Digital Forensics – Lab05

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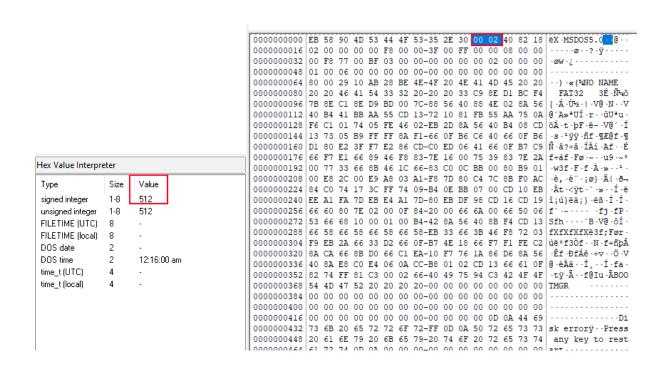
Task#1: Find Byte per Sector and Sectors per Cluster for Image File? Pay attention to the endianness

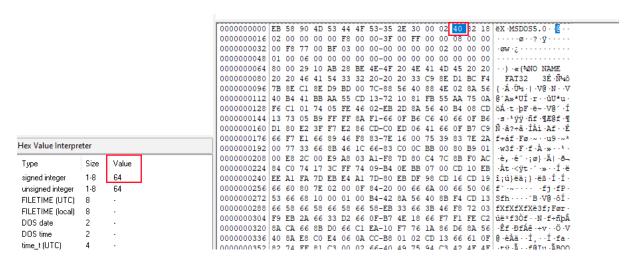
From the Lab manual, we knew where to look.

0x0B 2 bytes Bytes per Sector

0x0D 1 Sectors per Cluster

Looking at those offset bits one by one we get the byte size per sector and then sectors per cluster.





After getting both byte size and cluster size we can easily determine the cluster size by the formual

Byte Size = 512 bytes

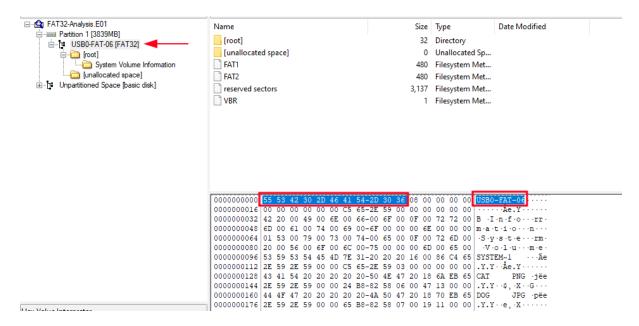
Sector Size = 64 Bytes

Cluster Size = byte size X Sector Size

Cluster Size = $512 \times 64 = 32,768$ bytes

Task#2: Show and explain where the FAT file system stores the volume label.

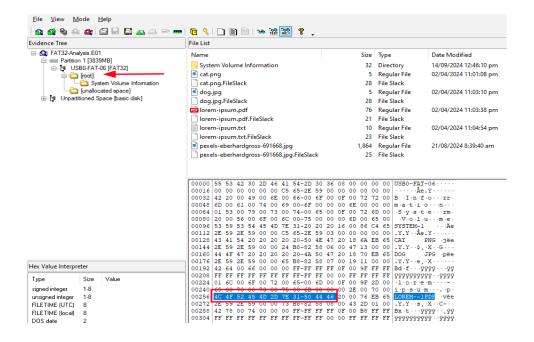
Just selecting the volume the first bytes we see are of volume label/name of the volume.



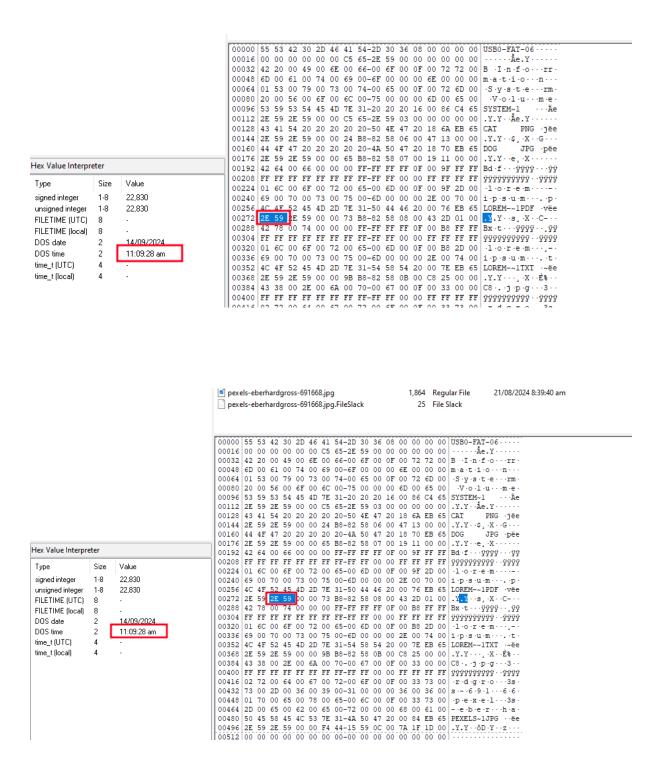
Task#3: Check the FAT root directory, explain how the filename and extension can be extracted from these entries.

We were required to find the file name and extension of lorem ipsum. PDF file along with its metadata.

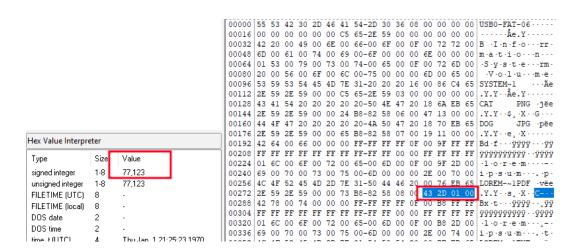
1. Locate the file's short name. Usually, the 0x00 and 0x10 sectors are for files with short name and above files short name, the hex usually contains files long name.



Task#4: Determine the date and time when the file "lorem-ipsum.pdf" was created / modified based on the root entry hex data?



Task#5: Determine the date and time when the file "lorem-ipsum.pdf" was created / modified based on the root entry hex data?



RAM, Drive and File Slack:

RAM Slack

- File Size: 77,123 bytes

- Sector Size: 512 bytes

File Size modulo Sector Size = File Size % Sector Size

= 77123 % 512

= 323

RAM Slack = Sector Size - (File Size modulo Sector Size)

=512 - 323

= 189 bytes

Drive Slack

- File Size: 77,123 bytes

- Sector Size: 512 bytes

- Cluster Size: 32,768 bytes

Drive Slack = Cluster Size - (File Size % Cluster Size)

= 32768 - (77123%32,768)

=32768 - 11587

= 21181 bytes

File Slack

- File Size: 77,123 bytes

- Cluster Size: 32,768 bytes

Step 1: Determine the Number of Clusters Needed

Number of Clusters Needed = File Size / Cluster Size

Number of Clusters Needed = 77,123/32,768 ≈ 2 cluster

Step 2: Check for Additional Cluster Needed

If (File Size modulo Cluster Size <> 0), add 1 additional

cluster needed

File Size modulo Cluster Size = 45,334 mod 32,768 = 12,566

Since the remainder is not zero, an additional cluster is

needed.

Total Clusters Needed = 3 clusters

Step 3: Calculate File Slack

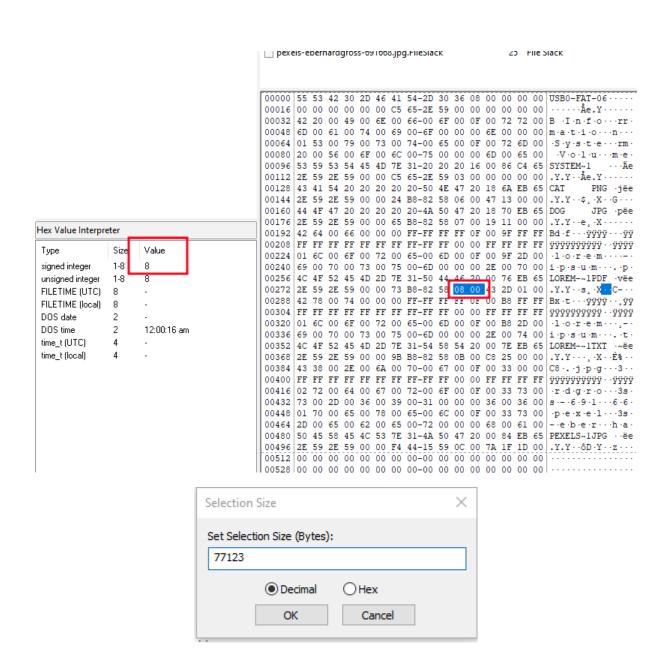
File Slack = (Clusters Needed * Cluster Size) - File Size

File Slack = (3 * 32,768) - 77123

File Slack = 98304 - 77123

File Slack = 21181 bytes

Task#6: Analyze the root directory entry, compute the start and end offsets where the data of the file is located and manually extract the file using a hex editor. Compute hash values for the original file (i.e., original copy that you still have on your laptop PC) and the manually extracted file (i.e., from the USB) and verify if they match.



Both Files have same Hash which tells us that file was not modified.

