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Digital Forensics

Assignment 03 **Hands-On Projects**

Chapter 04: Processing Crime and Incident Scenes

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- Introduction

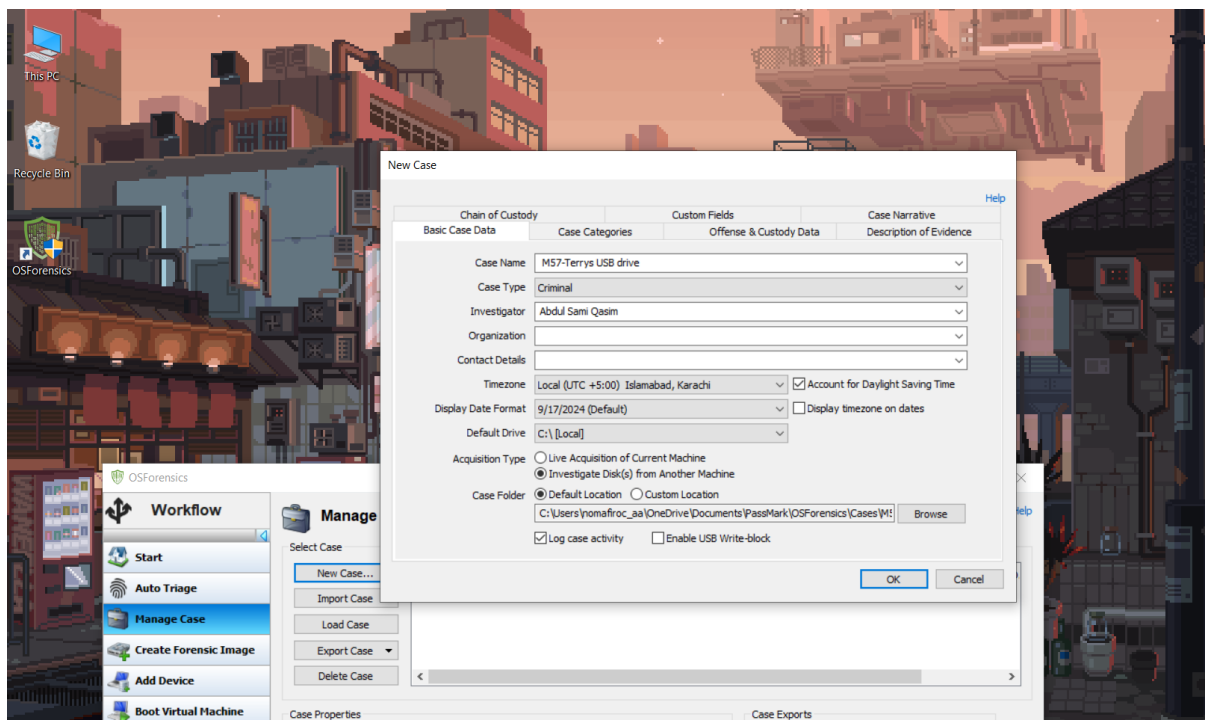
In this assignment we we're told to complete Hands-on projects (4-3 to 4-5) from chapter 4 of the book " Guide to Computer Forensics and Investigations, 6th ed."

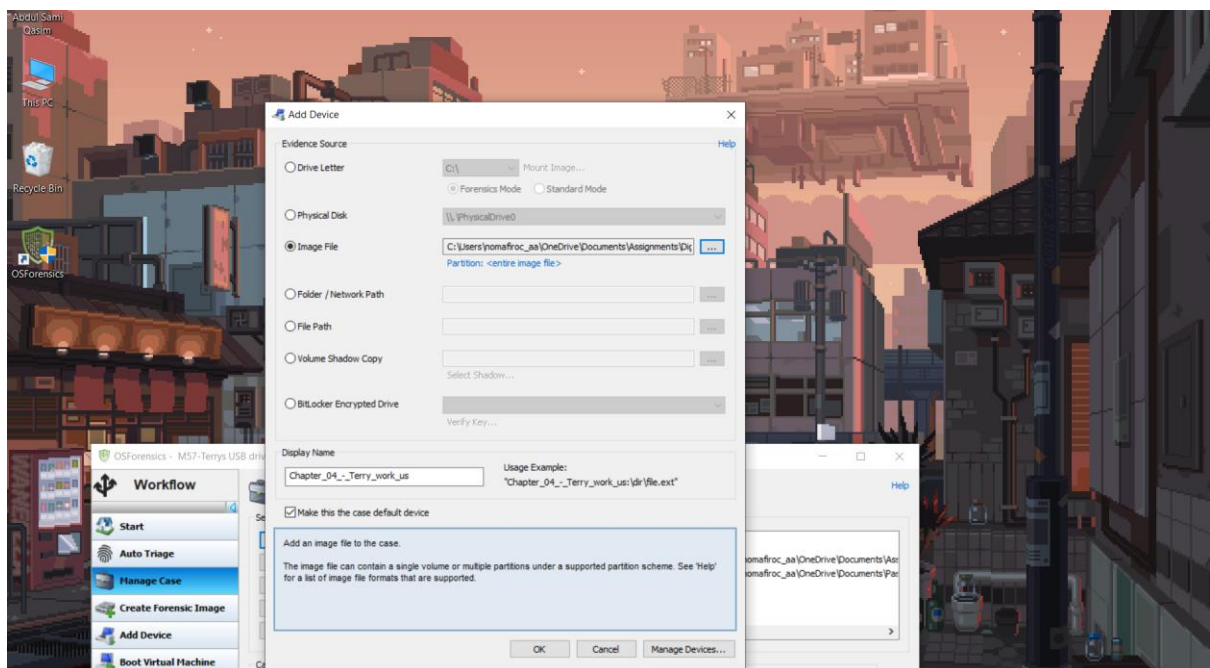
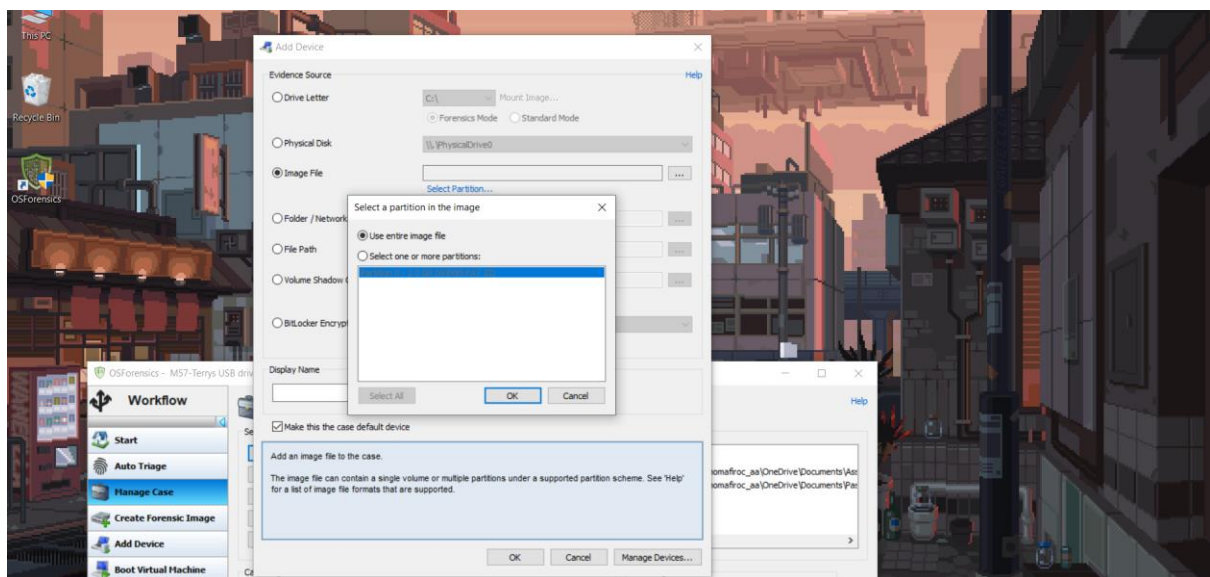
- Details and Steps

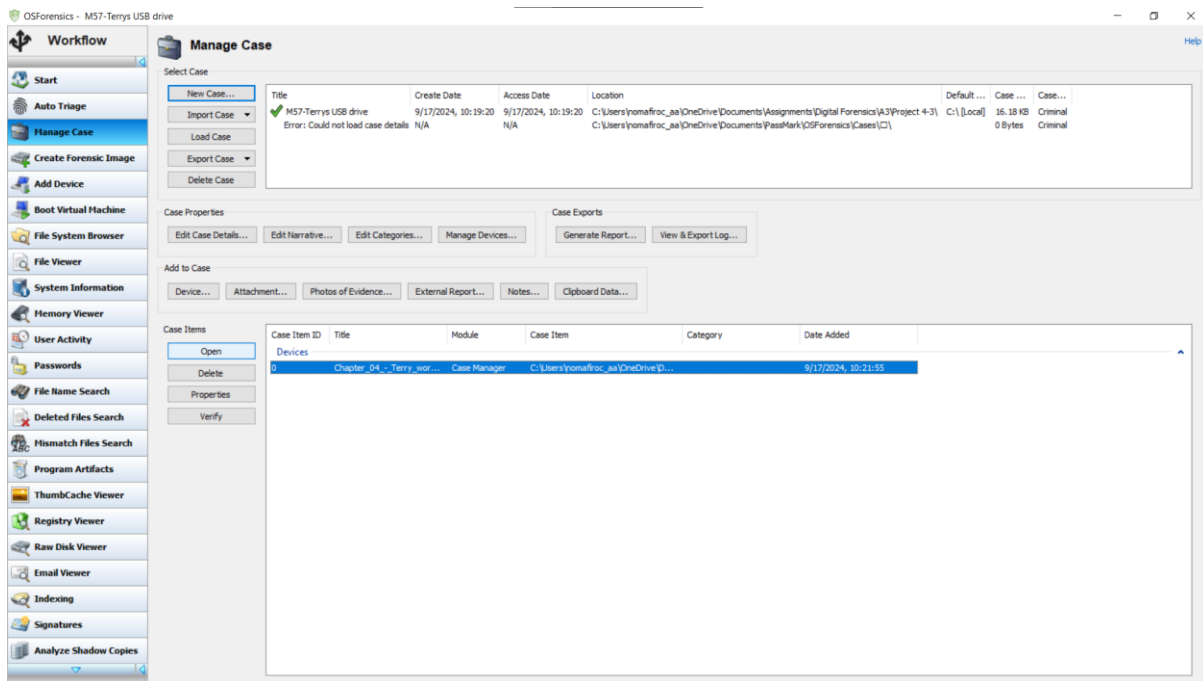
Following are the steps taken to perform the assigned tasks.

Project 4-3

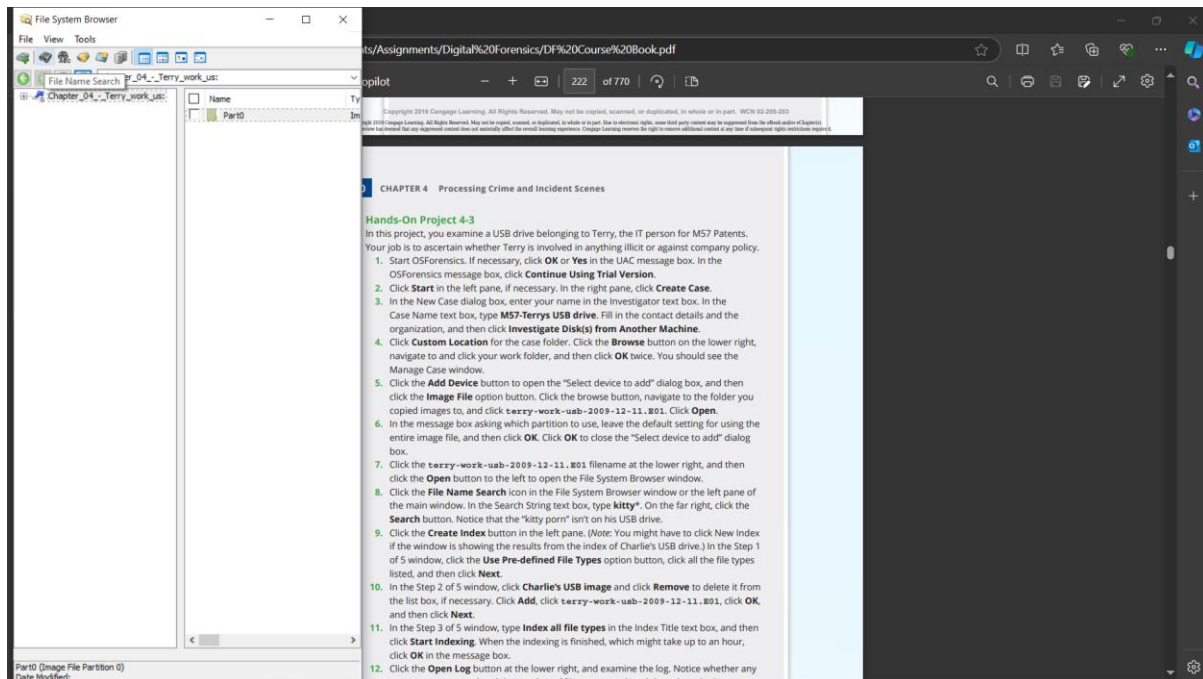
This project requires us to analyze terry's work USB for any signs of evidence related to the case. So, loading up the evidence to analyze it:

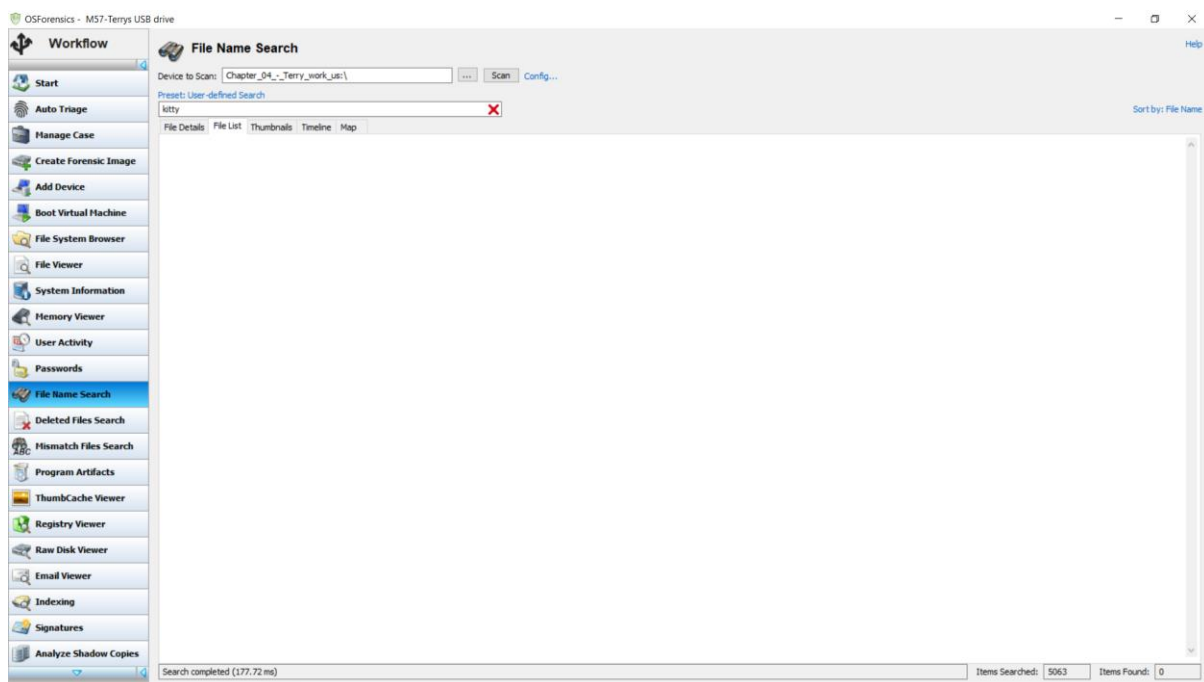




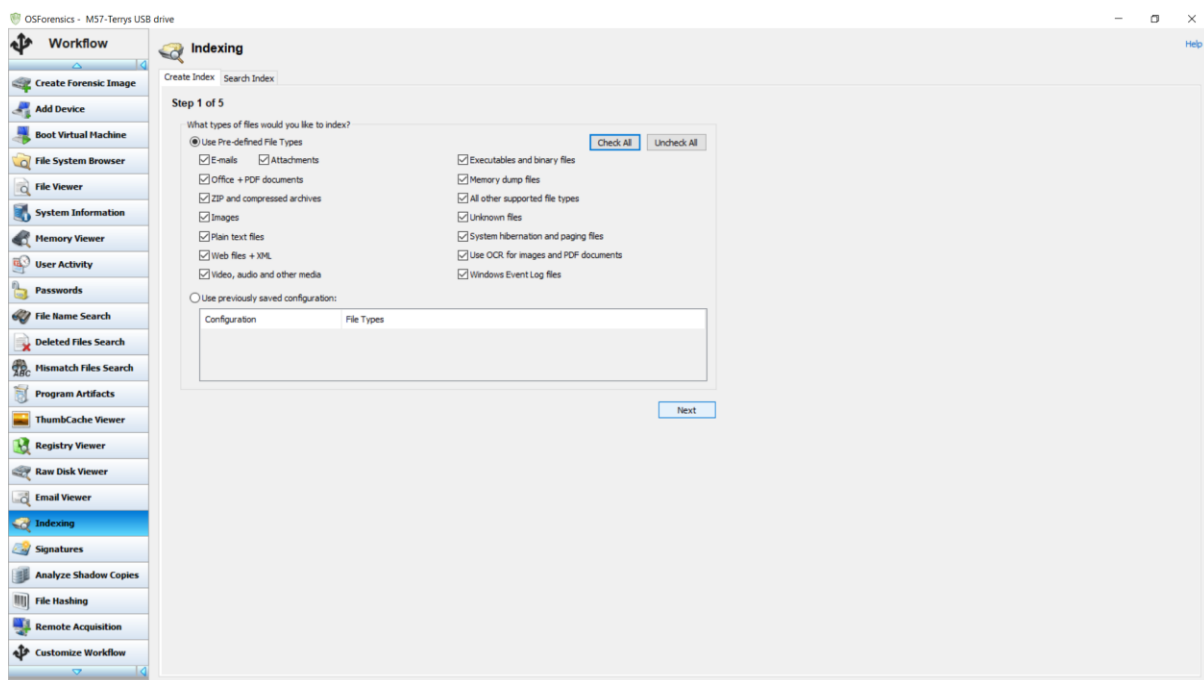


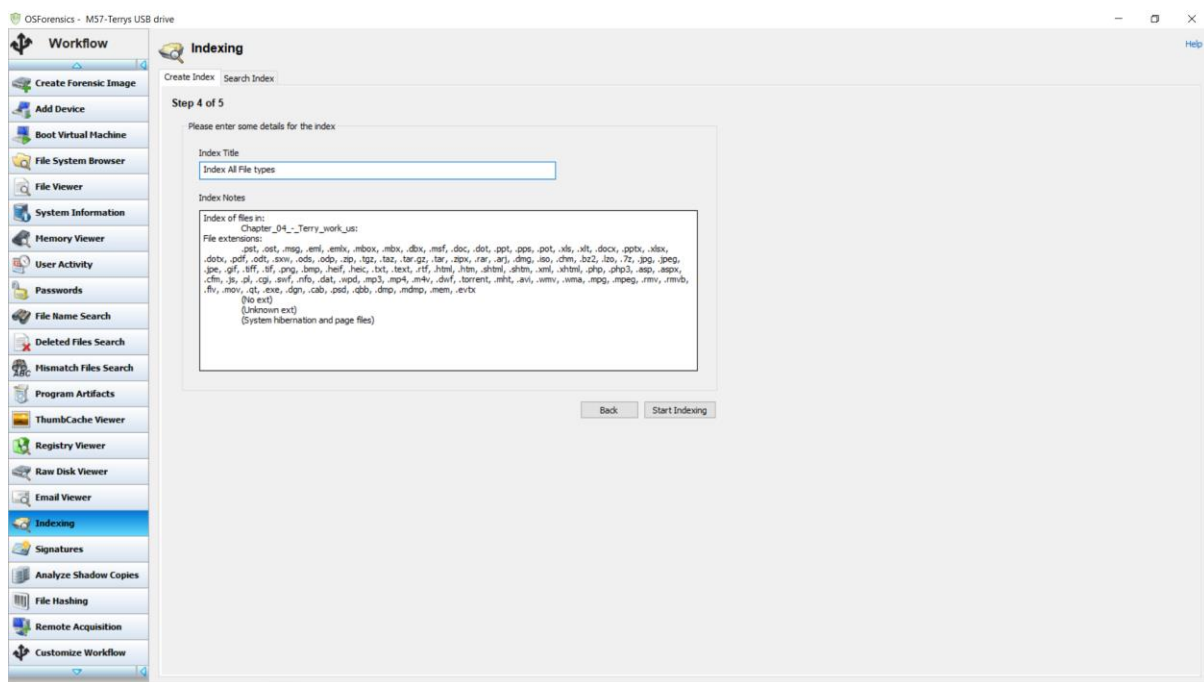
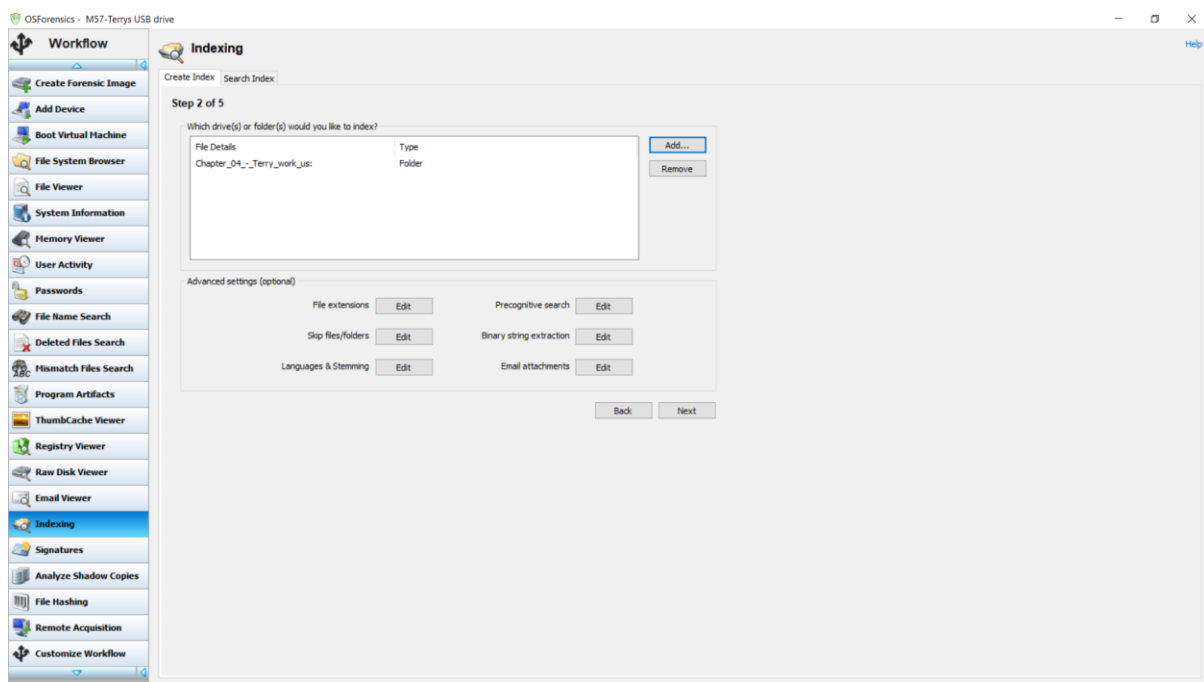
The evidence has been loaded successfully, now we have to search for the keyword “kitty”

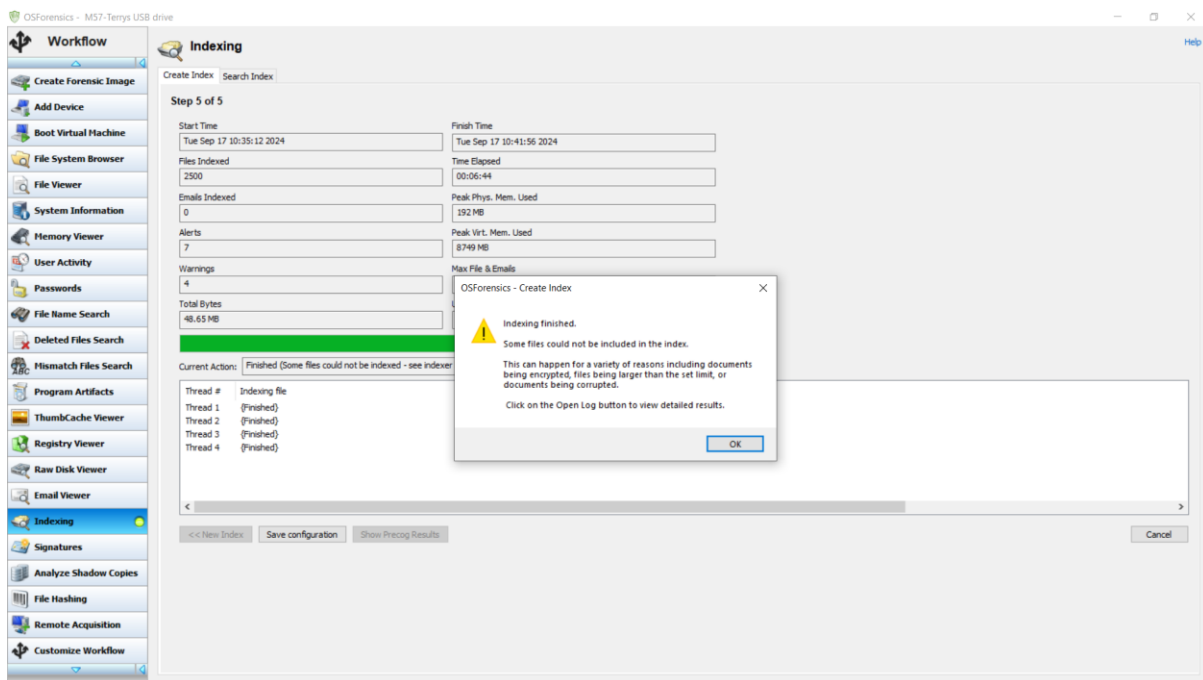
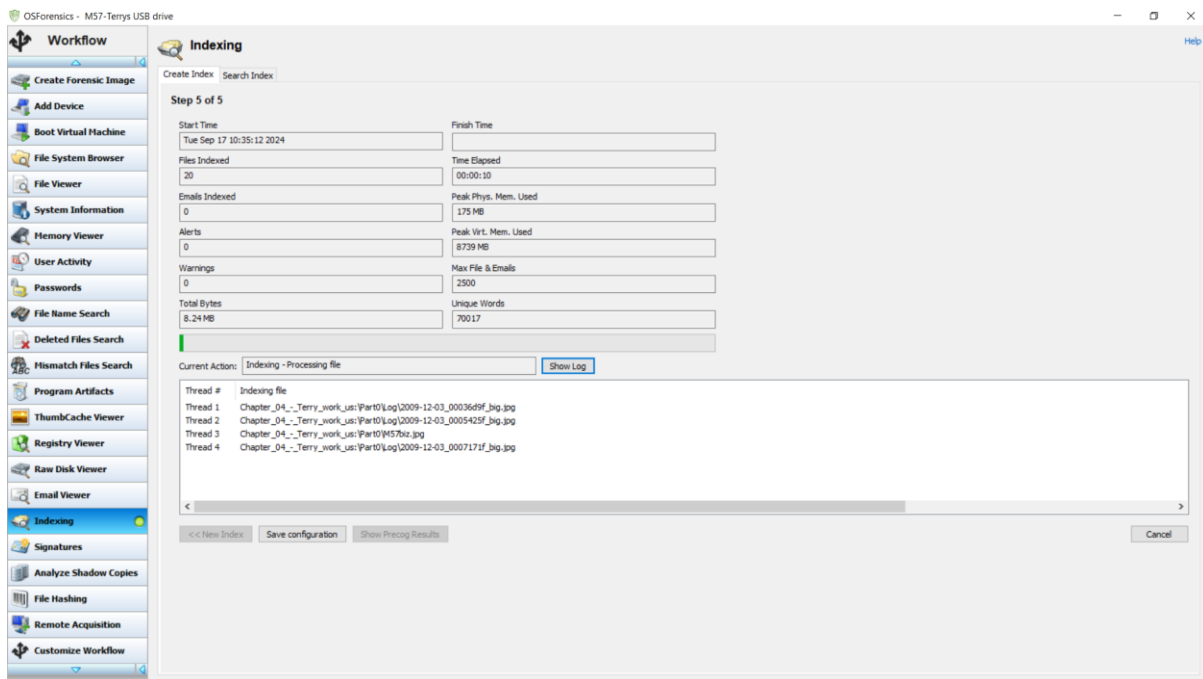




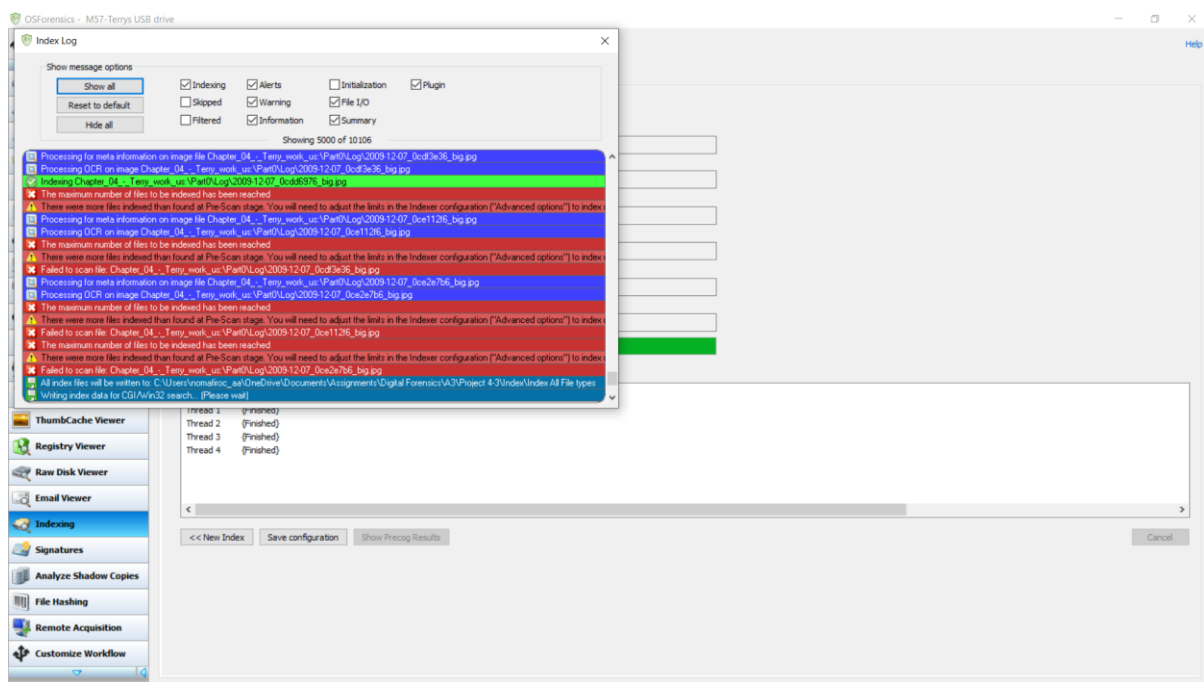
Nothing related to the keyword was found on Terry's USB. Now starting the indexing process:



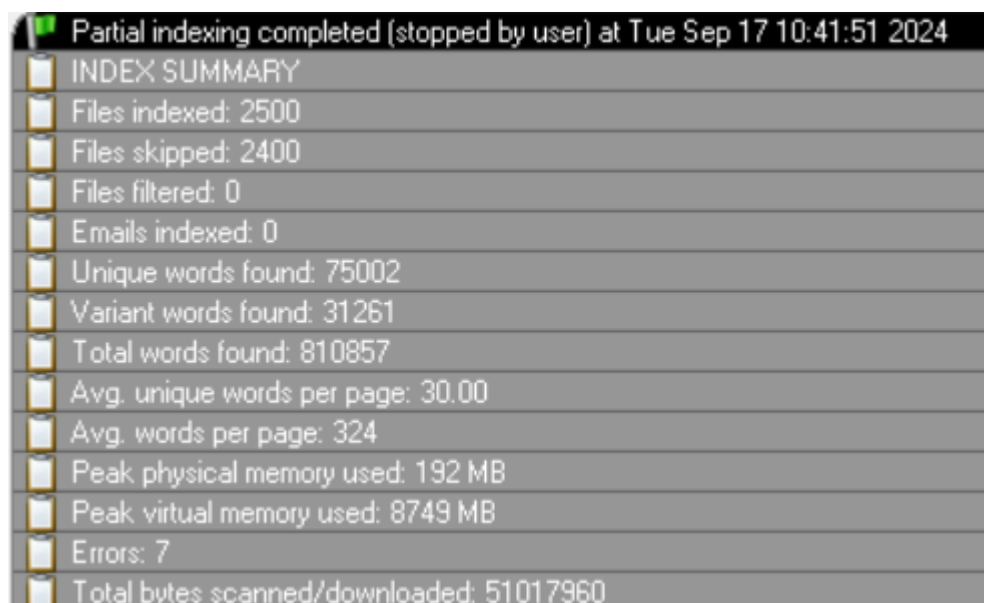




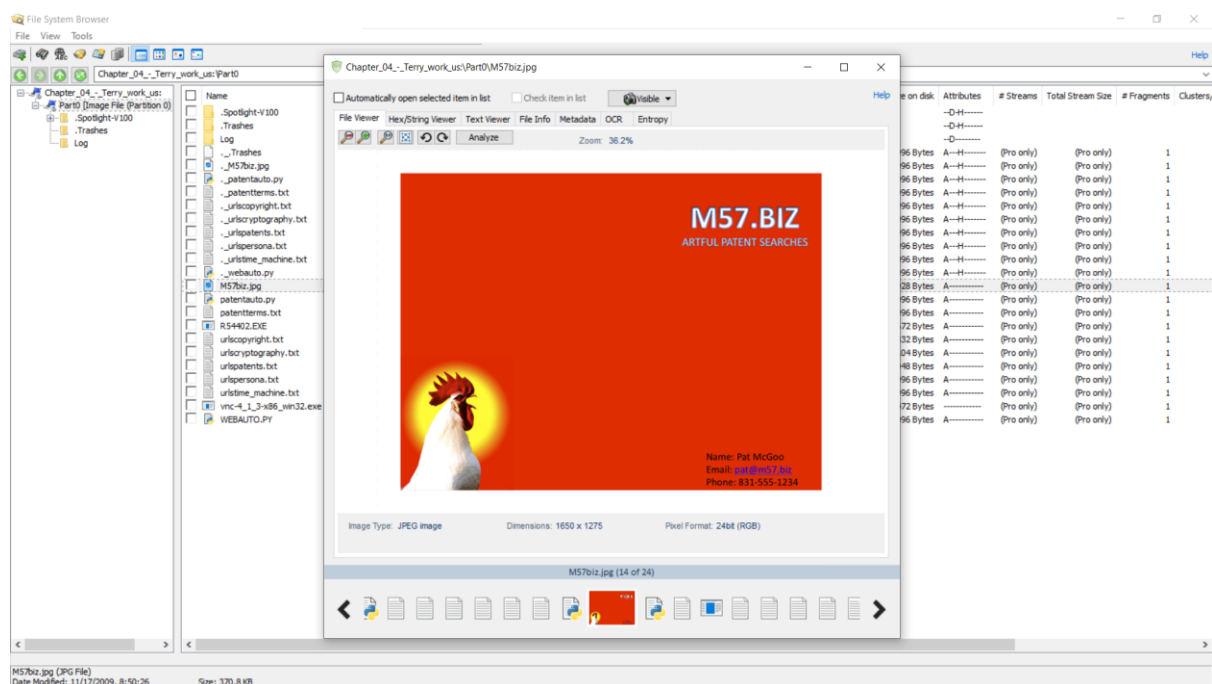
The following are the errors found in the indexing logs, there are a total of 7 errors.



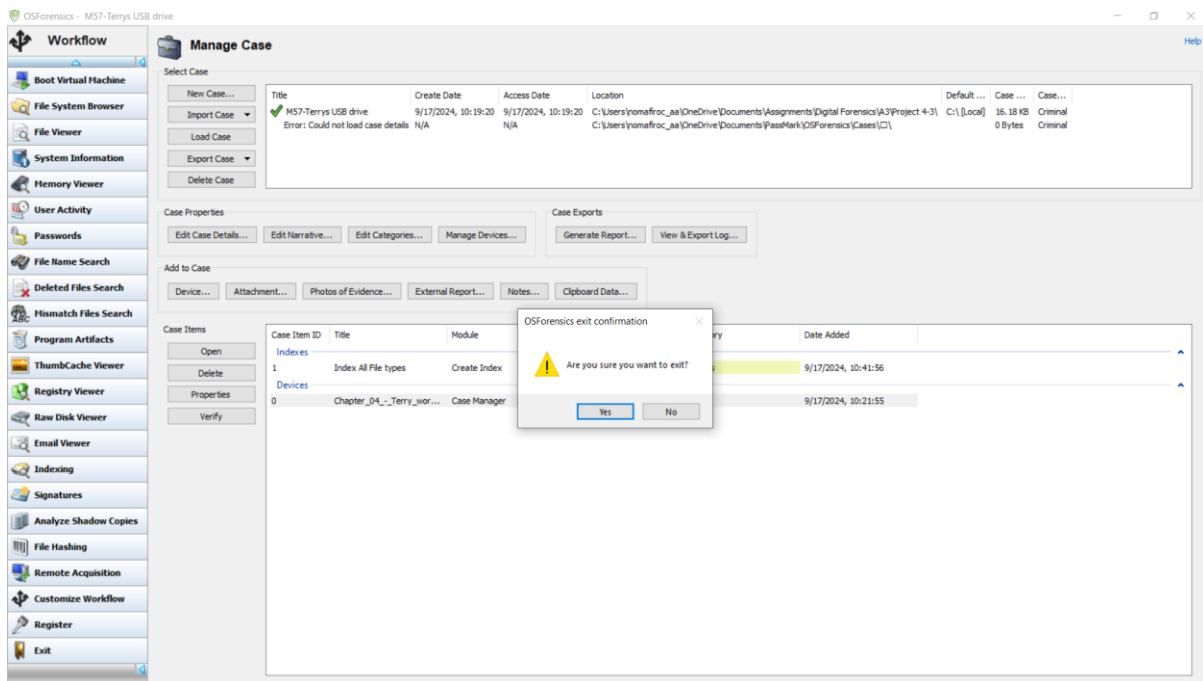
Summary of the indexing process:



Afterwards, we're told to look at some of the pictures and text files in the provided USB, here is a photo and a text file from it:

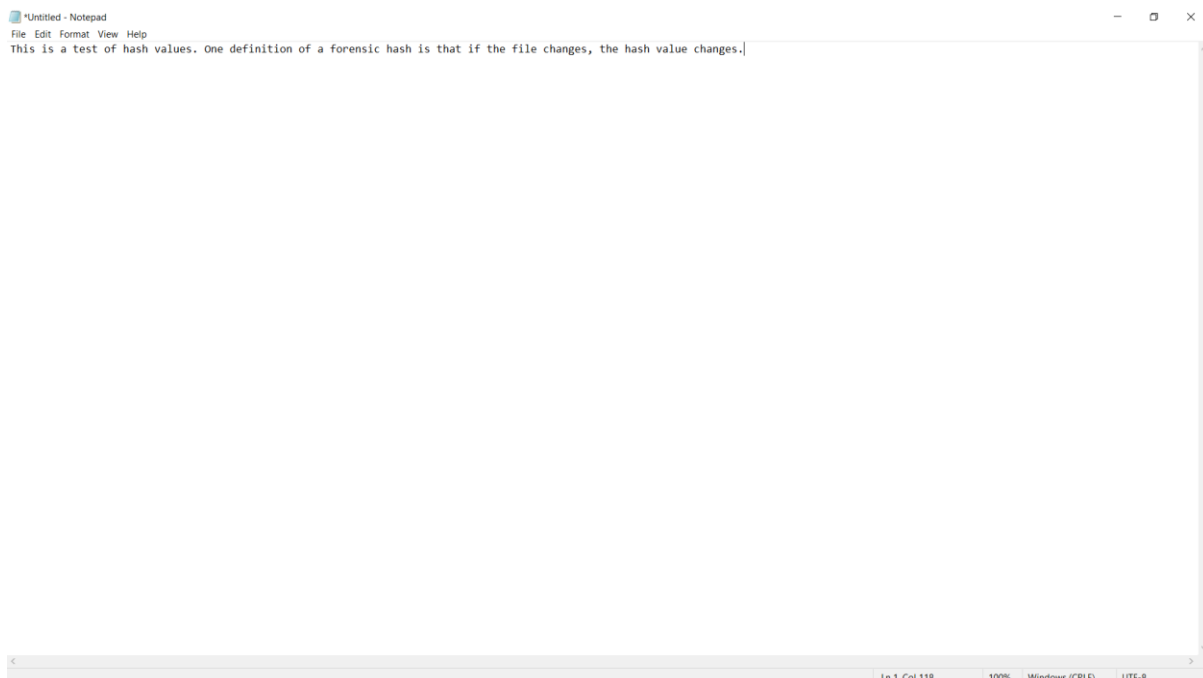


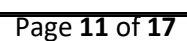
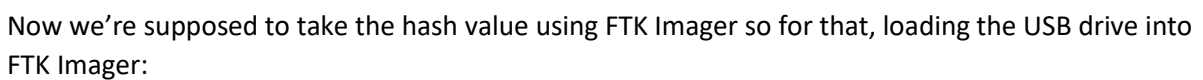
Since we're done with the analysis, exiting the case.

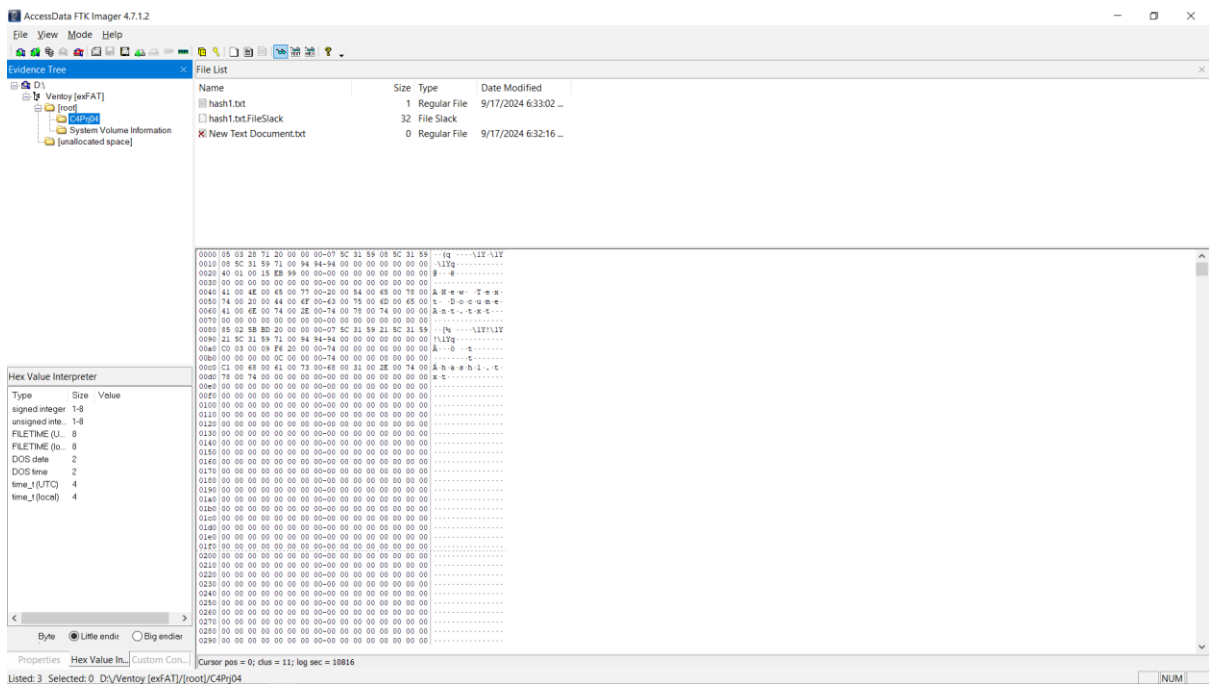
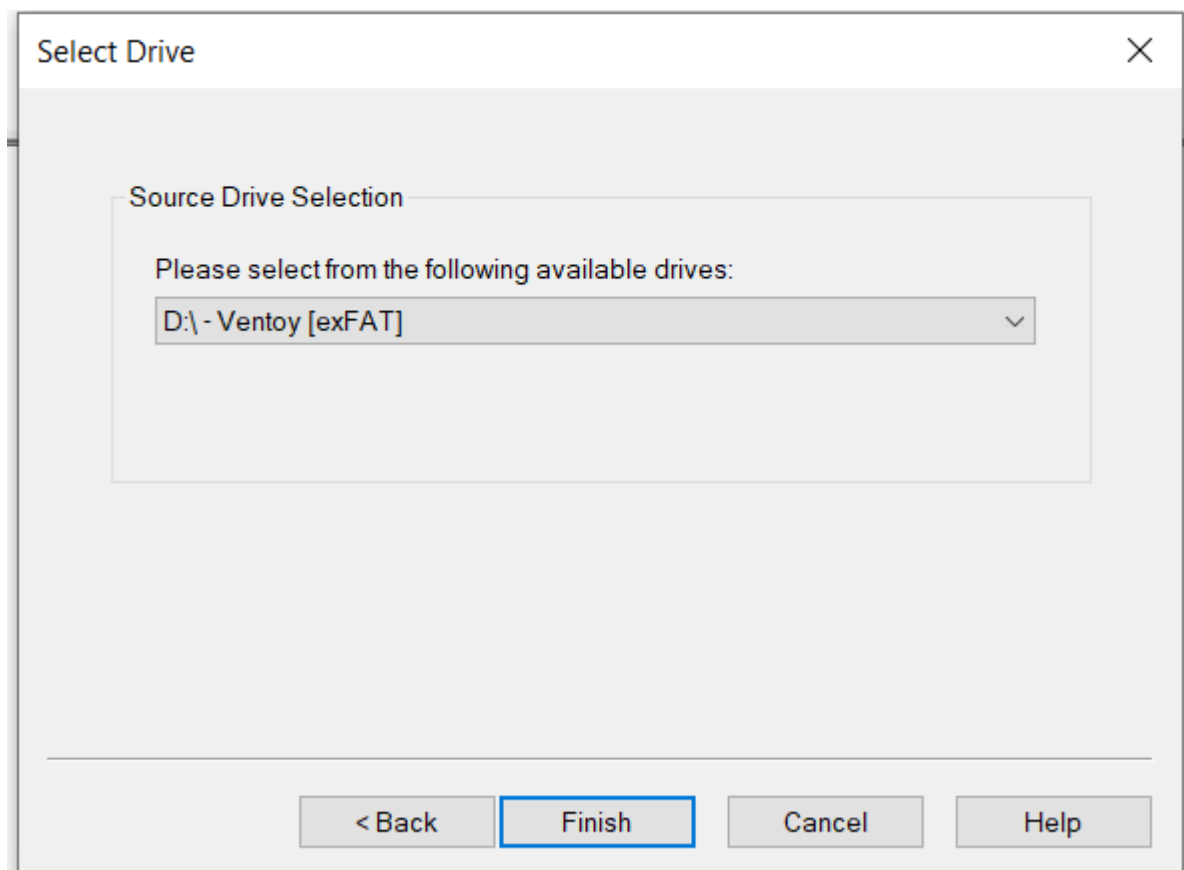


Project 4-4

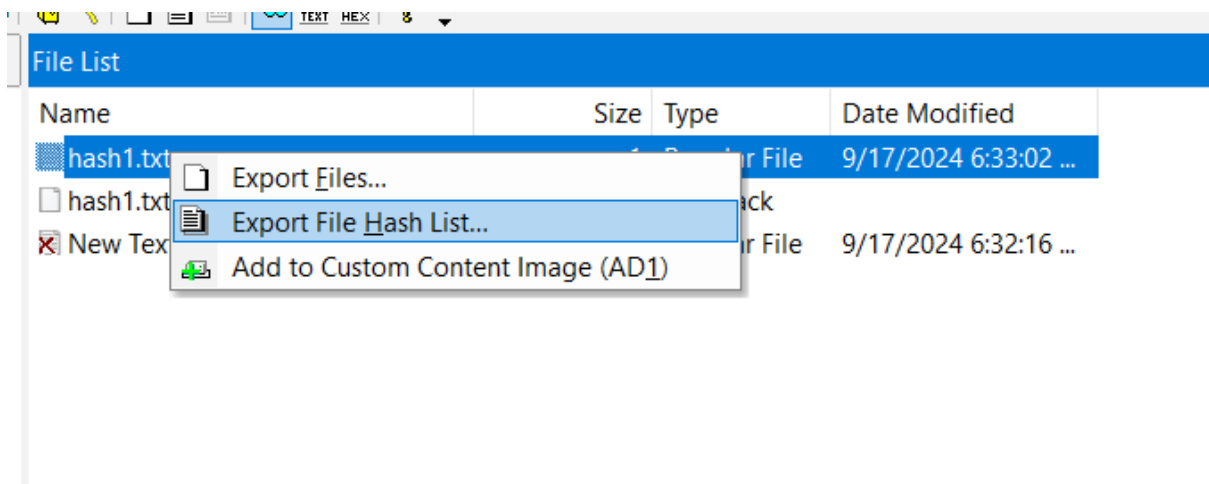
In this project we're told to calculate hashes of a file before and after changes. So, first of all, making the original file :



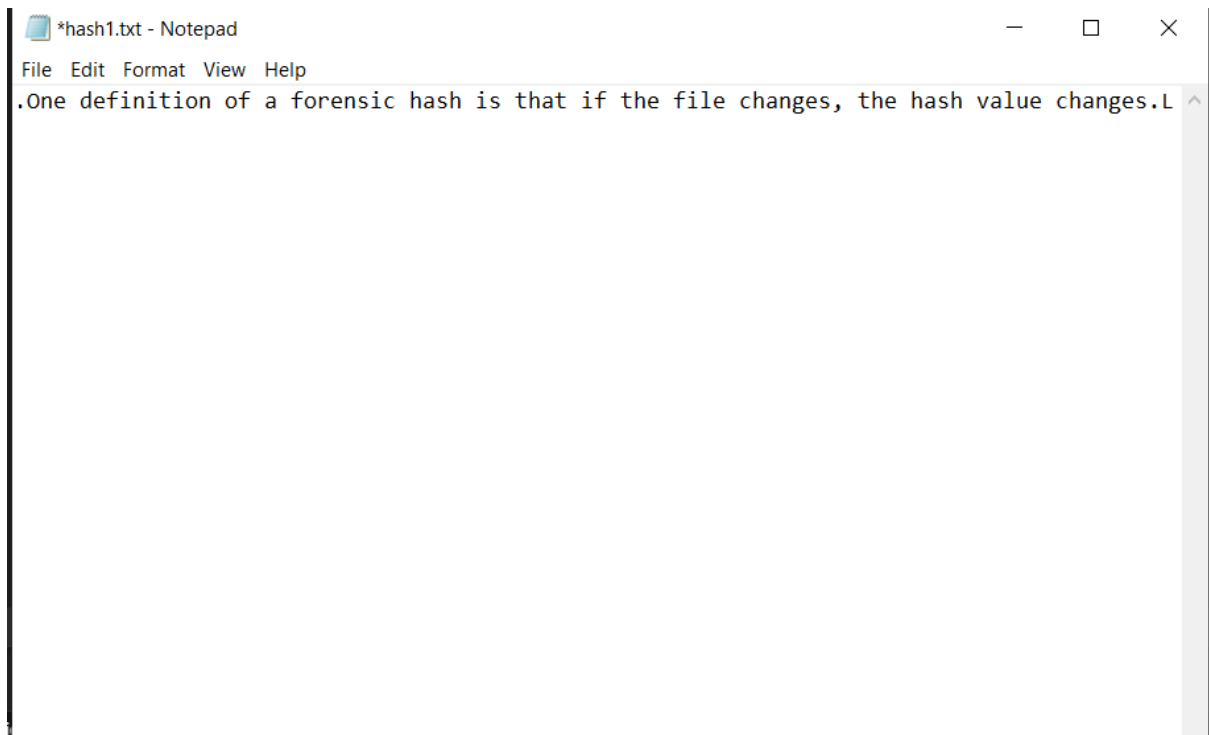




Now, exporting the original hash value:



Since we have to check for the hash after making a change in the file, here I'm adding the character "L" at the end of the file to see what change it makes on the hash value.



Now, we're supposed to repeat the same steps as before to export the hash value form FTK Imager.

These are the original and changed file hashes respectively:

[illegible][illegible]

Both hashes have clearly changed.

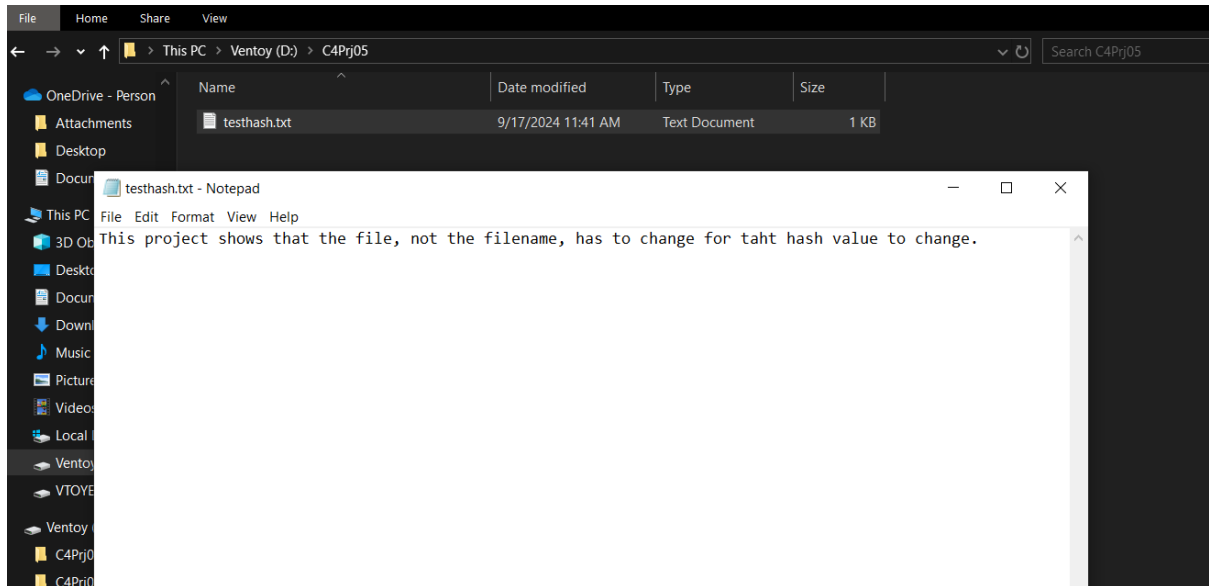
Original Hash : d41843d810580319a9ee9ee500f66435

Changed Hash : 4b67e1085d7f7449f551e028d4d3f1b2

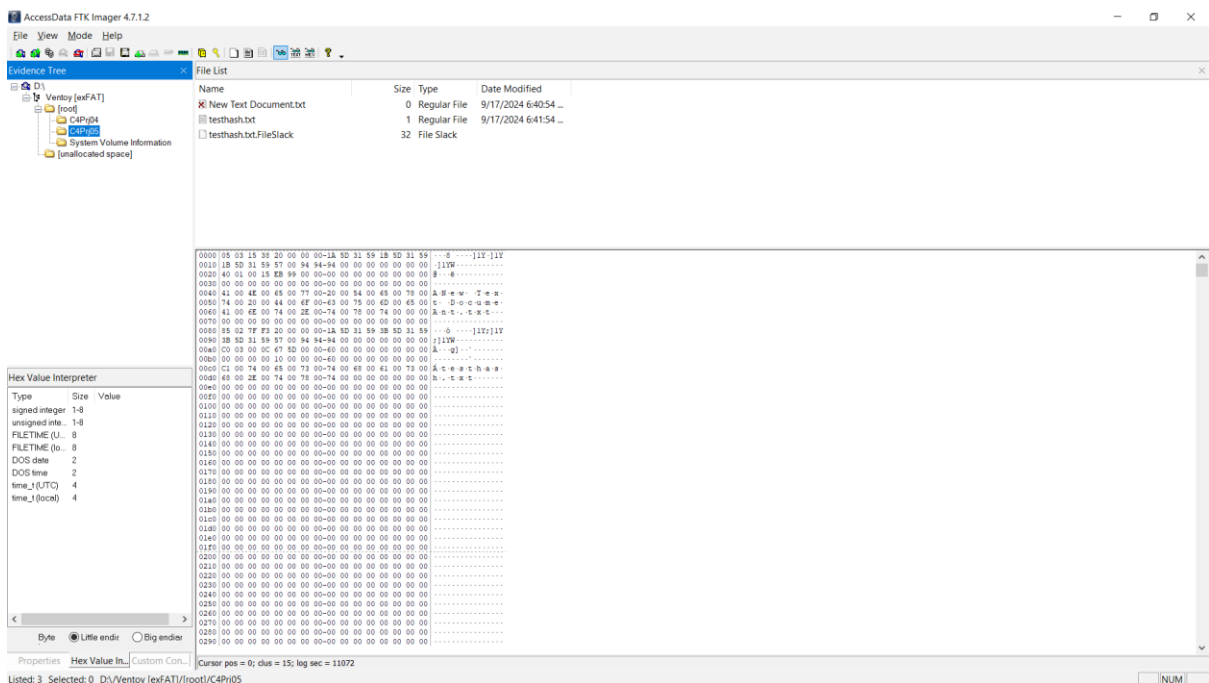
Now we know that if there's even a slight change in the file contents, the hash value changes.

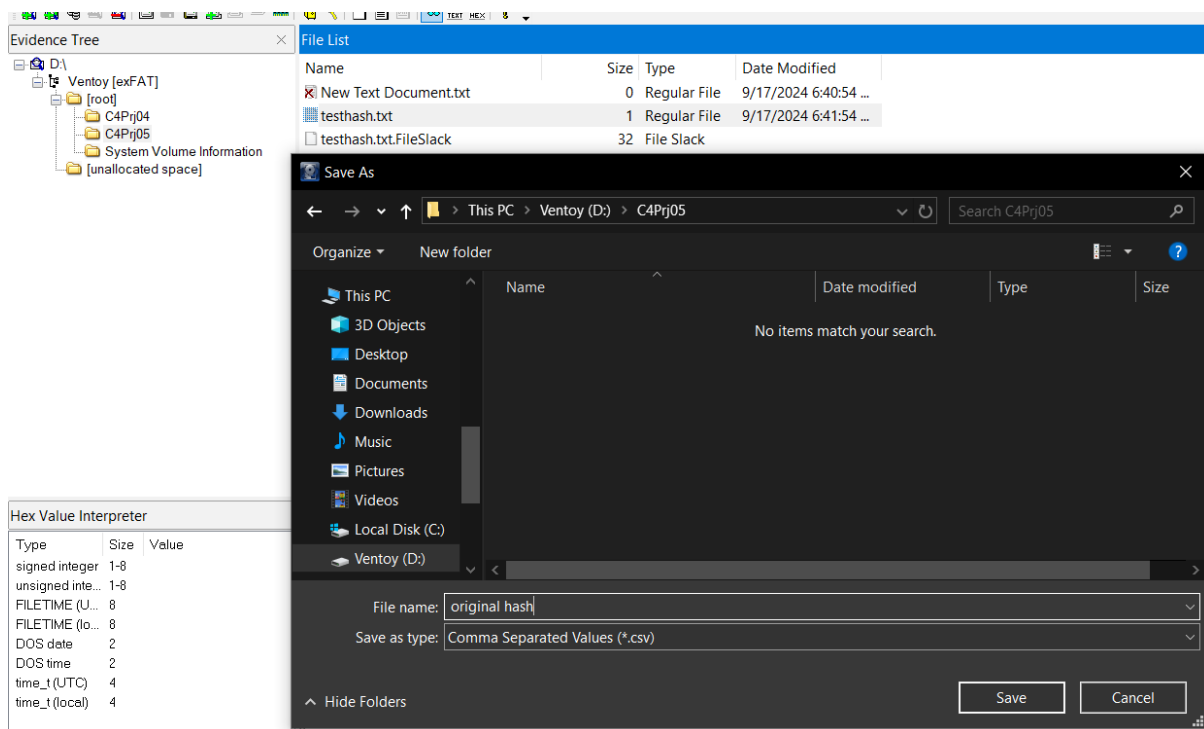
Project 4-5

In this project, we have to show that changing the extension of the file doesn't affect its hash value, so first of all, making a text file.

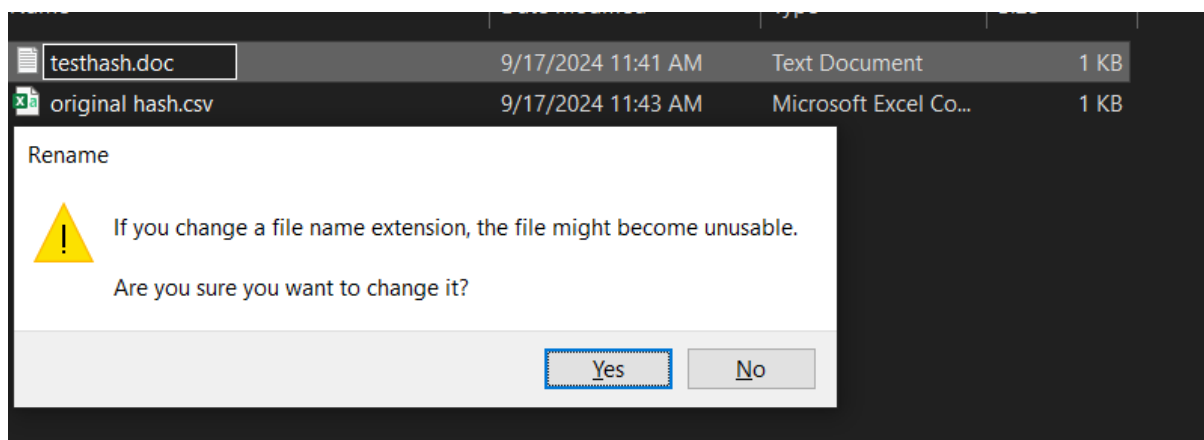


Loaded the USB drive into FTK Imager to export the original hash value:



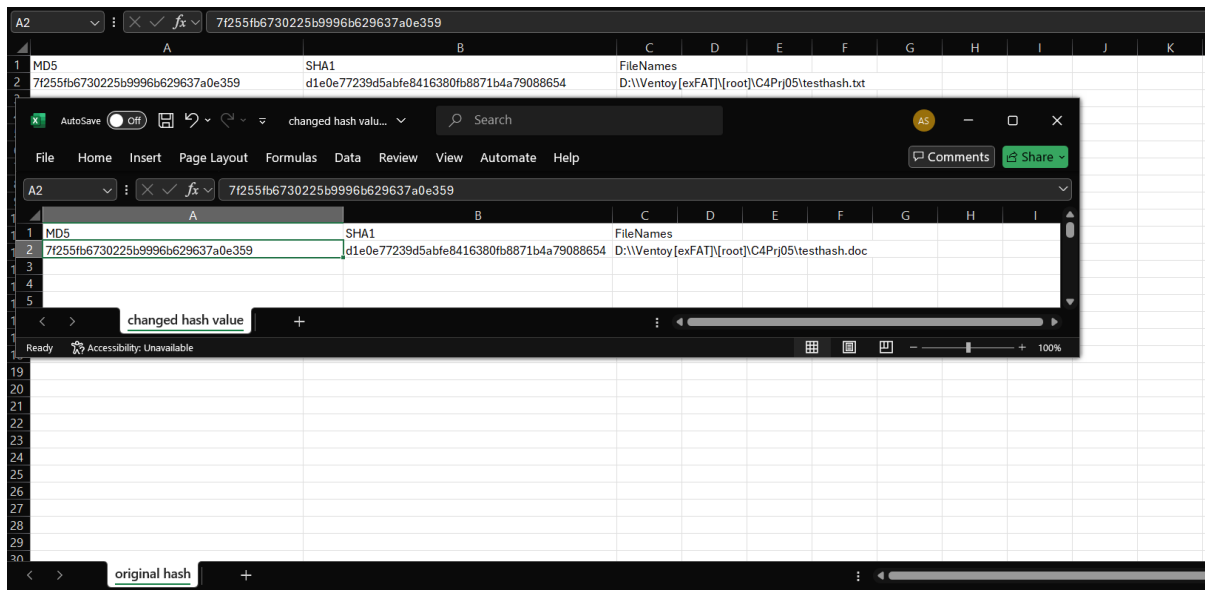


Now to check if the hash changes, changing the extension of the text file to .doc



Afterwards, we calculate the hash of the file again to see if the hash changes or not.

The following are the hashes obtained:



The hashes are the same.

Original Hash : 7f255fb6730225b9996b629637a0e359

Changed Hash : 7f255fb6730225b9996b629637a0e359

Now we know that changing the extension of the files doesn't affect the hash value.

• Summary

Throughout these projects, we have received hands on practice of the two tools OSForensics and FTK Imager along with crucial information on how and what affects file hashes.

• References

Nelson, B., Philips, A., & Steuart, C. (n.d.). *Guide to Computer Forensics and Investigations*.