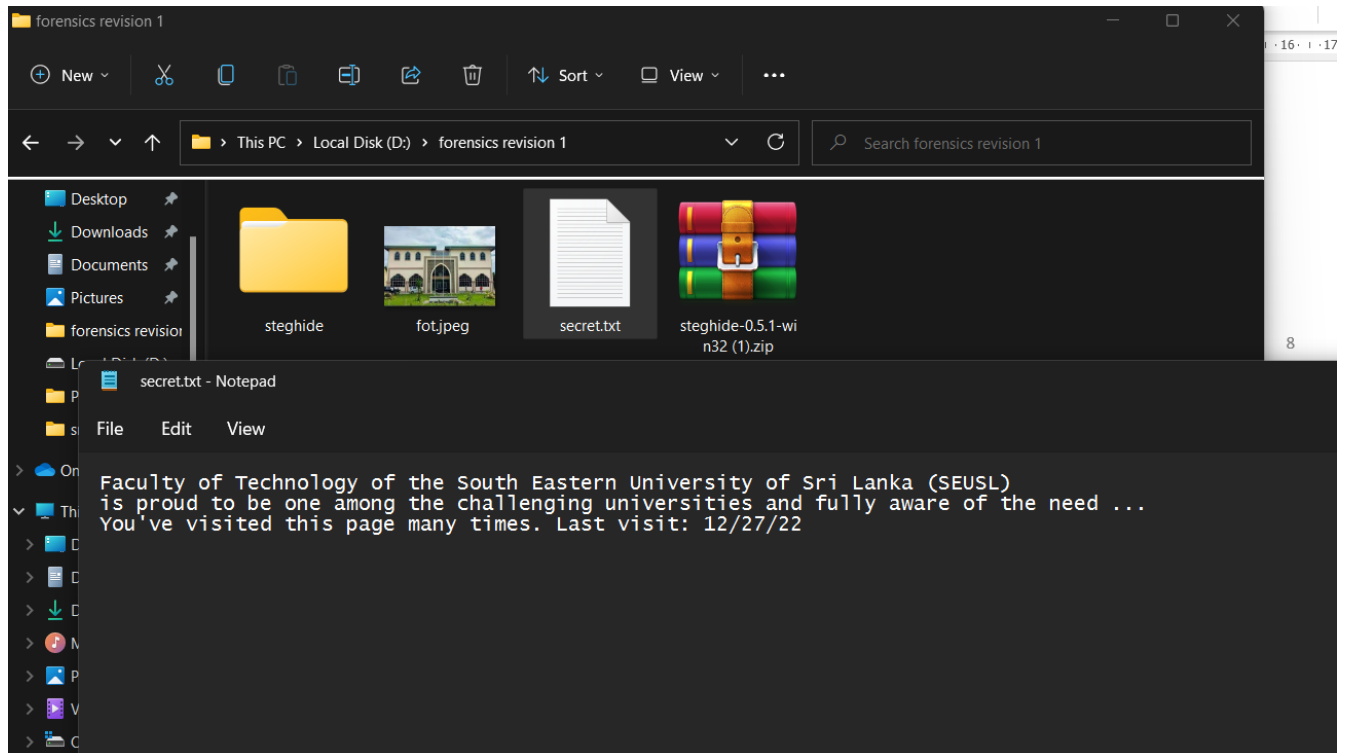
V. after hiding the secret.txt file we can delete the appropriate txt file and using the following command to extract the image to see what is inside the image



steghide extract -sf fot.jpeg

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D:\forensics revision 1>steghide extract -sf fot.jpeg
Enter passphrase:
wrote extracted data to "secret.txt".

D:\forensics revision 1>
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SNOW commands

snow It tells the CMD window that we are using the snow tool for steganography.

-C It is for compressing the data if concealing, or uncompressing it while extracting.

-p It is for a password for concealing and extracting.

new.txt The file in which you want to conceal the message within.

newdata.txt The file in which you want the output.

COMMANDS used in steghide

In this section the commands for steghide are listed. The first argument must always be one of these commands. You can supply additional arguments to the embed, extract and info commands. The other commands do not take any arguments.

embed, --embed

Embed secret data in a cover file thereby creating a stego file.

extract, --extract

Extract secret data from a stego file.

EMBEDDING

You should use the embed command if you want to embed secret data in a cover file. The following arguments can be used with the embed command:

-ef, --embedfile *filename*

Specify the file that will be embedded (the file that contains the secret message). Note that steghide embeds the original file name in the stego file. When extracting data (see below) the default behaviour is to save the embedded file into the current directory under its original name. If this argument is omitted or *filename* is -, steghide will read the secret data from standard input.

-cf, --coverfile *filename*

Specify the cover file that will be used to embed data. The cover file must be in one of the following formats: AU, BMP, JPEG or WAV. The file-format will be detected automatically based on header information (the extension is not relevant). If this argument is omitted or *filename* is -, steghide will read the cover file from standard input.

-sf, --stegofile *filename*

Specify the name for the stego file that will be created. If this argument is omitted when calling steghide with the embed command, then the modifications to embed the secret

data will be made directly to the cover file without saving it under a new name.

EXTRACTING

If you have received a file that contains a message that has been embedded with steghide, use the extract command to extract it. The following arguments can be used with this command.

-sf, --stegofile *filename*

Specify the stego file (the file that contains embedded data). If this argument is omitted or *filename* is -, steghide will read a stego file from standard input.

Title: Metadata extraction and analysis using EXIF Tool in Windows.

Aim:

- To get experience on analyzing metadata files using EXIF Tool.

Task:

- Download & analyze the metadata files

Activities:

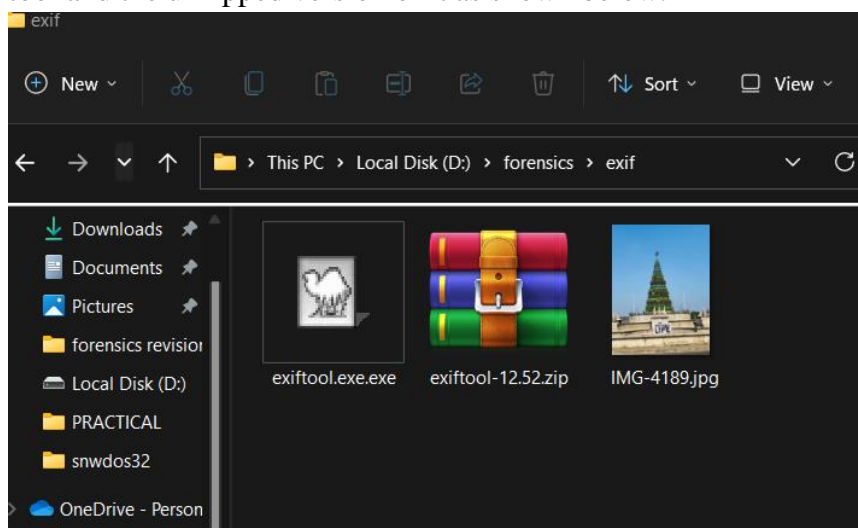
Download EXIF Tool:

<https://exiftool.org/>

I. Metadata Analysis of the Picture

Conduct a forensically analysis to identify the following details using appropriate forensically tools.

1. Download EXIF Tool.
2. Unzip the downloaded folder.
3. In a particular folder, insert the needed images files to be analyzed, downloaded Exif-tool and the unzipped version of it as shown below.



4. Open the command prompt of the specific folder as shown below to view the metadata of the “<imageFileName>” file.

exiftool.exe IMG-4189.jpg

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C:\Windows\System32\cmd.exe
Microsoft Windows [Version 10.0.22000.1281]
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D:\forensics\exif>exiftool.exe IMG-4189.jpg
ExifTool Version Number      : 12.52
File Name                    : IMG-4189.jpg
Directory                    : .
File Size                    : 2.5 MB
Zone Identifier               : Exists
File Modification Date/Time   : 2023:01:04 15:38:52+05:30
File Access Date/Time        : 2023:01:08 14:04:57+05:30
File Creation Date/Time      : 2023:01:04 15:38:50+05:30
File Permissions              : -rw-rw-rw-
File Type                    : JPEG
File Type Extension          : jpg
MIME Type                    : image/jpeg
Exif Byte Order               : Big-endian (Motorola, MM)
Make                         : Apple
Camera Model Name             : iPhone 11 Pro
Orientation                   : Horizontal (normal)
X Resolution                  : 72
Y Resolution                  : 72
Resolution Unit               : inches
Software                     : 15.5
Modify Date                   : 2022:12:23 09:43:20
Host Computer                 : iPhone 11 Pro
Y Cb Cr Positioning           : Centered
Exposure Time                 : 1/2179
F Number                      : 2.0
Exposure Program              : Program AE
ISO                           : 20
Exif Version                  : 0232
Date/Time Original            : 2022:12:23 09:43:20
Create Date                   : 2022:12:23 09:43:20
Offset Time                   : +05:30
Offset Time Original          : +05:30
Offset Time Digitized         : +05:30
Components Configuration      : Y, Cb, Cr, -
Shutter Speed Value           : 1/2179
Aperture Value                : 2.0
Brightness Value              : 10.66631884
Exposure Compensation         : 0
Metering Mode                 : Multi-segment
Flash                         : Off, Did not fire
Focal Length                  : 6.0 mm
Subject Area                   : 2011 1502 2314 1387
Run Time Flags                : Valid
Run Time Value                : 228376711550458
Run Time Scale                : 1000000000

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Run Time Epoch : 0
Acceleration Vector : 0.02480778844 -0.9897538423 0.1749039291
Focus Distance Range : 1.98 - 2.23 m
Live Photo Video Index : 570433536
Sub Sec Time : 839
Sub Sec Time Original : 839
Sub Sec Time Digitized : 839
Flashpix Version : 0100
Color Space : Uncalibrated
Exif Image Width : 3024
Exif Image Height : 4032
Sensing Method : One-chip color area
Scene Type : Directly photographed
Exposure Mode : Auto
White Balance : Auto
Focal Length In 35mm Format : 52 mm
Scene Capture Type : Standard
Lens Info : 1.539999962-6mm f/1.8-2.4
Lens Make : Apple
Lens Model : iPhone 11 Pro back triple camera 6mm f/2
Composite Image : General Composite Image
GPS Latitude Ref : North
GPS Longitude Ref : East
GPS Date Stamp : 2023:01:04
GPS Horizontal Positioning Error: 0 m
Compression : JPEG (old-style)
Thumbnail Offset : 2512
Thumbnail Length : 5919
Profile CMM Type : Apple Computer Inc.
Profile Version : 4.0.0
Profile Class : Display Device Profile
Color Space Data : RGB
Profile Connection Space : XYZ
Profile Date Time : 2022:01:01 00:00:00
Profile File Signature : acsp
Primary Platform : Apple Computer Inc.
CMM Flags : Not Embedded, Independent
Device Manufacturer : Apple Computer Inc.
Device Model :
Device Attributes : Reflective, Glossy, Positive, Color
Rendering Intent : Perceptual
Connection Space Illuminant : 0.9642 1 0.82491
Profile Creator : Apple Computer Inc.
Profile ID : ecfda38e388547c36db4bd4f7ada182f
Profile Description : Display P3
Profile Copyright : Copyright Apple Inc., 2022
Media White Point : 0.96419 1 0.82489
Red Matrix Column : 0.51512 0.2412 -0.00105

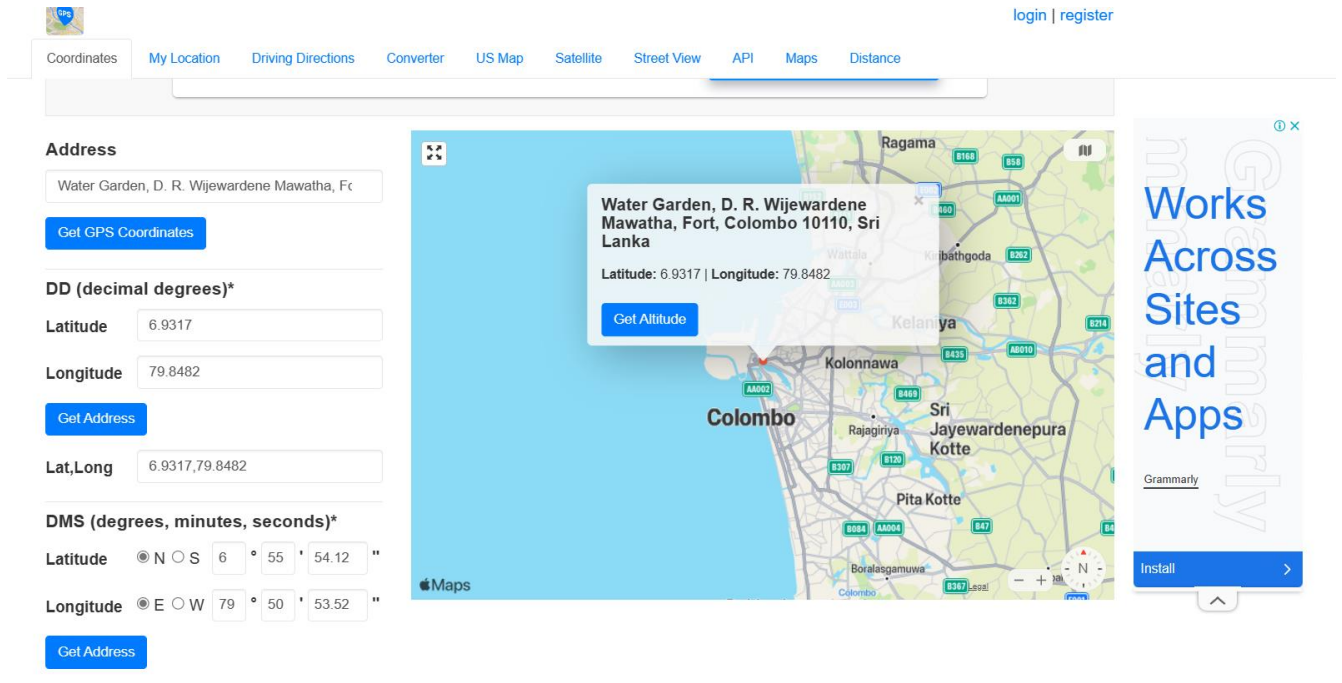
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Green Matrix Column      : 0.29198 0.69225 0.04189
Blue Matrix Column      : 0.1571 0.06657 0.78407
Red Tone Reproduction Curve : (Binary data 32 bytes, use -b option to extract)
Chromatic Adaptation    : 1.04788 0.02292 -0.0502 0.02959 0.99048 -0.01706 -0.00923 0.01508 0
Blue Tone Reproduction Curve : (Binary data 32 bytes, use -b option to extract)
Green Tone Reproduction Curve : (Binary data 32 bytes, use -b option to extract)
Image Width             : 3024
Image Height            : 4032
Encoding Process        : Baseline DCT, Huffman coding
Bits Per Sample         : 8
Color Components        : 3
Y Cb Cr Sub Sampling    : YCbCr4:2:0 (2 2)
Run Time Since Power Up : 2 days 15:26:17
Aperture                : 2.0
Image Size              : 3024x4032
Megapixels              : 12.2
Scale Factor To 35 mm Equivalent: 8.7
Shutter Speed           : 1/2179
Create Date             : 2022:12:23 09:43:20.839+05:30
Date/Time Original      : 2022:12:23 09:43:20.839+05:30
Modify Date             : 2022:12:23 09:43:20.839+05:30
Thumbnail Image         : (Binary data 5919 bytes, use -b option to extract)
GPS Latitude            : 6 deg 55' 38.74" N
GPS Longitude           : 79 deg 50' 41.68" E
Circle Of Confusion     : 0.003 mm
Field Of View           : 38.2 deg
Focal Length            : 6.0 mm (35 mm equivalent: 52.0 mm)
GPS Position            : 6 deg 55' 38.74" N, 79 deg 50' 41.68" E
Hyperfocal Distance     : 5.19 m
Light Value             : 15.4
Lens ID                 : iPhone 11 Pro back triple camera 6mm f/2

D:\forensics\exif>
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- Examine the meta data of the particular file.
- There are lots of data. So, let's start with longitude and latitude.
- Open the web browser and go the URL as <https://www.gps-coordinates.net/> and you'll see a screen as shown below.

This is the current location of me because now I'm in Colombo area



The screenshot shows the website <https://www.gps-coordinates.net/> with the 'My Location' tab selected. The address field contains 'Water Garden, D. R. Wijewardene Mawatha, Fc'. The map displays the Colombo area with a callout for 'Water Garden, D. R. Wijewardene Mawatha, Fort, Colombo 10110, Sri Lanka'. The coordinates are Latitude: 6.9317 | Longitude: 79.8482. The DMS (degrees, minutes, seconds) section shows Latitude: 6° 55' 54.12" N and Longitude: 79° 50' 53.52" E. A sidebar on the right promotes 'Works Across Sites and Apps' with a 'Grammarly' logo and an 'Install' button.

Address
Water Garden, D. R. Wijewardene Mawatha, Fc
[Get GPS Coordinates](#)

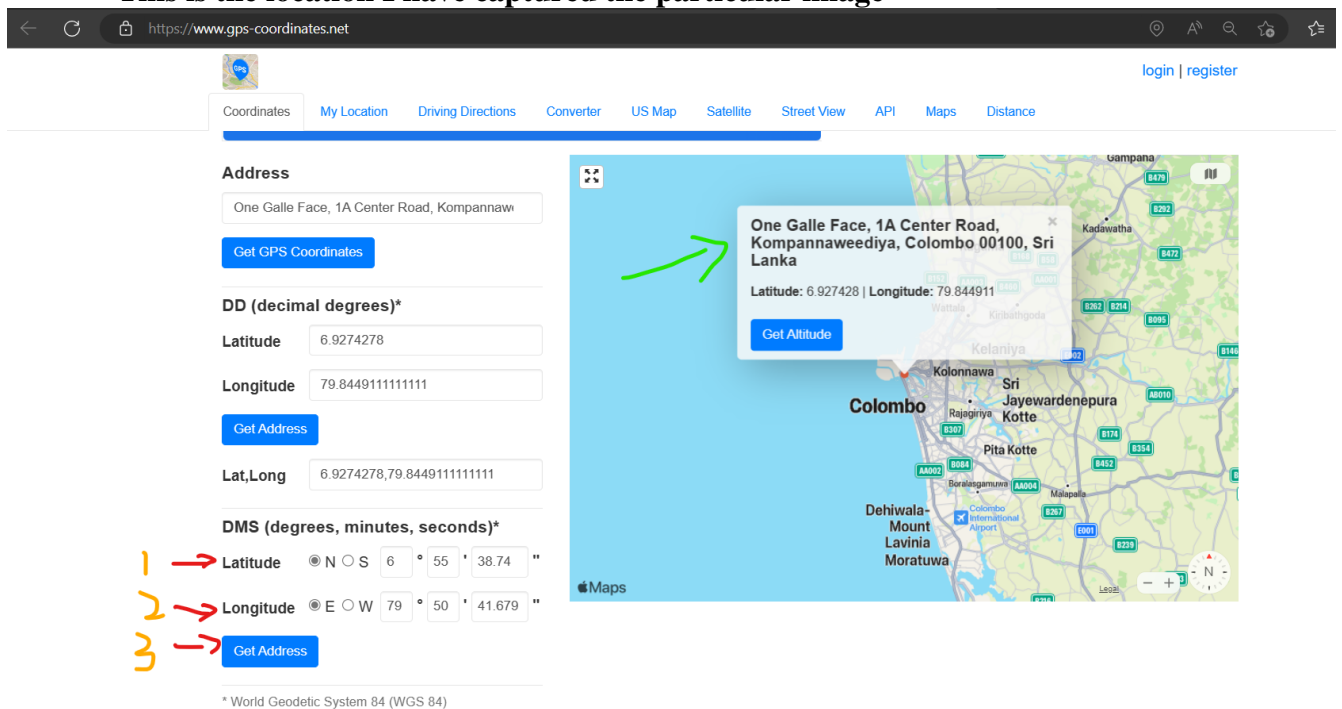
DD (decimal degrees)*
Latitude: 6.9317
Longitude: 79.8482
[Get Address](#)

Lat,Long
6.9317,79.8482

DMS (degrees, minutes, seconds)*
Latitude: 6° 55' 54.12" N
Longitude: 79° 50' 53.52" E
[Get Address](#)

- Enter the coordinates in the web page as shown below.

This is the location I have captured the particular image



The screenshot shows the website <https://www.gps-coordinates.net/> with the 'My Location' tab selected. The address field contains 'One Galle Face, 1A Center Road, Kompannaweediya, Colombo 00100, Sri Lanka'. The map displays the Colombo area with a callout for 'One Galle Face, 1A Center Road, Kompannaweediya, Colombo 00100, Sri Lanka'. The coordinates are Latitude: 6.927428 | Longitude: 79.844911. The DMS (degrees, minutes, seconds) section shows Latitude: 6° 55' 38.74" N and Longitude: 79° 50' 41.679" E. A green arrow points to the address field. A sidebar on the right promotes 'Works Across Sites and Apps' with a 'Grammarly' logo and an 'Install' button.

Address
One Galle Face, 1A Center Road, Kompannaw
[Get GPS Coordinates](#)

DD (decimal degrees)*
Latitude: 6.9274278
Longitude: 79.844911111111
[Get Address](#)

Lat,Long
6.9274278,79.844911111111

DMS (degrees, minutes, seconds)*
Latitude: 6° 55' 38.74" N
Longitude: 79° 50' 41.679" E
[Get Address](#)

* World Geodetic System 84 (WGS 84)

9. As a result, the image location is captured.

Question

Turn on the location in your phone, and answer the question below.

- File Modification Date/Time : 2023:01:04 15:38:52+05:30
- File Access Date/Time : 2023:01:08 14:04:57+05:30
- File Creation Date/Time : 2023:01:04 15:38:50+05:30
- MIME Type : image/jpeg
- Host Computer : iPhone 11 Pro
- Brightness Value : 10.66631884
- Flash : Off, Did not fire
- Focal Length : 6.0 mm
- GPS Latitude Ref : North
- Profile File Signature : acsp
- GPS Position : 6 deg 55' 38.74" N, 79 deg 50' 41.68" E
- Copyright : Copyright Apple Inc., 2022
- Personal Information of the User
- Lens ID : iPhone 11 Pro back triple camera 6mm f/2
- Blue Matrix Column : 0.1571 0.06657 0.78407

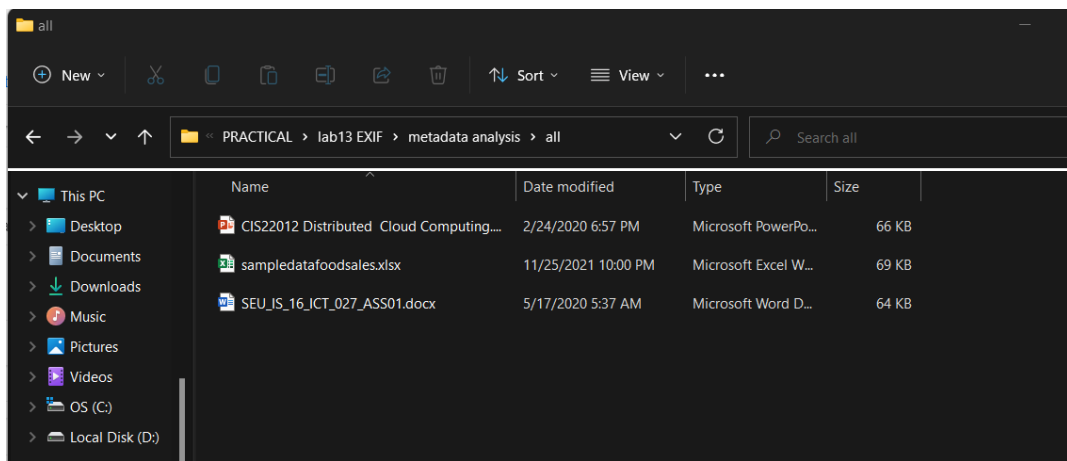
II. Metadata Analysis of the Office Files

Shows the office files which have been retrieved for forensic analysis. In a hypothetical scenario is that, when we have given a few files that our department is wanting more information about these files. These office files happen to be volatile, which means if we try to access them using the associated application, we could append new user information to the metadata of the forensic evidence. So, have chosen these office files without altering any information.

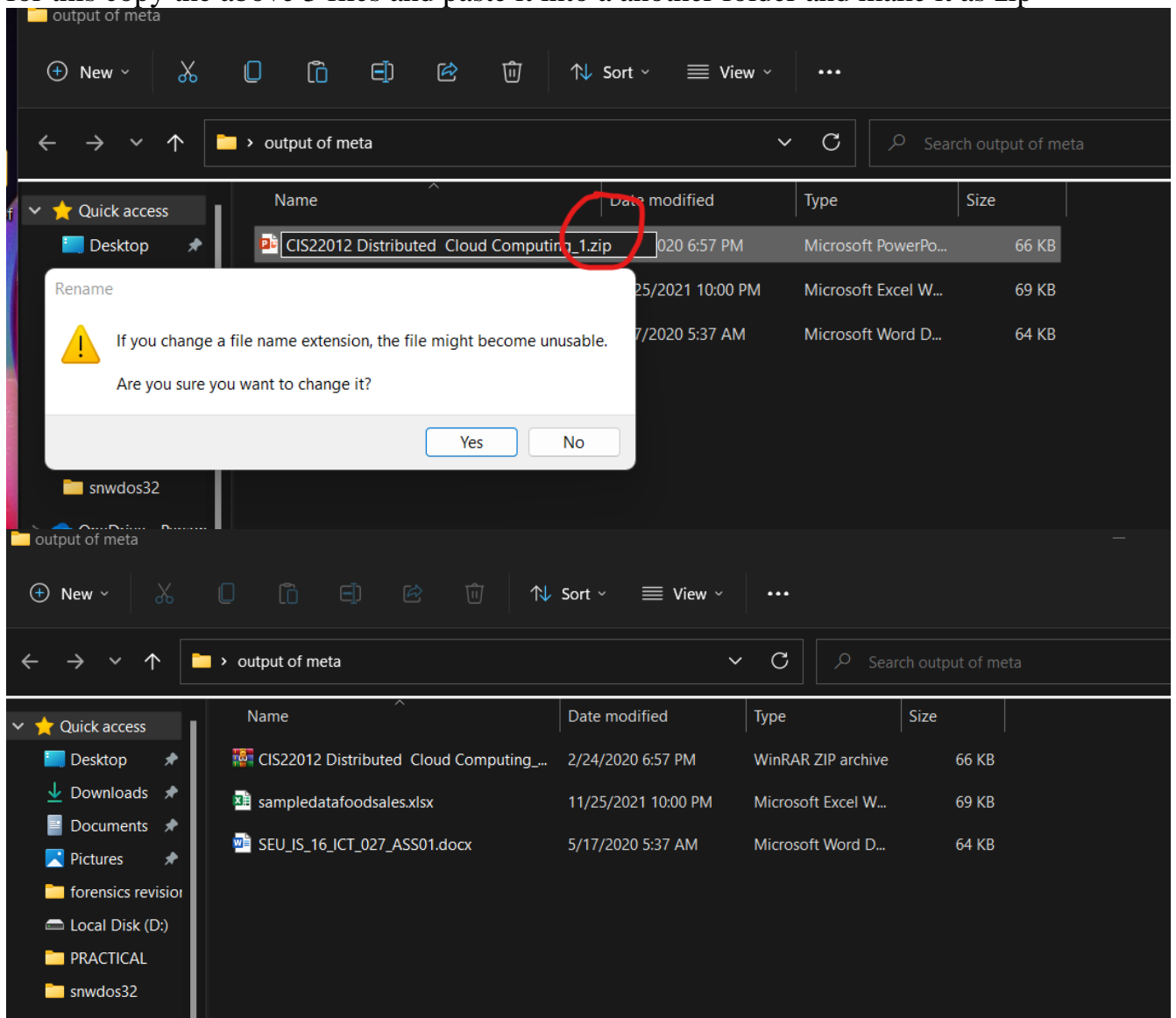
But some applications have created defense against this. Example: Microsoft Office has a viewing only mode. So that no meta data is appended to the file attributes, unless you click on the related document. Whereas, other document haven't. So, we have to take precautions and perform this type of file analysis, irrespective of the file being associated with MS Office or not due to this reason.

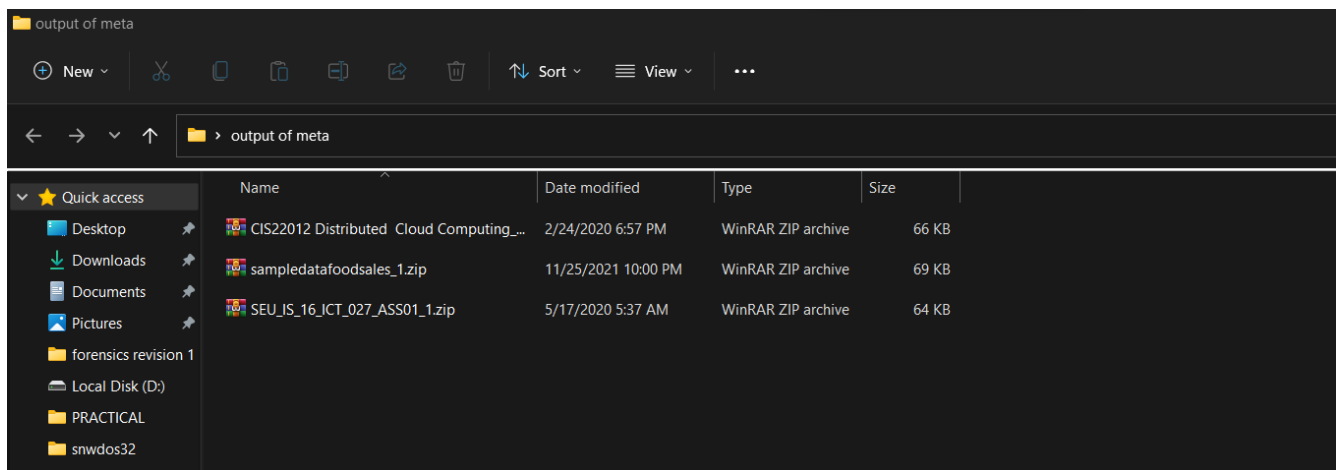
.docx file represent the Word file, .pptx is the PowerPoint presentation file and .xlsx is the Excel Spread sheet file. These are actually containers of XML based file formats developed by Microsoft for representing spread sheet, charts, presentations and word processing documents.

1. Copy the original files and paste them by not altering the originals as shown below.

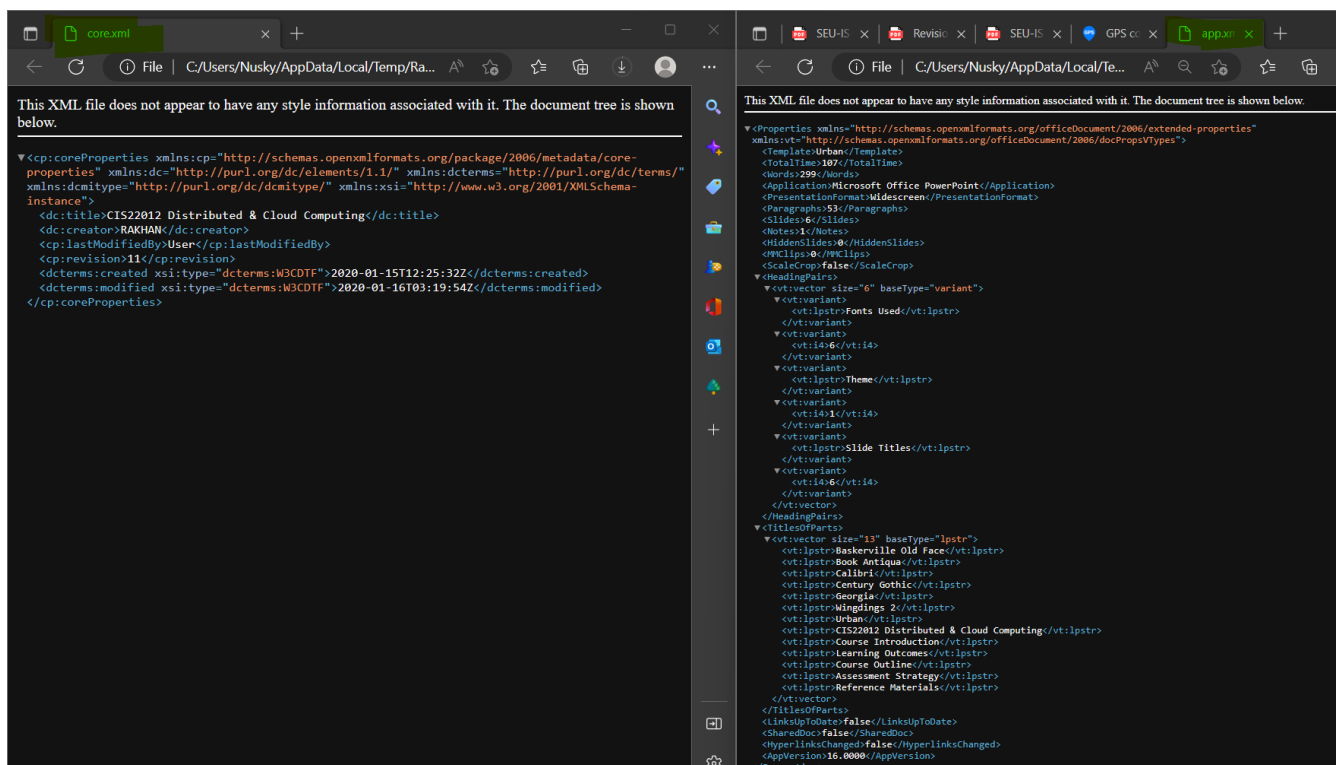
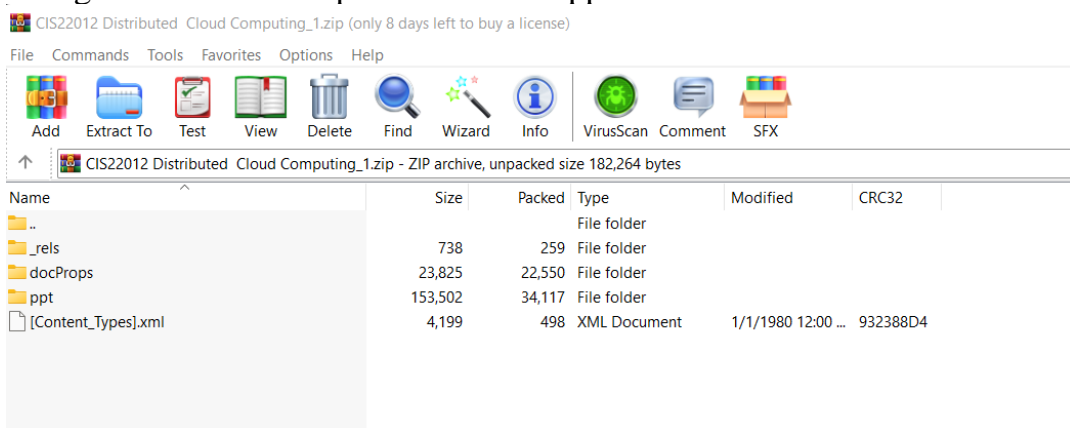


2. Rename all the files with “.zip” extension as shown below.
for this copy the above 3 files and paste it into a another folder and make it as zip



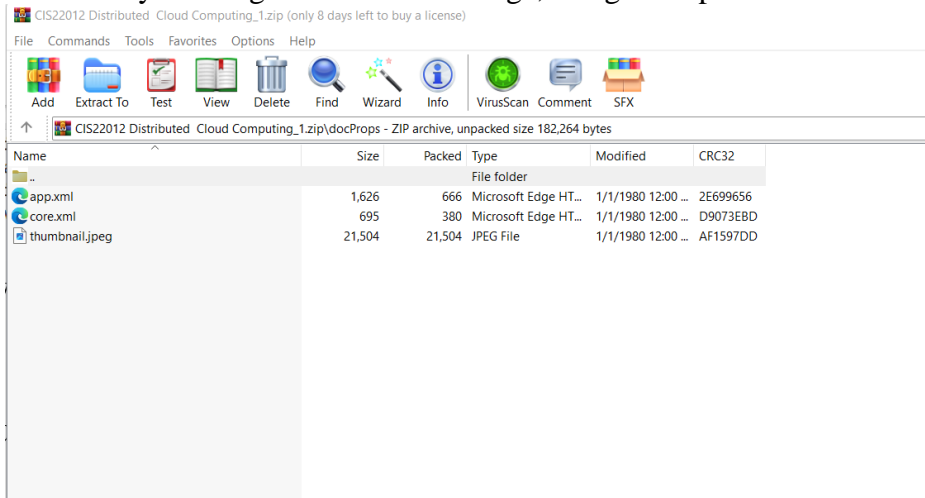


3. Navigate to the “docProps” folder app.xml core.xml as shown below.



4. Finally, the metadata of the files are shown.

5. By viewing the thumbnail image, can get the preview.

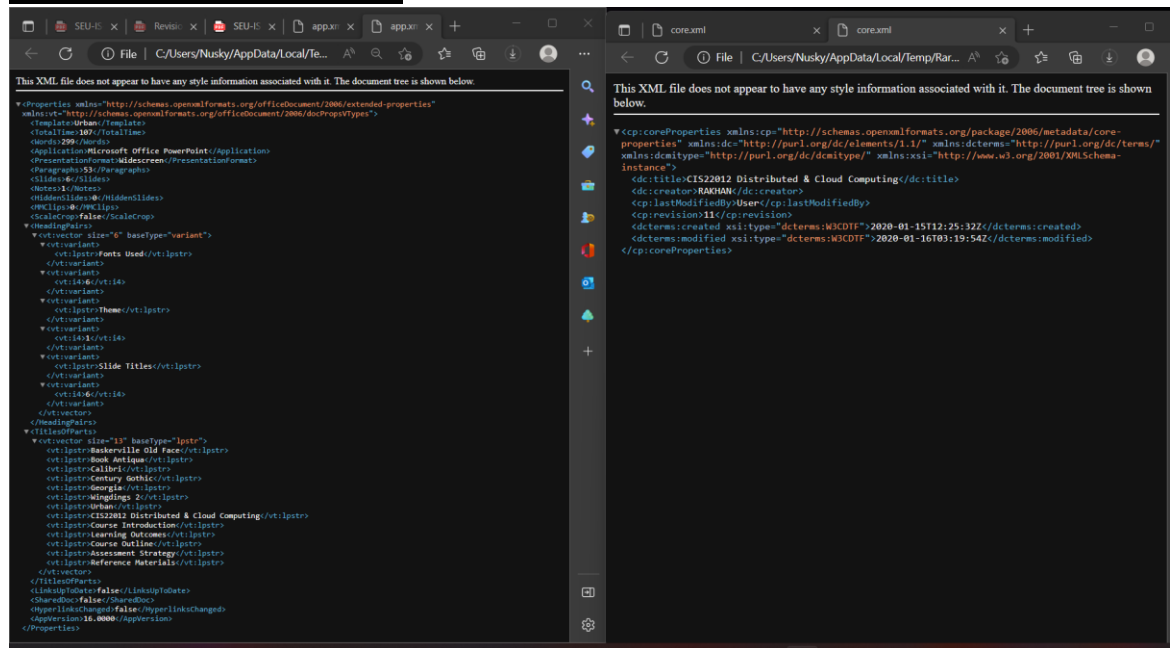


Question

Get a .docx, .xlsx and .pptx file of your own analyze the metadata of it and answer the questions given below.

6. From the above .ppt, .docx and .xlsx file got the following information of meta data.

For powerpoint presentation



core.xml



app.xml

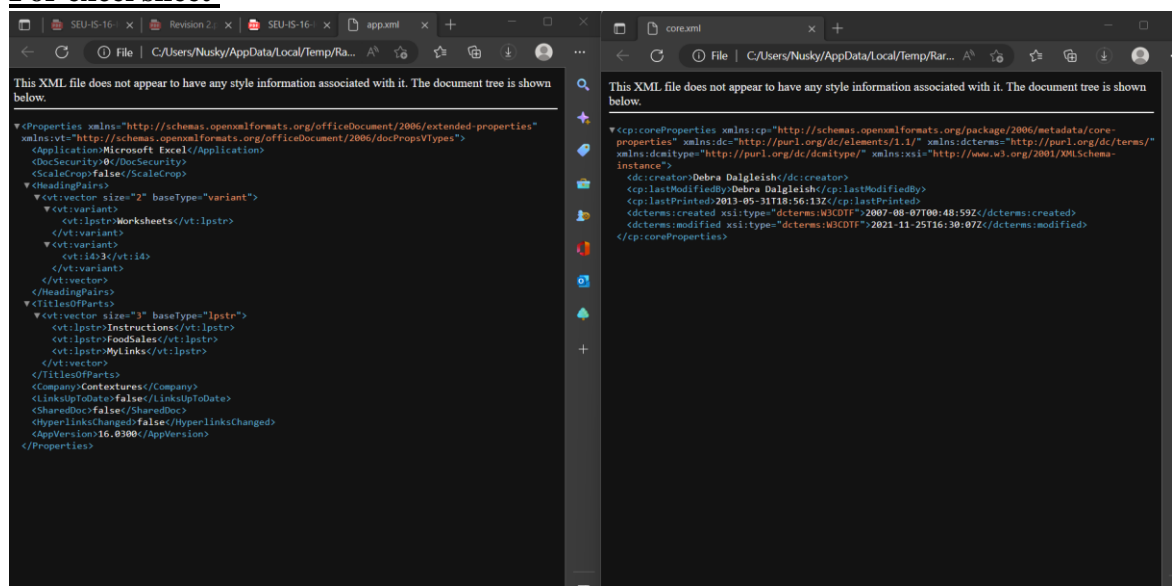
- Application - Microsoft Office PowerPoint
- Type - Presentation slide
- Contents - 53 Paragraphs
- Slides - 6
- Title - CIS22012 Distributed & Cloud Computing

- Author - RAKHAN
- Last modified - User
- Revision number - 11
- Created date and time - 2020-01-15T12:25:32Z
- Modified date and time - 2020-01-16T03:19:54Z
- Preview -



A.R. Pathina Shafana,
Dept. of C.T.,
Faculty of Technology,
South Eastern University of Sri Lanka

For excel sheet



core.xml



app.xml

- Application - Microsoft Excel
- Type - Worksheets
- Contents - no Contents for this
- sheets - no sheets for this
- Title - no Title for this
- Author - Debra Dalgleish
- Last modified - Debra Dalgleish
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