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Original Aims of the Project

To investigate appropriate steganographic embedding methods for video and to develop a practical steganographic software package to enable the embedding of arbitrary data within video files via a file system interface. Raw AVI video files should be supported and a variety of steganographic embedding algorithms should be available. Basic file system commands should work within the presented logical volume.

Work Completed

A complete software package has been developed enabling the embedding of arbitrary files within many video formats (including MP4 and AVI) via a file system interface. A total of 9 steganographic embedding algorithms are supported, along with encryption and plausible deniability functionality. Basic file system operations work as expected within the mounted volume and the embedding process operates without any perceivable impact on video quality.

Special Difficulties

None.

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3 Implementation

- 3.1 Introduction
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- 3.4 Extensions

4 Evaluation

- 4.1 Satisfaction of Requirements
- 4.2 Correctness
- 4.3 Security
- 4.4 Performance

5 Conclusions

5.1 Future Project Directions

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