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Part 1

Introducing Forensic Toolkit® (FTK®)

This part contains introductory information about AccessData® Forensic Toolkit® (FTK®)and contains the following chapters:

- Introducing AccessData® Forensic Toolkit® (FTK®) (page 25)
- Getting Started with the User Interface (page 32)

Chapter 1

Introducing AccessData® Forensic Toolkit® (FTK®)

AccessData® Forensic Toolkit® (FTK®) lets you do thorough computer forensic examinations. It includes powerful file filtering and search functionality, and access to remote systems on your network.

AccessData forensic investigation software tools help law enforcement officials, corporate security, and IT professionals access and evaluate the evidentiary value of files, folders, and computers.

This chapter includes the following topics

- Overview of Investigating Digital Evidence (page 25)
- About Acquiring Digital Evidence (page 26)
- About Examining Digital Evidence (page 28)
- About Managing Cases and Evidence (page 28)
- What You Can Do With the Examiner (page 29)

Overview of Investigating Digital Evidence

This section describes acquiring, preserving, analyzing, presenting, and managing digital evidence and cases.

Forensic digital investigations include the following process

- Acquisition

  Acquisition involves identifying relevant evidence, securing the evidence, and creating and storing a forensic image of it.

  About Acquiring Digital Evidence (page 26)
- Analysis

  Analysis involves creating a case and processing the evidence with tools to properly investigate the evidence.

  About Examining Digital Evidence (page 28)
- Presentation

  Presentation involves creating a case report that documents and synthesizes the investigation.

  About Presenting Evidence (page 30)
- Management

  Management involves maintenance tasks such as backing up, archiving, detaching, attaching, restoring, and deleting cases and evidence.

  About Managing Cases and Evidence (page 28)

About Acquiring Digital Evidence

The admissibility of digital evidence in a court of law, can be dependent on preserving the integrity of the source data when it is acquired.

When digital evidence is acquired, forensic examiners create clones of the digital evidence to prevent any possibility of the digital evidence being changed or modified in any way. This acquired duplication is called a forensic image. If there is question to the authenticity of the evidence, the image can be compared to the original source data to prove or to disprove its reliability.

To create a forensic image, the data must be acquired in such a way that ensures that no changes are made to the original data or to the cloned data. The acquired data must be an exact “bit-by-bit” duplication of the source data. You can use AccessData’s Imager tool to acquire exact duplicates of digital evidence.

Preserving the evidence is accomplished both in the method of acquisition and the storage of the acquired data. Creating an exact replica of the original source is critical in forensic investigations. Keeping that replica safe from any source of corruption or unauthorized access involves both physical and electronic security. Once a case is created and the evidence is added to it, the case becomes just as critical. Acquired 001, E01, S01, and AD1 images can be encrypted using AD Encryption.

Types of Digital Evidence

Digital evidence is data such as documents and emails that can be transmitted and stored on electronic media, such as computer hard drives, mobile phones, and USB devices.

The following are types of digital evidence

- Static evidence

  The data that is imaged before it is added to a case is known as static evidence because it stays the same. Images can be stored and remain available to the case at all times because the image is an exact replica of evidence data in a file format.

- Live evidence

  Live evidence can be data that is acquired from a machine while it is running. It is often saved to an image as it is acquired. Sometimes, this is necessary in a field acquisition. Other times, it can be an original drive or other electronic data source that is attached to the investigation computer.

  - Local live evidence

    An example of local live evidence is an original drive or other electronic data source that is attached to the investigation computer. It can also be data acquired from a device on a remote computer while the device is mounted to the system as Read/Write. All connections to the evidence should be made through a hardware write-blocking device. Live evidence that is attached to the investigation computer must remain connected throughout the entire investigation. It is best to create an image of any evidence source outside of your network, rather than risk having the source removed during the course of the investigation.

  - Remote live evidence

    Another type of live evidence is data acquired directly from machines that are connected to your corporate network. This live evidence is referred to as remote evidence. The process of adding it to your case for investigation is known as Remote Data Acquisition. To aquire remote live evdidence, you must use AccessData Enterprise.

Acquiring Evidence

Some aspects of acquiring evidence are dependent on local or federal law. Be aware of those requirements before you acquire the evidence. You can utilize static evidence as well as acquire and use live and remote evidence from computers on your network.

About Acquiring Static Evidence

For digital evidence to be valid, it must be preserved in its original form. The evidence image must be forensically sound, in other words, identical in every way to the original. The data cannot be modified by the acquisition method used.

The following tools can do such an acquisition

- Hardware Acquisition Tools

  Duplicate, or clone, disk drives and allow read-only access to the hard drive. They do not necessarily use a CPU, are self-contained, and are often hand-held.

- Software Acquisition Tools

  Create a software duplication of the evidence called a disk image. Imager lets you choose the image file format, the compression level, and the size of the data segments to use.

AccessData Imager is a software acquisition tool. It can quickly preview evidence. If the evidence warrants further investigation, you can create a forensically sound disk image of the evidence drive or source. It makes a bit-by-bit duplicate of the media, rendering a forensic disk image identical in every way to the original, including file slack and allocated or free space.

You should use a write-blocking device when using software acquisition tools. Some operating systems, such as Windows, make changes to the drive data as it reads the data to be imaged.

You can process static evidence, and acquire live data from local network machines for processing. You can also view and preview evidence on remote drives, including CDs and DVDs.

See Working with Static Evidence on page 116.

About Acquiring Live Evidence

You can collect evidence from a live machine when you must. For criminal investigations, it is especially important to be aware of the data compromises you will face in such a situation, however sometimes there is no other choice. One such example is when the suspect drive is encrypted and you must acquire the image in-place while the machine is running. Another example is when imaging a RAID array; it must be live to be properly acquired.

See Acquiring Live Evidence on page 158.

About Acquiring Remote Evidence

With the AccessData Enterprise license, you can acquire live evidence from your active networked computers, including information in RAM, and drive data. In addition, using Remote Drive Management System (RDMS), you can mount any drive through a mapping and browse its contents, then make a custom image of what you

find. This type of evidence is known as remote evidence because it is not stored on the examiner computer but is within your network.

See Acquiring Live Evidence on page 158.

About Examining Digital Evidence

Analyzing evidence is a process to locate and identify meaningful data to make it available to the appropriate parties in an easy-to-understand medium.

After you have completed installation and created a case, you can add evidence for analysis. Evidence can include images of hard drives, floppy drives, CDs and DVDs, portable media such as USB drives, and/or live (un-imaged) data from any common electronic source.

The data can be hashed and indexed. You can run searches in the index for specific words like names and email addresses, or you can run live searches.

You can use the Known File Filter (KFF) library to categorize specific information during evidence analysis. The KFF lets you automatically assign files a status of Alert, Ignore, or Disregard.

About Managing Cases and Evidence

As you work with cases, it is a best practice to back up the cases and the evidence. Back up of evidence files is as easy as copying them to a secure location on a secure media. Back up of cases can be more complicated, but is equally important in the event of a crash or other catastrophic data loss.

Back up of a case requires the same amount of drive space as the case itself. This is an important consideration when planning your network resources for investigations.

Some of the case management features include: Archive, Archive and Detach, and Attach. These features give you control over your cases.

See Managing Global Features (page 50).

What You Can Do With the Examiner

You can use tab views to locate data such as the following

- The *Overview* tab lets you narrow your search to look through specific document types, or to look for items by status or file extension.
- The *Graphics* tab lets you quickly scan through thumbnails of the graphics in the case.
- The *Email* tab lets you view emails and attachments.

As you find items of interest, you can do the following

- Create, assign, and view labels in a sorted file list view.
- Use searches and filters to find relevant evidence.
- Create bookmarks to easily group the items by topic or keyword, find those items again, and make the bookmarked items easy to add to reports.
- Export files as necessary for password cracking or decryption, then add the decrypted files back as evidence.
- Add external, supplemental files to bookmarks that are not otherwise part of the case.

About Indexing and Hashing

During case creation and evidence import, you have the option to create an index of the data and to create hash numbers of all the files contained in the data.

Indexing is the process of creating an index with a searchable list of the words or strings of characters in a case. The index instantaneously provides results. However, it is sometimes necessary to use a live search to find things not contained in the index.

Hashing a file or files refers to the process of using an algorithm to generate a unique value based on a file's contents. Hash values are used to verify file integrity and identify duplicate and known files. Known files can be standard system files that can be ignored in the investigation or they can be files known to contain illicit or dangerous materials. Ignore and alert statuses provide the investigator with valuable information at a glance.

Three hash functions are available: Message Digest 5 (MD5), Secure Hash Algorithms 1 (SHA-1), and Secure Hash Algorithms 256 (SHA-256).

Typically, individual file hashes (each file is hashed as it is indexed and added to a case) compare the results with a known database of hashes, such as the KFF. However, you can also hash multiple files or a disk image to verify that the working copy is identical to the original.

About the Known File Filter Database

The Known File Filter (KFF) is an AccessData utility used to compare file hashes in a case against a database of hashes from files known to be ignorable (such as known system and program files) or with alert status (such as known contraband or illicit material), or those designated as disregard status (such as when a search warrant does not allow inspection of certain files within the image that have been previously identified). The KFF allows quick elimination or pinpointing of these files during an investigation.

Files which contain other files, such as ZIP, CAB, and email files with attachments are called container files. When KFF identifies a container file as either ignorable or alert, the component files are not extracted. If extraction is desired, the files must be manually extracted and added to the case.

See Using the Known File Filter (KFF) on page 259.

About Searching

You can conduct live searches or index searches of acquired images.

A live search is a bit-by-bit comparison of the entire evidence set with the search term and takes slightly more time than an Index search. Live searches allow you to search non-alphanumeric characters and to perform pattern searches, such as regular expressions and hex values.

See Searching Evidence with Live Search (page 400)

The Index search compares search terms to an index file containing discrete words or number strings found in both the allocated and unallocated space in the case evidence. The investigator can choose to generate an index file during preprocessing.

See Searching Evidence with Index Search (page 411)

AccessData products use dtSearch, one of the leading search tools available, in the index search engine. dtSearch can quickly search gigabytes of text.

About Bookmarking

As important data is identified from the evidence in the case, bookmarking that data enables you to quickly find and refer to it, add to it, and attach related files, even files that are not processed into the case. These files are called “supplementary files.” Bookmarks can be included in reports at any stage of the investigation and analysis.

See Bookmarking Evidence (page 388)

About Presenting Evidence

You can present digital evidence by creating a case report containing the evidence and investigation results in a readable, accessible format.

Use the report wizard to create and modify reports. A report can include bookmarks (information selected during the examination), customized graphic references, and selected file listings. Selected files, such as bookmarked files and graphics, can be exported to make them available with the report. The report can be generated in several file formats, including HTML and PDF and can be generated in multiple formats simultaneously.

See Working with Evidence Reports (page 499).

About Cloud Based and Virtualization Support

Cloud Based Relational Database Services (RDS) Support

The AccessData Suite can now be run on Amazon Web Services (AWS) using the new Cloud Based option. Users will log in using a link to the web service and all services and processing will be located online. Users have the option to use the AWS™ provided PostgreSQL engine or the AWS Aurora™ service. AWS PostgreSQL RDS is wire-compatible with PostgreSQL 9.6.x.

For information, see the Release Notes.

Virtualization Support

AccessData will support its products in a virtual environment running on supported operating systems and environments by both the Vendor/manufacturer and AccessData.

For information, see the Release Notes.

Chapter 2
Getting Started with the User Interface

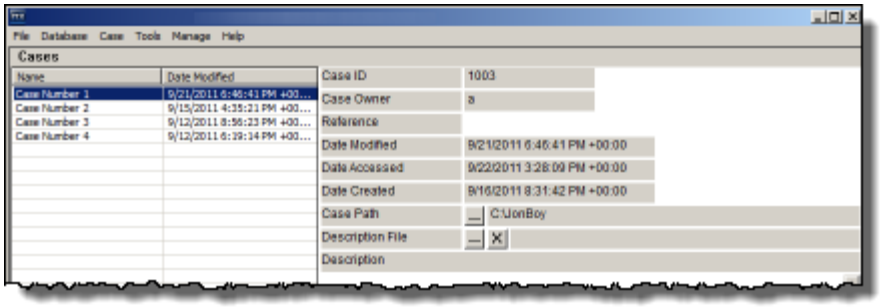
You can use two primary interfaces to work with cases and evidence:

- *Case Manager*
- *Examiner*

The Case Manager

You can use the *Case Manager* to manage application settings that apply to multiple cases.

The following is an example of the *Case Manager:*



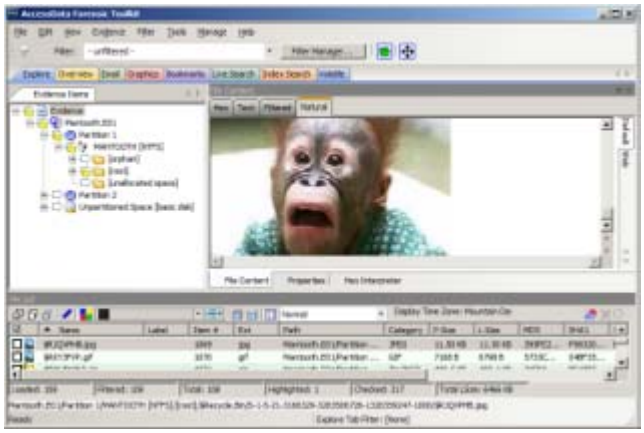
See Introducing FTK Case Management on page 109.

The Examiner

You can use the *Examiner* to locate and interpret case data.

The following is an example of the *Examiner:*

The Examiner



For more information, see the following

- See Using the FTK Examiner Interface (page 285)

Part 2

Administrating Forensic Toolkit® (FTK®)

This part contains information about administrating and configuring Forensic Toolkit® (FTK®) and contains the following chapters:

- FTK Application Administration (page 35)

Chapter 3
FTK Application Administration

This chapter includes topics that discuss administration tasks that you can do within the *Case Manager* interface.

See the following

- See Initializing the Database and Creating an Application Administrator Account on page 36.
- See Changing Your Password on page 37.
- See Recovering a Password on page 37.
- See Setting Database Preferences on page 39.
- See Managing Database Sessions on page 39.
- See Optimizing the Database for Large Cases on page 39.
- See Creating Databases for Individual Cases on page 40.
- See Managing KFF Settings on page 40.
- See Recovering and Deleting Processing Jobs on page 41.
- See Restoring an Image to a Disk on page 41.
- See Adding New Users to a Database on page 42.
- See About Assigning Roles to Users on page 42.
- See Email Notifications for Case-Level Permissions on page 48.
- See Assigning Users Shared Label Visibility on page 48.
- See Setting Additional Preferences on page 49.
- See Managing Global Features on page 50.

Important: It is strongly recommended to configure antivirus to exclude the database (PostgreSQL, MS SQL) AD temp, source images/loose files, and case folders for performance and data integrity.

Initializing the Database and Creating an Application Administrator Account

The database and application must already be installed prior to this step.

The first time you launch the application, you specify the database to use. The application then creates the database schema which is required before any case data can be loaded into the database. You will be prompted to give the location of the database. This option allows a non-local database to be specified even if a local database is present.

After initializing the database, you are prompted to create an Application Administrator account. This account lets you create other user accounts and perform other administrative tasks.

To initialize the database and create an Application Administrator account

1. Click the shortcut icon to open the application
2. If it does not detect a configured database connection for this version, you will be prompted to *Add Database*.
3. In the *RDBMS* drop-down menu, select the brand of database that you are connecting to.
4. Specify the server hosting the database in the *Host* field.
   If the database is on the same computer as FTK, you can leave this field empty.
5. (Optional) Give the database connection a nickname in the *Display name* field.
6. Specify the database name by doing one of the following:
   - If you are using PostgreSQL or MS SQL Server, for the *PostgreSQL dbname* or *mssql sa,* you can use the default values or enter your own value. If you enter your own value, make sure that you record it so that you know the database name.
7. Do not change the *Port number* fields unless you have a custom database configuration.
8. If you are using MS SQL Server, you can check **Use Integrated Security** to use your Windows authentication credentials.
9. Click **OK.**
   If the connection attempt to the database was successful, the database will be initialized.
10. In the *Please Authenticate* dialog, log into the database using you database administrator account credentials.
    - If you used the default installation, enter the following credentials:
      Username: postgres
      Password: AD@Password
    - If you used the advanced installation or installed a different database, enter your credentials.

    A successful login initializes the database and opens the *Case Manager* window.
11. In the *Add New User* dialog, create an Application Administrator account for this version of the database schema.
    - Enter a name and password.
    - Record this information in a secure place.
12. Click **OK**.

Changing Your Password

Once logged into the system, you can change your password.

To change your password

1. In *Case Manager*, click **Database > Change Password**.
2. In the *Change Password* dialog box, enter your current password.
3. Enter your new password in the *New Password* text box.
4. Verify your new password by entering it again in the *Re-enter* text box.
5. Click **OK**.

Recovering a Password

You can recover an Administrator database password using a Password Reset File. Only the Administrator logged into the program can create the reset file and only the Administrator that created the reset file can use the file to reset the password. Before recovering your Administrator password, you will create a Password Reset File. Once you reset a password, the Password Reset File you used is no longer valid.

There are two main components to recover an Administrator's password:

- See Creating a Password Reset File on page 37.
- See Resetting your Password on page 38.

Creating a Password Reset File

You can use one of the following methods to create a Password Reset file:

- When creating a user with the Application Administration role and assigning a new password
- When changing the password for a user with the Application Administration role
- Accessing the Create Password Reset File option in the *Administer Users* dialog.

When creating/changing a password

1. After entering the new password, click **OK**.
2. A prompt appears that asks you to create a Password Reset File. Click **Yes**.
3. Navigate to a secure location and enter the name of the Password Reset File.

Important: Choose a location for the Password Reset File that only you know and to which others do not have immediate access. Keep its location confidential.

4. Click **OK**.

From the Administer Users dialog

1. In *Case Manager*, click **Database > Administer Users**.
2. Highlight your User Name (that is, the User Name under which you are logged in).
3. Click **Create Password Reset File**.
4. Navigate to a secure location and enter the name of the Password Reset File.

Important: Choose a location for the Password Reset File that only you know and to which others do not have immediate access. Keep its location confidential.

5. Click **OK**.

Resetting your Password

To reset your password, enter the Password Reset File you created previously.

Note: Any Password Reset Files that have already been used to reset passwords are no longer valid and will not work. Password Reset Files from other users or other databases also will not work. Only the Password Reset File that you created previously with your User Name and Password will work.

To enter the Password Reset File

1. When prompted for your password, enter your User Name.
2. Click **OK**.
   The **Reset Password** button appears in the *Please Authenticate* dialog.
3. Click **Reset Password**.
4. Locate the Password Reset File, highlight it, and click **OK**.
5. Enter a new password, verify the new password, and click **OK**.

Setting Database Preferences

The *Preferences* dialog lets you specify where to store the temporary file, the location of a network license and whether you want to optimize the database after you process evidence.

To set database preferences

1. In the *Case Manager*, click **Tools > Preferences**. Type in or browse to the folder you want temporary files to be written to.
2. Select a location for the temporary file folder.

   The Temporary File Folder stores temporary files, including files extracted from ZIP and email archives. The folder is also used as scratch space during text filtering and indexing. The Temporary File Folder is used frequently and should be on a drive with plenty of free space, and should not be subject to drive space allocation limits.
3. If your network uses AccessData Network License Service (NLS), you must provide the IP address and port for accessing the License Server.
4. Specify if you want to optimize the case database.

   This is set to optimize by default. Unmark the check box to turn off automatic optimization. This causes the option to be available in Additional Analysis for those cases that were processed with Optimize Database turned off initially. The Restore Optimization option in Additional Analysis does not appear if Database Optimization is set in the New Case Wizard to be performed following processing, or if it has been performed already on the current case from either place.
5. In the *Preferences* dialog, click **OK**.

Managing Database Sessions

You can use the *Sessions Management* dialog to manage and track database sessions from within the *Case Manager*. You can also use the *Manage DB Sessions* dialog to terminate cases that are open and consuming sessions, but are inactive. This lets open file handles close so that processing can be restarted.

To open the *Manage DB Sessions* dialog, in the *Case Manager*, click **Database > Session Management**.

Optimizing the Database for Large Cases

Note: This feature currently only supports installations using PostgreSQL.

The database can be configured to optimize the handling of large cases. Specifically it may decrease the processing time for large cases. However, if you choose to optimize the database, it will require additional disk resources on the database host computer.

To optimize the database for large cases

1. In the *Case Manager*, click **Database > Configure**.
2. Click **Optimized for large cases**.
3. Click **Apply**.

Creating Databases for Individual Cases

Note: This feature only applies to MS SQL and PostgreSQL databases.

To improve performance, when you create new cases in FTK 6.0 or newer, a new database is created for each new case.

In addition to improved performance, if you configured the database location to be *in the case folder*, the database files are located under the case folder. This allows you to easily back up a case at the folder level as the case data and the database for the case are all under one case folder.

For example, if you create a case called *Investigation*, select the *In the case folder* option for the database location, and want to find the database files for that case, you could go to your *FTK Cases* folder (this is the file you listed as the case folder directory), click on the *Investigation* folder (this is the individual case folder), and open the *DB* folder, which contains all the database files for this case. If the *In the case folder* option is not selected, the database will be found in the appropriate Case folder located within the main MS SQL or PostgreSQL database files.

Important: Previous to FTK 6.0, all database files were stored within the main database and must be accessed through either the MS SQL or PostgreSQL database folder.

This feature is enabled by default.

To disable the individual case database feature

- In the *Case Manager*, click **Database > Put each case in its own DB**
  This will deselect the option and cases will be stored within the main database.

Managing KFF Settings

The AccessData Known File Filter (KFF) can be managed from the *Case Manager* > *Manage* menu. Click **KFF** to open the *KFF Admin* dialog box.

This functionality is also found in the *Examiner* main window under *Manage* > *KFF.*

The functionality is the same regardless of how you launch KFF Admin.

This shows the KFF Server Type and Server Address. You can test communication with the KFF Server.

For infomration about configuring a KFF Server, see Getting Started with KFF (Known File Filter) (page 225).

Recovering and Deleting Processing Jobs

Jobs that are started but unable to finish can be restarted or deleted.

To recover and delete processing jobs

1. Click **Tools > Recover Processing Jobs**. If no jobs remain unfinished, an error message pops up. Click **Continue** to see the *Recover Processing Jobs* dialog. It is be empty. Click **Close**. If there are jobs in the list, you can choose whether to *Restart* or *Delete* those jobs.
2. Click **Select All**, **Unselect All**, or mark the check box for each job to be recovered.
3. Do one of the following:
   - Click **Restart**. In the *Recovery Type* dialog, choose the recovery type that suits your needs.
   - Click **Delete**. Click **Yes** to confirm that you want to delete the job permanently.
4. Click **Close**.

Restoring an Image to a Disk

You can restore a disk image (001 (RAW/dd), E01, or S01) to a physical disk. The target disk must be the same size or larger than the original, uncompressed disk.

To restore an image to a disk

1. In the *Case Manager* or in the *Examiner*, click **Tools > Restore Image to Disk**. The *Restore Image to Disk* dialog opens.
2. Browse to and select the source image (must be RAW-dd/001, E01, or S01).
3. Click the *Destination drive* drop-down to choose the drive to restore the image to.

   If you have connected an additional target drive and it does not appear in the list, click **Refresh** to update the list.
4. If the target (destination) drive is larger than the original, uncompressed data, and you don't want the image data to share the drive space with old data, mark the **Zero-fill remainder of destination drive** check box.
5. If you need the operating system to see the target drive by drive letter, mark the **Notify operating system to rescan partition table when complete** check box.
6. Click **Restore Image**.

Adding New Users to a Database

The Application Administrator can add new users to a database. The *Add New User* dialog lets you add users, disable users, change a user's password, set roles, and show disabled users.

To add a new user

1. Click **Database** > **Administer Users** > **Create User**.
2. In the *Add New User* dialog, enter information for the following:

User Name	Enter the name that the user is known as in program logs and other system information.
Full Name	Enter the full name of the user as it is to appear on case reports.
Password	Enter and verify a password for this user.
Email Address	Enter a valid email address; this will be used for any notifications.
Role	Assign rights to the selected user name using roles. The default roles are: ● *Application Administrator*: Can perform all types of tasks, including adding and managing users. ● *Case/Project Administrator*: Can perform all of the tasks an Application Administrator can perform, with the exception of creating and managing users. ● *Case Reviewer*: Cannot create cases; can only process cases.

3. Click **OK** to apply the selected role to the new user.
4. Click **OK** to exit the *Add New User* dialog.

Managing Roles

A role is a user group with a specific set of permissions to perform defined investigative tasks. The Administrator can add new roles, modify existing roles, and view a role's permissions.

About Assigning Roles to Users

A user can have two levels of roles assigned to him or her. A user can have initial roles granted that apply globally across all cases in a database, and a user can also have specific roles granted for a specific case.

Roles can be granted as follows

- Roles that apply to all cases in a database are granted from the *Database* > *Administer Users* dialog.
- Roles that apply to a specific case are granted from the *Case* > *Assign Users* dialog.

The permissions that are applied through roles are cumulative, meaning that if you apply more than one, the greatest amount of rights and permissions become available.

When you assign roles that apply globally across the database, you cannot reduce the rights on a case-by-case basis.

AccessData recommends that when you first create a user account, save the account and close the dialog without setting a role. Then click **Case > Assign Users** to assign roles on a case-by-case basis. You can also

assign all new users the Case Reviewer role for the database and, then selectively add additional roles as needed on a case-by-case basis.

There are pre-defined roles and you can create your own.

About Permissions

Permissions are like user rights on a network. They define what types of information and which machines a user in a specific role can access, and what tasks can be performed by users with that Role.

Tips for Assigning Permissions to Users

- It is important to understand that when you create user accounts (**Database > Administer Users**) and assign roles to users from that dialog, the roles you assign are global for this database; you cannot reduce their rights on a case-by-case basis.
- If you decide to limit a user's rights by assigning a different role, you must return to the **Database > Administer Users** dialog, select a user and choose **Set Roles**. Unmark the current role and click **OK** with no role assigned here, or choose a different role that limits access, then click **OK** to save the new setting.
- AccessData recommends that you first create the user account, save the account and close the dialog without setting a role. Then, click **Case > Assign Users** to assign roles on a case-by-case basis.
- Or you could assign all new users the global Case Reviewer role, then selectively add the Case/Project Administrator or Application Administrator role as needed. The permissions that are applied through roles are cumulative, meaning that if you apply more than one, the greatest amount of rights and permissions become available.

About Additional Roles

You can use the *Case Manager* to assign specific roles to users on a case-by-case basis. You can do this by using the *Additional Roles* feature.

For example, you may have a user who has a general role of *Case Reviewer*. However, you may want to give that user additional rights to a specific case. You can assign that user an *Additional Role* for that specific case. You could assign them a *Project/Case Administrator* role to grant some management rights, or you could assign them the *Application Administrator* role to grant them all rights for the case.

It is important to note that the rights granted through an *Additional Role* only apply once the user has opened the case in the *Examiner*. It does not grant them rights to the case using the *Case* or *Management* menus in the *Case Manager*. For example, this user cannot backup the case. To grant them rights at the *Case Manager* level, you would need assign them the regular *Project/Case Administrator* role, not as an *Additional Role*.

About Predefined Roles

The following roles are predefined and can easily be used:

- Application Administrator - has all rights
- Project/Case Administrator - has most rights to manage assigned cases and to create and manage new cases. (This role can only manage cases that the user is assigned to or has created themselves.)
- Case Reviewer - has rights to view data in assigned cases.

You can manage the rights that any role has.

Important: The Administrator role overrides all other permissions granted to a user.

The following tables display the default rights that the roles have or don't have.

Restrictions to the Case Reviewer Role

The case reviewer role does not have all of the permissions as the application administrator and the database administrator.

Permissions Denied to Case Reviewer Users

Create, Add, or Delete cases	Use Imager
Administer Users	Use Registry Viewer
Data Carve	Use PRTK
Manually Data Carve	Use Find on Disk
Assign Users to Cases	Use the Disk Viewer
Add Evidence	View File Sectors
Access Dell Encryption Decryption from the Tools Menu	Define, Edit, Delete, Copy, Export, or Import Filters
Decrypt Files from the Tools Menu	Export Files or Folders
Mark or View Items Flagged as "Ignorable" or "Privileged"	Access the Additional Analysis Menu
Manage the KFF	Backup or Restore Cases
Enter Session Management	Create Custom Data Views

Differences Between the Case Administrator and Application Administrator Roles in the Examiner

Default Case Administrator and Application Administrator Role Comparison (In the Examiner)

Examiner Menu	Feature	Project/Case Administrator	Application Administrator
File	Export	x	x
	Export to Image	x	x
	Export Word List	x	x
	Reports	x	x
	Timeline Report	x	x
	Job Summary Report	x	x
	Export Event Audit Log	x	x
Evidence	Add/Remove	x	x
	Additional Analysis	x	x

Default Case Administrator and Application Administrator Role Comparison (In the Examiner)

Examiner Menu	Feature	Project/Case Administrator	Application Administrator
	Process Manually Carved Items		x
	Manage Evidence Group	x	x
	Import Custom Column File		x
	Import Custom Column Data		x
	Delete Custom Column Data		x
	Merge Case Index	x	x
Filter	New	x	x
	On	x	x
	Import	x	x
	Tab Filter	x	x
Tools	Decrypt Files	x	x
	Verify Image Integrity		x
	Restore Image to Drive		x
	Mount Image to Drive	x	x
	Disk Viewer	x	x
	Other Applications > Imager, PRTK, Registry Viewer	x	x
	Disconnect Agents	x	x
	Recover Processing Jobs	x	x
	Execute SQL		x
	Select Audit Events	x	x
Manage	KFF	x	x
	PhotoDNA	x	x
	Labels > Manage Shared Labels		x
	Carvers > Manage Carvers	x	x
	Carvers > Manage Shared Carvers		x
	Filters > Manage Filters	x	x
	Filters > Manage Shared Filters		x
	Columns > Manage Columns	x	x
	Columns > Manage Shared Columns		x

Assigning Initial Database-level Roles to Users

You can use the case manager to assign roles to users. Although the default roles can all be selected concurrently, AccessData recommends that only one of these be selected for any user to avoid granting either redundant or excessive permissions.

To assign initial database-level roles to users

1. In the *Case Manager*, click **Database > Administer Users**.
2. Do one of the following:
   - If the user does not yet exist in the system click **Create User** to create the user.
   - If the user does exist in the system, select the user's name and click **Set Roles**.
3. Click **Set Roles** to assign a role that limits or increases database and administrative access.
4. To assign a default role, mark the check box next to that role. The default roles are as follows:
   - *Application Administrator*: Can perform all types of tasks, including adding and managing users.
   - *Case/Project Administrator*: Can perform all of the tasks an Application Administrator can perform, with the exception of creating and managing users.
   - *Case Reviewer*: Cannot create cases; can only process cases.
5. Click **OK** to apply the selected role to the new user, save the settings, and return to the *Add New User* dialog.

Assigning Additional Case-level Roles to Users

You can use the *Case Manager* to assign specific roles to users on a case-by-case basis. You can do this by using the *Additional Roles* feature.

To assign additional case-level roles to users

1. In the *Case Manager*, select the case for which you want to grant additional roles to a user.
2. Click **Case > Assign Users**.
3. In the *Assigned Users* pane, select the user that you want to grant additional roles to.
4. Click **Additional Roles**.
5. In the *Additional Roles* dialog, under *Additional Roles for this Case*, select the roles that you want to grant.
6. Click **OK**.
7. Click **Done**.

Adding New Roles

You can add new, customized roles to your system.

To add a new role

1. Click **Database > Administer Roles**.
2. Click *New Role* at the bottom of the *Define Roles* window.
3. Enter a name for the role in the *Role name* field at the top of the window. Enter a description if desired.
4. Click **OK**.
5. Select the Rights check boxes that you want to associate with this role. When satisfied with the settings you have selected, click **Save**.

Important: Be sure to view all pages of the Rights field by using the drop down menu to toggle between pages.

Modifying Roles

You can modify a role to meet your needs.

To modify (edit) an existing role

1. Locate the role to modify in the *Define Roles* window.
2. In the Roles field, highlight the role you would like to edit.
3. Select or deselect the appropriate rights associated with the role.
4. Click **Save**.

Viewing a Role's Permissions

You can view the permissions assigned to a particular role.

To view the Permissions assigned to a role

1. Locate the role to view in the *Define Roles* window.
2. In the Roles field, highlight the role you would like to view. All assigned permissions will be checked in the Rights field.

Note: Be sure to view all pages of the Rights field. Use the drop down menu to toggle between pages.

Email Notifications for Case-Level Permissions

You can send email notifications to alert a user when they have been granted permissions to a case. This feature will use the email entered into the user profile to send a message alert for each case they have been allowed to access. You may also add a message to the standard email alert if desired. These notifications can be sent to multiple email addresses at the same time.

Important: A functional email address must be associated with each user being added to the case or the notification will not be sent.

To send a notification email when adding a user(s) to a case

1. In the *Case Manager*, select the case for which you want to add and notify a user.
2. Click **Case > Add Users/Groups** and add users or groups, being sure to include a functional email address for each user. For more information, see Adding New Users to a Database (page 42).
3. Check the box next to *Notify users*.
4. If you wish to include additional information other than the default notification that the user has been added to the selected case, you may type your text into the *Message* box. This information will then appear in the body of the email notification.
5. Click **Done**. This will automatically send an email to each user's associated email address alerting them of his or her addition to the case.

To set up email notification information

1. In the *Case Manager*, select a database and log in.
2. Navigate to **Manage > Email notification settings**. The *Manage Email Alert Settings* dialog will open.
3. Fill in the *Manage Email Alert Settings* dialog with the appropriate information.
4. If you choose to send a Test Alert, enter the appropriate addresses into the *Send Test Alert* box and press **Send**.
5. Click **OK**.

Note: Outgoing TCP traffic must be allowed on port 25.

Assigning Users Shared Label Visibility

Shared Labels give Application Administrators the added benefit of assigning visibility to only specific users on a case-by-case basis.

To assign Label Visibility

1. In *Case Manager*, click **Case > Assign Users**. The *Assign Users for Case* dialog opens, and a list of users that have permissions in the currently selected case appears.
2. Highlight a User.
3. Click **Label Visibility** to open the *Manage Label Visibility* dialog.

To show or hide Labels

1. Select a user in the *User List* pane. The *Shared Labels* dialog opens. Initially all are set as *Visible*.
2. Move labels as needed, based on the following:
   - Select a label you want that user not to see in any case, and click the **>** button.
   - To move a hidden label into the *Visible Labels* pane, select it, and click the **<** button.

Setting Additional Preferences

Choosing a Temporary File Path

The Temporary File Folder stores temporary files, including files extracted from ZIP and email archives. The folder is also used as scratch space during text filtering and indexing. The Temporary File Folder is used frequently and should be on a drive with plenty of free space, and should not be subject to drive space allocation limits.

To specify a location for the Temporary File Folder

1. In the *Case Manager*, click **Tools > Preferences**. Type in or browse to the folder you want temporary files to be written to.
2. Select the folder, then click **OK**.
3. In the *Preferences* dialog, verify the path is what you wanted.
4. In the *Theme to use for Visualization* section, you can also choose a color scheme to apply to the visualization windows.
5. Click **OK**.

Providing a Network Security Device Location

If your network uses AccessData Network License Service (NLS), provide the IP address and port for accessing the License Server.

Setting Theme Preferences for the Visualization Add on

To change the appearance of the Visualization window

1. In the *Case Manager*, click **Tools > Preferences**.
2. In the *Theme to use for Visualization* section, select a color scheme to apply to the Visualization windows.
3. Click **OK**.

Setting Agent Conifguration Settings

This feature is for AD Enterprise only.

Optimizing the Case Database

This is set to optimize by default. Unmark the check box to turn off automatic optimization. This causes the option to be available in Additional Analysis for those cases that were processed with Optimize Database turned off initially.

Note: The Restore Optimization option in Additional Analysis will not appear if Database Optimization was set in the New Case Wizard to be performed following processing, or if it has been performed already on the current case from either place.

Configuring KFF

To use the Known File Filter feature (KFF), you must configure a KFF Server.

In this dialog, you specify the type of KFF Server and its location.

For information on configuring the KFF Server, see Getting Started with KFF (Known File Filter) (page 225).

After the KFF server has been configured, you can click **Test Server** to test the communication with the KFF Server.

Managing Global Features

Several features that were previously available only in a case are now fully implemented for global application, and are known as “Shared.” Since they are available globally, they are managed from the *Case Manager* interface, under the *Tools* menu.

The Application Administrators manage all Shared features. It is a good practice to set these up to the extent you are able, before you create your first case. Of course, new ones can be added at any time and copied to existing cases. Shared features can be created within cases by both Application and Case Administrators, and Shared (added to the global list).

Since each Shared feature has been documented to some extent in other chapters of the User Guide, only the parts of the features that apply specifically to Application Administrators are explained here. Cross-references are added to provide quick access to more complete information.

Managing Shared Custom Carvers

Carvers provide a comprehensive tool that allows you to customize the carving process to access hidden data exactly the way you need it. You can create new, and edit or delete existing shared carvers. In addition, you can import and export carvers, and copy carvers to cases that were previously processed without a particular custom carver.

There are no default carvers listed in the *Manage Shared Custom Carvers* dialog. It contains only custom-designed carvers that are shared.

See also Custom Carvers (page 80)

To create a Shared Custom Carver

1. In the *Case Manager*, click **Manage > Carvers.**
2. From the *Manage Shared Custom Carvers* dialog, click **New**.
3. Set the data carving options that you want to use.
4. Click **Save** when the new carver has been defined to meet your needs. You will see the new carver in this list and when you mark the **Carving** option in the *New Case Wizard*.
5. In the *Manage Shared Carvers* dialog, click the appropriate button to:
   - Create **New** shared custom carvers
   - **Edit** existing shared custom carvers
   - **Delete** shared custom carvers
   - **Import** shared custom carvers that have been exported from cases
   - **Export** shared custom carvers
   - **Copy** shared custom carvers to a case
6. Click **OK** to close the *Carving Options* dialog.

Managing Custom Identifiers

Custom File Identifiers let you specify which file category or extension should be assigned to files with a certain signature. While Custom Identifiers can be created and/or selected by a Case Administrator in the *New Case Wizard*, Shared Custom Identifiers are created and managed from a separate menu.

See also Creating Custom File Identifiers (page 85).

To Create a Shared Custom Identifier

1. In the *Case Manager*, click **Manage > Custom Identifiers**.
   Initially, the Custom Identifiers List pane is empty, and the rest of the window is grayed-out.
2. Click **Create New**. The window activates.
3. Enter a name for the new *Custom Identifier*. The name you enter is added into the *Custom Identifiers List*.
4. Enter a description to help define the identifier's purpose.
5. Create the *Custom Identifier* by defining *Operations* and using the *AND* and *OR* buttons.
6. When you are done defining this *Custom Identifier*, click **Apply**.

You can also do the following

- Click **Delete** to delete an unwanted or outdated identifier.
- Click **Export** to save the selected identifier as a `TXT` file.
- Click **Import** to add an external identifier file.
- Click **Close** to close the *Custom Identifiers* dialog.

Managing Columns

Shared Columns use the same windows and dialogs that Local Columns use.

To create a Shared Column Template

1. In *Case Manager*, click **Manage > Columns**.
   The *Manage Shared Column Settings* dialog opens.
2. Highlight a default *Column Template* to use as a basis for a *Custom Column Template*.
3. Click **New**.
4. Enter a new name in the *Column Template Name* field.
5. Select the Columns to add from the *Available Columns* pane, and click **Add >> t**o move them to the *Selected Columns* pane.
6. Select from the *Selected Columns* pane and click **Remove** to clear an unwanted column from the *Selected Columns*.
7. When you have the new column template defined, click **OK**.

See also Customizing File List Columns (page 494).

Managing File Extension Maps

Extension Maps can be used to define or change the category associated to any file with a certain file extension. For example, files with BAG extension which would normally be categorized as “Unknown Type” can be categorized as an AOL Bag File, or a files with a MOV extension that would normally be categorized as Apple QuickTime video files can be changed to show up under a more appropriate category since they can sometimes contain still images.

To create a Shared Custom Extension Mapping

1. In the *Case Manager*, click **Manage > File Extension Maps**.
2. In the *Custom Extension Mapping* dialog, click **Create New**.
3. Enter a name for the new mapping.
4. Enter a description for easier identification.
5. In the *Category* pane, select a file type you want to map an extension to.
6. Click **Add Extension**.
   The *Add New Extension* dialog box opens.
7. Enter the new extension to add.
8. Click **OK**.

You can also do the following:

- Click **Delete** to remove an unwanted or outdated mapping.
- Click **Import** to add an external Custom Extension Mapping file for Shared use.
- Click **Export** to save a Custom Extension Mapping file.
- Click **Close** to close the *Custom Extension Mapping* dialog.

See also Custom Case Extension Maps (page 86).

Managing Filters

Filters consist of a name, a description, and as many rules as you need. A filter rule consists of a property, an operator, and one or two criteria. (You may have two criteria in a date range.)

To create a new Shared filter

1. From *Case Manager*, click **Manage** > **Filters.**
   The *Manage Shared Filters* dialog opens.
2. Do one of the following:
   - If there is an existing filter in the *Filters* list that you want to use as a pattern, or template, highlight that filter and click **Copy**.
   - If there is no filter that will work as a pattern, Click **New**.
3. Enter a name and a short description of the new filter.
4. Select a property from the drop-down menu.
5. Select an operator from the **Properties** drop-down menu.
6. Select the applicable criteria from the **Properties** drop-down menu.
7. Each property has its own set of operators, and each operator has its own set of criteria. The possible combinations are vast.
8. Select the **Match Any** operator to filter out data that satisfies any one of the filter rules or the **Match All** operator to filter out data that satisfies all rules of the filter.
   You can test the filter without having to save it first. Check the **Live Preview** box to test the filter as you create it.

Part 3

Case Management

This part contains information about managing cases. It contains the following chapters:

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- Filtering Data to Locate Evidence (page 141)
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Chapter 4

Creating and Configuring New Cases

This chapter explains how to create a new case and configure the case options. If you have cases that were created in version 2.2 or later, you can convert them to the latest version.

This chapter includes the following topics

- Opening an Existing Case (page 56)
- Opening a Case in iSubmit (page 57)
- Creating a Case (page 58)
- Configuring Detailed Options for a Case (page 59)
- Evidence Processing Options (page 67)
- Adding Evidence to a New Case (page 94)
- Converting a Case from Version 2.2 or Newer (page 94)

Opening an Existing Case

You can open a case that has previously been created and closed.

To open an existing case

1. Open the *Case Manager*.
2. In the *Case Manager*, highlight and double-click a case to open it.

Note: If you attempt to open a case you have not been assigned to, you will receive a message saying, “You have not been assigned to work on this case.” This is because you must be authenticated to open the case.

Opening a Case in iSubmit

Users have the ability to pull pertinent information from iSubmit and auto-create a case with that information, allowing investigators to track a case from start to completion within the iSubmit program.

This feature requires an add-on license for iSubmit. Please see your sales representative for details.

A key will need to be created before you can connect to the iSubmit database.

To create an iSubmit key in the registry

- Create the following REG_SZ key:
  [HKEY_LOCAL_MACHINE\SOFTWARE\AccessData\Products\Forensic Toolkit\6.3]
  "iSubmitLicense"=[The iSubmit license number you have obtained from iSubmit]

Note: The version of AccessData software must match the current version you are using. For example FTK 6.3 and 6.3.1 will both use 6.3.

To connect to an iSubmit database

1. In the Case Manager, navigate to Case > iSubmit Forms.
   The iSubmit Forms dialog will open, allowing you to search for an existing form by entering the Form Type and Date Range.
2. Click Update Forms List and select the desired iSubmit form. Click Create.
3. Select the proper Form ID and click Create.
   The New Case dialog will open and the new case will then be tracked within iSubmit.
   The form number is shown in the Reference Field and is automatically populated from the iSubmit database.

Note: You will need to put the iSubmit key in the registry for this to work.

Creating a Case

Case information is stored in a database, and allows case administration as each new case is created.

To start a new case

1. Open the *Case Manager*.
2. Click **Case > New**. The *New Case Options* dialog opens.
3. Enter a name for the case in the *Case Name* field.
4. (Optional) Enter any specific reference information in the *Reference* field.
5. (Optional) Enter a short description of the case in the *Description* field.
6. You can use the *Description File* option to attach a file to the case. For example you can use this field to attach a work request document or a warrant to the case.
7. In the *Case Folder Directory* field specify where to store the case files. If you wish to specify a different location for the case, click the **Browse** button.

   Note: If the case folder directory is not shared, an error occurs during case creation.

8. (Optional) In the *Database Directory* field you can specify a location for where to store database directory files. You can check the *In the case folder* option to save the database directory in the case folder. If you do not specify these options, the database directory is saved to the default location of the database.

   Note: The location that you specify for *Database Directory* is relative to your database computer. If you intend to specify a location that is on a different computer than your database, for example in a multi-box scenario, then you must enter a network path.

   Important: If using a UNC path for the case folder, and selecting the *In the case folder* option for the database directory, and if the database process isn't running as a network user, it will not be able to access the UNC path and will therefore fail to create the database files.

9. Configure the default processing options for the case by either using a processing profile or using custom settings.

   See Configuring Detailed Options for a Case on page 59.

10. If you wish to open the case as soon as it is created, mark **Open the case**.
11. Click **OK** to create the new case.

Configuring Detailed Options for a Case

When you configure Detailed Options for a case, there are options for doing the following:

- Configuring Default Processing Options for a Case (page 60)
- Configuring Evidence Refinement (Advanced) Options (page 87)
- Selecting Index Refinement (Advanced) Options (page 89)
- Managing Custom Identifiers (page 52)

About Processing Options

To help you in investigating the evidence in a case, the evidence data is processed. When evidence is processed, data about the evidence is created and stored in the database. You can view the processed data in the Examiner.

Evidence is processed at the following times:

- When adding evidence to a case
- After the initial processing, when performing an additional analysis

There are many different types of processing options. You can choose which processing options are relevant to your case.

The following are some examples of how your data can be processed:

- Generate hash values for all of the files in the evidence.
- Categorize the types of files in your evidence, such as graphics, office documents, encrypted files, and so on.
- Expand the contents of compound files, such as ZIP or TAR files.
- Create an index of the words that are in the evidence files for quick searches and retrieval.
- Create thumbnails for the graphics and videos in the evidence.
- Decrypt encrypted files.
- Compare files in your evidence against a list of known files that you may want to be alerted about (such as contraband images) or files that you want to ignore (such as Windows system files).

You can select processing options at the following times:

- When you create a case (Detailed Options) -- these become the default options for the case.
  See Evidence Processing Options (page 67)
- When you add evidence to an existing case (Refinement Options) -- you can either use or override the case defaults.
  See Configuring Evidence Refinement (Advanced) Options (page 87)
- When you perform an Additional Analysis on a case.
  See Using Additional Analysis (page 128)

Each processing option that you enable increases the time that it take to process the evidence. Depending on your situation, you may want to select more or fewer options.

For example, in one scenario, you may want to process the evidence as quickly as possible. In this case, you can use a pre-defined “Field Mode” that deselects almost all processing options and therefore takes the shortest

amount of time. After the initial processing, you can perform an Additional Analysis and enable additional processing options.

In another scenario, you may want to take the time to categorize and index files during the initial processing, so you can enable those options. This will take a significant amount of time for a large evidence set.

There is a Pause button available in the Data Processing Status window for situations where you need to interrupt evidence processing. Once you are ready to continue, select the Resume option.

Configuring Default Processing Options for a Case

When you create a case, you define the default processing options that are used whenever evidence is added to that case. By specifying default processing options for a case, you do not have to manually configure the processing options each time you add new evidence. The case-level defaults can be overridden and customized when you add new evidence or when you perform an additional analysis.

You configure the default processing options for a case in one of the following ways:

- Using Processing Profiles (page 61)
- Customizing the Processing Profile Buttons (page 65)

Note: One factor that may influence which processing options to select is your schedule. If you disable indexing, it shortens case processing time. The case administrator can return at a later time and index the case if needed. The fastest way to create a case and add evidence is to use Field Mode.

Using Processing Profiles

About Processing Profiles

As an investigator, you may want to be able to save a set of processing options as a profile so that they can be easily reused. Processing profiles are a saved list of processing options that are stored in the database. Processing profiles are created at the global level and are available anytime you create a case.

For example, you may need to focus on certain types of data in a case, such as images and videos. In this example, you can create a processing profile that enables the following processing options:

- KFF
- Expand Compound Files
- Flag Bad Extensions
- Create Thumbnails for Graphics
- Create Thumbnails for Video
- Generate Common Video File
- Explicit Image Detection
- PhotoDNA

Each time you create this kind of case, you can use a profile with these options set as default and you won't need to manually specify them again.

Processing profiles are used at the case level. Specifically, when you create a case, you can select a processing profile from a drop-down list as the default processing options for that case. Any time that you add evidence to that case, the profile's setting will be the default "Refinement Options". This saves you time by not having to reconfigure processing options each time you add evidence to the case. However, when you add evidence to a case, you can modify the processing options for that evidence set. The profile is simply a set of default settings for the case.

Processing profiles are stored in the database. It is important to note that the profile itself does not get saved with the case but only the processing options that are in the profile.

There are five pre-defined, one-click processing profiles:

- Forensic processing (these were the Factory Defaults in version 4.x and earlier)
- eDiscovery processing
- Summation processing
- Basic assessment
- Field mode

See About Pre-configured Processing Profiles on page 62.

When you create a case, you can use one of the pre-configured profiles or create/select a custom profile. If you create a custom profile, you can save it with a unique name so that you can re-use it in a different case.

See Creating a Custom Processing Profile (page 64)

Important: When you create a custom profile, the settings for *Custom File Identification* or *Event Audit Log* options are not stored in the processing profile. The *Send Email Alert* and *Decrypt Dell Encryption Files* settings on the Evidence Processing tab are also not stored in the processing profile.

You can choose which profiles populate in the five one-click processing profile buttons for ease of use. The pre-configured profile options and your other custom profiles will still be available in the drop down menu.

You can also edit, delete, import, or export custom processing profiles.

See Managing Processing Profiles (page 65)

You can also set custom processing options for a case without saving them to a profile.

See Customizing the Processing Profile Buttons on page 65.

About Pre-configured Processing Profiles

There are five pre-defined, one-click processing profiles. You cannot edit, delete, or export these profiles. However, you can use them as a template for a new custom profile.

The following are the pre-configured profiles.

Forensic processing	This profile includes the following processing options: • MD5 Hash • SHA-1 Hash • SHA-256 Hash • Expand common compound files This will expand many types of compound files. See Expanding Compound Files (page 70) • File Signature Analysis • Flag Bad Extensions • dtSearch Test Index • Create Thumbnails for Graphics • Include Deleted Files • Include File Slack • Include Free Space • Include Message Headers • Create Email Threads This list of processing options is the same as the Factory Defaults in version 4.x. For a description of processing options, see Evidence Processing Options (page 67)

eDiscovery processing	The eDiscovery profile allows the processed evidence to be easily imported into AD eDiscovery. These options include: • MD5 Hash • Flag Duplicate Files • Expand Compound Files • File Signature Analysis • dtSearch Text Index • Document Content Analysis • Don't Expand Embedded Graphics • Include Message Headers • Do not include document metadata in filtered text • Enable Advanced De-duplication Analysis • Propagate Email Attributes • Create Email Threads • Cluster Analysis • Include Extended Information in the Index
Summation processing	The Summation profile allows the processed evidence to be easily imported into AD Summation. These options include: • Flag Duplicate Files • Expand Compound Files • File Signature Analysis • Flag Bad Extensions • dtSearch Text Index • Create Thumbnails for Graphics • Generate Common Video File • Document Content Analysis • Entity Extraction (Doc. Content) • Don't Expand Embedded Graphics • Include Message Headers • Do not include document metadata in filtered text • Enable Advanced De-duplication Analysis • Propagate Email Attributes • Create Email Threads • Cluster Analysis • Include Extended Information in the Index • Enable 'Standard Viewer'
Basic assessment	This profile includes the following processing options: • Expand Compound Files • Include Deleted Files • Include File Slack • Include Free Space • Include Message Headers
Field mode	FTK Field Mode disables the standard processing options when processing evidence. This speeds up processing. You can then re-enable processing options through Additional Analysis. See Using Additional Analysis (page 128) The Job Processing screen always shows 0 for Queued when Field Mode is enabled, because items move directly from Active Tasks to Completed.

Creating a Custom Processing Profile

You can create a processing profile by selecting a set of processing options and then saving them as a profile.

You can create a processing profile at one of the following times:

- Before creating a case
- While configuring processing options for a new case

To create a custom processing profile

1. From the Case Manager do one of the following:
   - To create a profile before creating a case, do the following:

   1a. Click **Manage > Evidence Processing Profiles**.

   1b. Click **New Profile**.

   You can use the Profile dropdown to select an existing profile as a template.

   - To create a profile while creating a new case, do the following:

   1a. Click **Case > New**.

   1b. In the *Processing profile* field, select one of the built-in options and click **Customize**.
2. Do the following:

   2a. Click the *Evidence Processing* icon in the left pane, and select the processing options to be the default options for the case. For more information, see Evidence Processing Options (page 67).

   2b. Click the *Evidence Refinement (Advanced)* icon to select the evidence refinement options to use on this case. For more information, see Configuring Evidence Refinement (Advanced) Options (page 87).

   2c. Click the *Index Refinement (Advanced)* icon to select the index refinement options to use on this case. For more information, see Selecting Index Refinement (Advanced) Options (page 89).

   2d. Click the *Evidence Lab/eDiscovery* icon to select the advanced options to use on this case. For more information, see Selecting Lab/eDiscovery Options (page 91).

Important: When you create a custom profile, the settings for *Custom File Identification* or *Event Audit Log* options are not stored in the processing profile. When you configure these options, the *Save As...* profile button is grayed out to signify that they are not saved as part of a profile.

See Managing Custom Identifiers (page 52).

3. When you are satisfied with your options, click **Save As...** or **Save user Profile...** to create the profile.
4. Enter a name for the profile.
   - To create a new profile, enter a unique name.

   You cannot use *AD Standard, AD Field Mode*, or *Custom*.
   - To update an existing custom profile, enter the profile name.
5. (Optional) Enter a description of the profile.
6. Click **Save**.

Managing Processing Profiles

You can do the following to manage processing profiles.

Edit	You can edit an existing custom profile. You cannot edit the five pre-configured profiles. To edit a profile, you select an existing profile, make the desired changes, save the profile, and confirm that you want to replace the existing profile.
Set as Default	You can set a processing profile as the global default. Whenever you create a new case, the default profile is listed. If a profile not associated with a button has been set as the default, none of the buttons will appear greyed out and the default profile name will appear in the *Profiles* drop down. The default profile is denoted by a green check mark.
Delete	You can delete an existing custom profile. You cannot delete the five pre-configured profiles. If you delete a custom profile that has been selected as the default, the profile is deleted and the Forensic processing profile becomes the default.
Lock/Unlock	You can lock a profile so that others cannot edit or delete it. Any pre-defined profiles cannot be unlocked.
Export	You can export a custom profile so that you can archive it or use it on a different computer. The exported settings are saved in xml format.
Import	You can import a profile that has been previously exported.

To manage processing profiles

1. In the *Case Manager*, click **Manage > Evidence Processing Profiles**.
2. In the *Manage Evidence Processing Profiles* dialog, select a profile to manage.
3. Select an action to perform on the profile.
4. Click **Close.**

Customizing the Processing Profile Buttons

It is possible to customize the profiles that appear on the quick-start profile buttons in the *New Case Options* dialog. This will allow you to access your most commonly used processing profiles with one click. You will need to have already created your custom profiles before associating them with a button. For more information, see Creating a Custom Processing Profile (page 64). These changes are global and will be seen by all users.

Note: These changes can only be made by an Application Administrator.

To customize the quick-start profile buttons

1. In the *Case Manager*, select **Manage > Evidence Processing Profiles**.
   In the *Manage Evidence Processing Profiles* dialog you will see a list of all the current profiles along with a short description, if added; a locked indicator; and the button number assigned, if any. The green check mark indicates the default profile.
2. Highlight a profile in the grid and click **Set Button**.
   A window will appear allowing you to choose a number for that button. The numbers correspond to the button location, 1 being all the way to the left and 5 being all the way to the right.

3. Once you have selected a position, click **Save**.

   The new option will now be shown on the selected button. The profile option formerly in that position will no longer be associated with a button, but will still be shown in the *Profile* drop down list.

Manually Customizing a set of Detailed Options

You can configure default processing options for a case without saving it as a profile.

To manually customize the evidence processing options

1. From the *New Case Options* dialog, click **Custom**.

   1a. Click the *Evidence Processing* icon in the left pane, and select the processing options to be the default options for the case. For more information, see Evidence Processing Options (page 67).

   1b. Click the *Evidence Refinement (Advanced)* icon to select the evidence refinement options to use on this case. For more information, see Configuring Evidence Refinement (Advanced) Options (page 87).

   1c. Click the *Index Refinement (Advanced)* icon to select the index refinement options to use on this case. For more information, see Selecting Index Refinement (Advanced) Options (page 89).

   1d. Click Custom File Identification to configure Custom Identifiers. For more information, see Managing Custom Identifiers (page 52).

2. Click **OK**.

   In the Processing Profile field, it will display *Custom* to show that you did not save the options as a profile.

3. When you are satisfied with your evidence refinement options, click **OK** to create the case and continue to the Evidence Processing screen.

Evidence Processing Options

The following table outlines the Evidence Processing options.

Evidence Processing Options

Process	Description
MD5 Hash	Creates a digital fingerprint using the Message Digest 5 algorithm, based on the contents of the file. This fingerprint can be used to verify file integrity and to identify duplicate files.
SHA-1 Hash	Creates a digital fingerprint using the Secure Hash Algorithm-1, based on the contents of the file. This fingerprint can be used to verify file integrity and to identify duplicate files.
SHA-256 Hash	Creates a digital fingerprint using the Secure Hash Algorithm-256, based on the contents of the file. This fingerprint can be used to verify file integrity and to identify duplicate files. SHA-256 is a hash function computed with 32-bit words, giving it a longer digest than SHA-1.
Flag Duplicate Files	Identifies files that are found more than once in the evidence. This is done by comparing file hashes.
KFF	Enables the Known File Filter (KFF) that lets you identify either known insignificant files that you can ignore or known illicit or dangerous files that you want to be alerted to. When you enable KFF, you must select a KFF Template to use. You can select an existing KFF Template from the drop-down menu or click **...** to create a new one. See Using the Known File Filter (KFF) on page 259.
Expand Compound Files	Automatically opens and processes the contents of compound files such as ZIP, email, and OLE files. See Expanding Compound Files on page 70. The option *File Signature Analysis* is not forced to be selected. This lets you initially see the contents of compound files without necessarily having to process them. Processing can be done later, if it is deemed necessary or beneficial to the case by selecting *File Signature Analysis*.
Include Deleted Files	Checked by default. Un-check to exclude deleted files from the case.
File Signature Analysis	Analyzes files to indicate whether their headers or signatures match their extensions. This option must be selected if you choose Registry Summary Reports.
Flag Bad Extensions	Identifies files whose types do not match their extensions, based on the file header information. This option forces the *File Signature Analysis* option to be checked.
Entropy Test	Identifies files that are compressed or encrypted. Compressed and encrypted files identified in the entropy test are not indexed.

Evidence Processing Options (Continued)

Process	Description
dtSearch® Text Index	Stores the words from evidence in an index for quick retrieval. Additional space requirement is approximately 25% of the space required for all evidence in the case. Click **Indexing Options** for extensive options for indexing the contents of the case. Generated text that is the result of a formula in a document or spreadsheet is indexed, and can be filtered.
Create Thumbnails for Graphics	Creates thumbnails for all graphics in a case. Thumbnails are always created in JPG format, regardless of the original graphic file type. See Examining Graphics on page 324.
Create Thumbnails for Videos	Creates thumbnails for all videos in a case. You can also set the frequency for which video thumbnails are created, either by a percent (1 thumbnail every “n”% of the video) or by interval (1 thumbnail every “n” seconds. See Examining Videos on page 333.
Generate Common Video File	When you process the evidence in your case, you can choose to create a common video type for videos in your case. These common video types are not the actual video files from the evidence, but a copied conversion of the media that is generated and saved as an MP4 file that can be previewed on the video tab. See Examining Videos on page 333.
HTML File Listing	Creates an HTML version of the File Listing in the case folder.
CSV File Listing	The File Listing Database is now created in CSV format instead of an MDB file and can be added to Microsoft Access.
Data Carve	Carves data immediately after pre-processing. Click **Carving Options**, then select the file types to carve. Uses file signatures to identify deleted files contained in the evidence. All available file types are selected by default. For more information on Data Carving, see Data Carving (page 78).
Meta Carve	Carves deleted directory entries and other metadata. The deleted directory entries often lead to data and file fragments that can prove useful to the case, that could not be found otherwise.
Optical Character Recognition (OCR)	Scans graphics files for text and converts graphics-text into actual text. That text can then be indexed, searched and treated as any other text in the case. For more detailed information regarding OCR settings and options, see Running Optical Character Recognition (OCR) (page 82).
Explicit Image Detection	Click **EID Options** to specify the EID threshold for suspected explicit material found in the case. See Evaluating Explicit Material on page 330. EID is an add-on feature. Contact your sales representative for more information.

Evidence Processing Options (Continued)

Process	Description
Registry Reports	Creates Registry Summary Reports (RSR) from case content automatically. Click RSR Directory to specify the location of the RSR Templates. When creating a report, click the RSR option in the Report Wizard to include the RSR reports requested here. RSR requires that File Signature Analysis also be selected. If you try to select RSR first, an error will pop up to remind you to mark File Signature Analysis before selecting RSR.
Include Deleted Files	Enabled by default; to force exclusion of deleted files, unmark this check box.
Send Email Alert on Job Completion	Opens a text box that allows you to specify an email address where job completion alerts will be sent. **Note:** Outgoing TCP traffic must be allowed on port 25. **Important:** These Emails are often filtered into Spam folders.
Decrypt Dell Encryption Files	See Decrypting Dell Encryption Files (Dell Data Protection | Encryption Server) on page 178. If you select to decrypt Dell Encryption files, the *File Signature Analysis* option will automatically be selected as well.
Process Internet Browser History for Visualization	Processes internet browser history files so that you can see them in the detailed visualization timeline. See Visualizing Internet Browser History Data on page 469.
Perform Automatic Decryption	Disabled by default. Attempts to decrypt files using a list of passwords that you provide See About Decrypting Files on page 165.
Language Identification	Disabled by default. Analyzes the first two pages of every document to identify the languages contained within. The user will be able to filter by a Language field within review and determine who needs to review which documents based on the language contained within the document. See Identifying Document Languages on page 350.
Document Content Analysis	Disabled by default. Analyzes the content and groups it according to topic in the *Overview* tab. When selected, the DCA Options button is also activated and opens the Document Content Analysis Options. See Analyzing Document Content on page 435.
Entity Extraction (Document Content)	Disabled by default. Identifies and extracts specific types of data in your evidence. You can select to process one or all of the following types of entity data: • Credit Card Numbers • Phone Numbers • Social Security Numbers In the *Examiner*, under the *Document Content* node in the *Overview* tab, you can view the extracted data. See Using Entity Extraction on page 435.

Evidence Processing Options (Continued)

Process	Description
Generate System Information	Extracts data and populates the *System Information* tab. See Viewing System Information on page 427.

If you expand data, you will have files that are generated when the data was processed and was not part of the original data. There are tools to help you identify generated data.

See Identifying Processing-Generated Data on page 340.

See Relating Generated Files to Original Files on page 340.

Expanding Compound Files

About Expanding Compound Files

You can expand individual compound file types. This lets you see child files that are contained within a container such as ZIP files. You can access this feature from the *Case Manager*'s new case wizard, or from the *Add Evidence* or *Additional Analysis* dialogs.

See Evidence Processing Options on page 67.

You can filter the list of file types.

See Filtering the Compound File Expansion Options List on page 74.

Some file types are selected to be expanded by default.

Important: If you expand data, you will have files that are generated when the data was processed and were not part of the original data. There are tools to help you identify generated data.

See Examining Miscellaneous Evidence on page 339.

See Identifying Processing-Generated Data on page 340.

See Relating Generated Files to Original Files on page 340.

You can expand the following compound files:

Compound File Types

7-ZIP	
Active Directory	Not expanded by default.
Android Calendar Database	Not expanded by default.
Android Call History Log	Not expanded by default.
Android Contacts Database	Not expanded by default.
Android Facebook Messenger	Not expanded by default. See Working with Facebook Messenger (Android) on page 368.

Compound File Types (Continued)

Android Gmail Database	Not expanded by default.
Android Hangouts Databases	Not expanded by default.
Android Instagram Databases	Not expanded by default.
Android Kik Databases	Not expanded by default.
Android SMS/MMS Database	Not expanded by default.
Android Viber Databases	Not expanded by default.
Android WeChat Databases	Not expanded by default.
Android WhatsApp Databases	Not expanded by default.
AOL Files	Not expanded by default.
Belkasoft All-in-One	Not expanded by default. Belkasoft is an add-on feature. Contact your sales representative for more information.
Blackberry IPD backup file	Not expanded by default.
BZIP2	
Cellebrite UFDR	Not expanded by default. See Examining Mobile Phone Data on page 359.
Chrome Bookmarks	Not expanded by default. See About Expanding Google Chrome, Firefox, and IE 9 Data on page 354.
Chrome Cache	Not expanded by default. See About Expanding Google Chrome, Firefox, and IE 9 Data on page 354.
Chrome SQLite	Not expanded by default. See About Expanding Google Chrome, Firefox, and IE 9 Data on page 354.
DBX	
ESE DB	Expands ESE (Extensible Storage Engine) databases. See About Extensible Storage Engine (ESE) Databases on page 353.
EMFSPOOL	Not expanded by default.
EVT	Not expanded by default.
EVTX	Not expanded by default. See Viewing Data in Windows XML Event Log (EVTX) Files on page 341.
EXIF	Not expanded by default.
Firefox Cache	Not expanded by default. See About Expanding Google Chrome, Firefox, and IE 9 Data on page 354.
Firefox JSON	Not expanded by default. See About Expanding Google Chrome, Firefox, and IE 9 Data on page 354.
Firefox SQLite	Not expanded by default. See About Expanding Google Chrome, Firefox, and IE 9 Data on page 354.
GZIP	
IE Cookie Text	Not expanded by default. See About Expanding Data from Internet Explorer (IE) Version 10 or Later on page 355.
IE Recovery	Not expanded by default. Expands *IE Recovery* data that was stored when access to a Web site was lost. See Expanding Internet Artifact Data on page 357.

Compound File Types (Continued)

IE WebCache	Not expanded by default. Expands the Web cache data for IE 10 and later IE versions. See About Expanding Data from Internet Explorer (IE) Version 10 or Later on page 355.
IIS Log	Not expanded by default. See Viewing IIS Log File Data on page 343.
Internet Explorer Files	Not expanded by default. Expands Internet Explorer internet artifact data. See Expanding Internet Artifact Data on page 357.
iOS Backup	Not expanded by default. See Working with iOS Backup on page 367.
iOS WeChat	Not expanded by default.
iOS WhatsApp	Not expanded by default.
Log2t CSV	Not expanded by default. This processing option will recognize CSV files that are in the Log2timeline format and parses the data within the single CSV into individual records within the case. The individual records from the CSV will be interspersed with other data, giving you the ability to perform more advanced timeline analysis across a very broad set of data. In addition you can leverage the visualization engine to perform more advanced timeline based visual analysis. See Log2timeline CSV fields on page 349.
Lotus Notes (NSF)	Not expanded by default.
MBOX	
Mail.ru Chat	Parses Mail.RU Agent chat history files and email (mra.dbs). See Expanding Internet Artifact Data on page 357.
McAfee Log	Not expanded by default.
Microsoft Exchange	
MS Office, OLE and OPC documents	Not expanded by default.
MSG	
OpenSSH known_hosts File	Not expanded by default.
Outlook for Mac OLM	Not expanded by default.
PDF	
Pidgin Chat Log	Not expanded by default.
PKCS7 and S/MIME Files	
PST	
RAR	
Registry (full)	Not expanded by default.
Registry (timeline)	Not expanded by default. See Viewing Registry Timeline Data on page 345.
RFC822 Internet Email	
Skype SQLite	Not expanded by default. See Expanding Internet Artifact Data on page 357.
SQLite Databases	Not expanded by default.
TAR	
Unistore Database (Windows 10 Mail)	Not expanded by default. See Processing Windows 10 Email and Contacts on page 322.

Compound File Types (Continued)

Windows Firewall Log	Not expanded by default.
Windows Registry.pol	Not expanded by default.
Windows Thumbnails	Not expanded by default.
XRY	Not expanded by default.
ZIP, including ZIPX	

Be aware of the following before you expand compound files:

- If you have labeled or hashed a family of files, then later choose to expand a compound file type that is contained within that label or family, the newly expanded files do not inherit the labeling from the parent, and the family hashes are not automatically regenerated.
- Many Lotus Notes emails, *.NSF, are being placed in the wrong folders in the *Examiner*.

  This is a known issue wherein Lotus Notes routinely deletes the collection indexes. Lotus Notes client has the ability to rebuild the collections from the formulas, but *Examiner* cannot. So if Lotus Notes data is acquired shortly after the collections have been cleared, then the *Examiner* does not know where to put the emails. These emails are all placed in a folder named "[other1]."

  To work around: Open the NSF file in the Lotus Notes client, and then close (you may need to save), then acquire the data and process it. The emails will all be in the right folder because the view collections are recreated.
- Compound file types such as AOL, Blackberry IPD Backup, EMFSpool, EXIF, MSG, PST, RAR, and ZIP can be selected individually for expansion. This feature is available from the *Case Manager* new case wizard, or from the *Add Evidence* or *Additional Analysis* dialogs.
- Only the file types selected are expanded. For example, if you select ZIP, and a RAR file is found within the ZIP file, the RAR is not expanded.

Filtering the Compound File Expansion Options List

It is possible to filter the *Compound File Expansion Options* list by category. Use the *Categories* dropdown at the top of the list to select a category. Use the *Select All* and *Clear All* buttons to select or clear all options within the selected category.

The following categories can be used to filter:

Compound File Expansion Options Category List

Category	Definition
All	This is the full list of supported Compound File Expansion Options.
All Communications	This option includes all supported file types that are used for communication.
All Mobile	This option includes all supported file types found on any mobile device.
Android	This option includes all supported file types found on Android devices.
Archives	This option includes all supported archive file types.
Browsers	This option includes all supported file types used within a browser.
Email	This option includes all supported email file types.
iOS	This option includes all supported file types found on Apple devices.
Logs	This option includes all supported log file types.
Windows	This option includes all supported file types used within a Windows system.

Selecting the *Cancel* button will erase all changes and the default options will populate if the dialog is re-opened.

Selecting FIle Type to Expand

To expand compound files

1. Do one of the following:
   - For new cases, in the *New Case Options* dialog click **Detailed Options**.
   - For existing cases, in the *Examiner*, click **Evidence > Additional Analysis**.
2. Select **Expand Compound Files**.

   The option *File Signature Analysis* is no longer forced to be checked when you select **Expand Compound Files**. This lets you see the contents of compound files without necessarily having to process them. You can choose to process them later, if it is deemed necessary or beneficial to the case.
3. Select **Include Deleted Files** if you also want to expand deleted compound files.
4. Click **Expansion Options**.
5. In the *Compound File Expansions Options* dialog do the following:
   - If you do not want to expand office documents that do not have embedded items, select **Only expand office documents with embedded items**.
   - Select the types of compound files that you want expand.

     Only the file types that you select are expanded. For example, if you select ZIP, and a RAR file is contained within the ZIP file, then the RAR is not expanded.

Note: The option *File Signature Analysis* is not forced to be selected. This lets you initially see the contents of compound files without necessarily having to process them. Processing can be done later, if it is deemed necessary or beneficial to the case by selecting *File Signature Analysis*.

6. In the *Compound File Expansions Options* dialog, click **OK**.
7. Click **OK**.

Using dtSearch Text Indexing

You can use the following indexing options to choose from when creating a new case.

Indexing a Case

All evidence should be indexed to aid in searches. Index evidence when it is added to the case by checking the dtSearch Text Index box on the *Evidence Processing Options* dialog, or index after the fact by clicking and specifying indexing options.

Scheduling is another factor in determining which process to select. Time restraints may not allow for all tasks to be performed initially. For example, if you disable indexing, it shortens the time needed to process a case. You can return at a later time and index the case if needed.

dtSearch Indexing Space Requirements

To estimate the space required for a dtSearch Text index, plan on approximately 25% of the space needed for each case's evidence.

Configuring Case Indexing Options

Case Indexing gives you almost complete control over what goes in your case index. These options can be applied globally from *Case Manager*.

Note: Search terms for pre-processing options support only ASCII characters.

These options must be set prior to case creation.

To set Indexing Options as the global default

1. In *Case Manager*, click **Case > New > Detailed Options.**
2. In the *Evidence Processing* window, mark the **dtSearch Text Index** check box.
3. Click **Indexing Options** to bring up the *Indexing Options* dialog box.
4. Set the options using the information in the following table:

dtSearch Indexing Options

Option	Description
Letters	Specifies the letters and numbers to index. Specifies Original, Lowercase, Uppercase, and Unaccented. Choose **Add** or **Remove** to customize the list. You may need to add characters to this list for specific index searches to function properly. For example, you may want to do an index search for 'name@domain.com'. By default, the @ symbol is treated as a space and is not indexed. See Spaces on page 77. To have the @ symbol included in the index, you would need to do two things: ● Remove the @ from the *Spaces* list. Add the @ to the *Letters* list.
Noise Words	A list of words to be considered "noise" and ignored during indexing. Choose **Add** or **Remove** to customize the list.
Hyphens	Specifies which characters are to be treated as hyphens. You can add standard keyboard characters, or control characters. You can remove items as well.
Hyphen Treatment	Specifies how hyphens are to be treated in the index. Options are: ● Ignore Hyphens will be treated as if they never existed. For example, the term "counter-culture" would be indexed as "counterculture." ● Hyphen Hyphens will be treated literally. For example, the term "counter-culture" would be indexed as "counter-culture." ● Space Hyphens will be replaced by a non-breaking space. For example the term "counter-culture" would be indexed as two separate entries in the index being "counter" and "culture." ● All Terms with hyphens will be indexed using all three hyphen treatments. For example the term "counter-culture" will be indexed as "counterculture", "counter-culture", and as two separate entries in the index being "counter" and "culture."

dtSearch Indexing Options (Continued)

Option	Description
Spaces	Specifies which special characters should be treated as spaces. Remove characters from this list to have them indexed as any other text. Choose **Add** or **Remove** to customize the list. You may need to remove characters from this list for specific index searches to function properly. For example, you may want to do an index search for 'name@domain.com'. By default, the @ symbol is treated as a space and is not indexed. To have the @ symbol included in the index, you would need to do two things: ● Remove the @ from the *Spaces* list. Add the @ to the *Letters* list.
Ignore	Specifies which control characters or other characters to ignore. Choose **Add** or **Remove** to customize the list.
Max Word Length	Allows you to set a maximum word length to be indexed.
Index Binary Files	Specify how binary files will be indexed. Options are: ● Index all ● Skip ● Index all (Unicode)
Enable Date Recognition	Choose to enable or disable this option.
Presumed Date Format For Ambiguous Dates	If date recognition is enabled, specify how ambiguous dates should be formatted when encountered during indexing. Options are: ● MM/DD/YY ● DD/MM/YY ● YY/MM/DD
Set Max Memory	Allows you to set a maximum size for the index.
Auto-Commit Interval (MB)	Allows you to specify an Auto-Commit Interval while indexing the case. When the index reaches the specified size, the indexed data is saved to the index. The size resets, and indexing continues until it reaches the maximum size, and saves again, and so forth.

Note: The *Indexing Options* dialog does not support some Turkish characters.

5. When finished setting Indexing Options, click **OK** to close the dialog.
6. Complete the *Detailed Options* dialog.
7. Click **OK** to close the *Detailed Options* dialog.
8. Specify the path and filename for the *Default Options* settings file.
9. Click **Save**.
10. In the *Case Manager*, click **Case > New**.
11. Proceed with case creation as usual. There is no need to click *Detailed Options* again in creating the case to select options, unless you wish to use different settings for this case.

In addition to performing searches within the case, you can also use the Index to export a word list to use as a source file for custom dictionaries to improve the likelihood and speed of password recovery related to case files

when using the Password Recovery Toolkit (PRTK). You can export the index by selecting *File* > *Export Word List*. See also Searching Evidence with Index Search (page 411)

Data Carving

Data carving is the process of looking for data on media that was deleted or lost from the file system. Often this is done by identifying file headers and/or footers, and then “carving out” the blocks between these two boundaries.

AccessData provides several specific pre-defined carvers that you can select when adding evidence to a case. In addition, Custom Carvers allow you to create specific carvers to meet your exact needs.

Data carving can be selected in the New Case Wizard as explained below, or from within the *Examiner*. In addition, because Custom Carvers are now a Shared feature, they can be accessed through the Manage menu. These are explained below.

Pre-defined Carvers

The following pre-defined carvers are available. Some carvers are enabled by default.

Pre-defined Carvers

Carver	Enabled by default?
AOL bag files	Yes
BMP files	Yes
EMF files	Yes
GIF files	Yes
HTML files	Yes
JPEG files	Yes
LNK files	Yes
OLE files (MS Office)	Yes
PDF files	Yes
PNG files	Yes
TIFF files	Yes
ZIP files	Yes
AIM Chat Logs	No
EML	No
Facebook Status Updates	No
Facebook Chat	No
Facebook Email Artifact	No
Facebook Mail Snippets	No
Facebook Fragment	No
Gmail Email Message	No
Gmail Parsed Email	No
Google Talk Chats	No

Pre-defined Carvers (Continued)	
Hotmail Email Artifact	No
Bebo Chat	No
Firefox Form History	No
Firefox Places	No
Firefox Session Store	No
Frostwire Props Files	No
GigaTribe Chat	No
IE8 Recovery URL	No
Limewire Props	No
Limewire/Frostwire Keyword Search	No
mIRC Chat Log	No
MySpace Chat	No
Twitter Status	No
Windows Messenger Plus w/chat logging	No
MSN/WLM Chat	No
Yahoo Diagnostic	No
Yahoo Webmail Chat	No
Yahoo Mail	No
Yahoo Group Chat Recvd	No
Yahoo Group Chat Sent	No
Yahoo Chat	No
Yahoo Chat UnAllocated	No
Yahoo Unencrypted Active	No

Selecting Data Carving Options

If you are unfamiliar, please review Creating a Case (page 58) and Configuring Detailed Options for a Case (page 59) before beginning this section.

When you are in the New Case Wizard in **Detailed Options > Evidence Processing**, click **Data Carve > Carving Options** to open the dialog shown below.

If you already have a case open with evidence added and processed, click the following:

- **Evidence > Additional Analysis > Data Carve > Carving Options**

Standard Data Carving gives you a limited choice of which file types to carve.

Choose which types of data to carve according to the information below.

To set Data Carving options

1. Select *Data Carve*.
2. Click *Carving Options*.

3. Select the types of files you want carved.
   - Click *Select All* to select all file types to be carved.
   - Click *Clear All* to unselect all file types.
   - Click on individual file types to toggle either selected or unselected.

   Note: It may help to be aware of the duplicate files and the number of times they appear in an evidence set to determine intent.

4. Depending on the file type highlighted, the Selected Carver Options may change. Define the optional limiting factors to be applied to each file:
   - Define the minimum byte file size for the selected type.
   - Define the minimum pixel height for graphic files.
   - Define the minimum pixel width for graphic files
5. Mark the box, **Exclude KFF Ignorable** files if needed.
6. If you want to define Custom Carvers, click **Custom Carvers**. (Custom Carvers are explained in the next section.) When you are done with Custom Carvers, click **Close**.
7. In the *Carving Options* dialog, click **OK**.

Custom Carvers

The *Custom Carvers* dialog allows you to create your own data carvers in addition to the built-in carvers. Custom Carvers can be created and shared from within a case, or from the *Case Manager*.

Application Administrators have the necessary permissions to access the *Manage Shared Carvers* dialog. Case Administrators can manage the Custom Carvers in the cases they administer. Case Reviewers are not allowed to manage Custom Carvers.

Shared Custom Carvers are automatically available globally; but can be copied to a case when needed. Carvers created within a case are automatically available to the case, but can be shared and thus made available globally.

To access *Manage Custom Carvers* dialogs, click **Manage > Carvers > Manage Custom Carvers** (or **Manage Shared Carvers** if you are an Application Administrator).

The *Manage Shared Custom Carvers* and *Manage Custom Carvers* dialogs are very similar. The difference is whether you can copy the carvers to a case or make the carvers shared.

The *Custom Carvers* dialog allows you to define carving options for specific file types or information beyond what is built-in. Once defined, these carving options files can be Shared with the database as well as exported and imported for use in other cases. The original, local copy, remains in the case where it was created, for local management.

To create a Custom Data Carver

1. Click **New**.
2. Complete the data fields for the Custom Carver you are creating. Options are as follows:

Name	Name of the Carver
Author	Name of the Creator
Description	Summarizes the intended use of the carver

Minimum File Size in bytes	(Optional)
Maximum File Size in bytes	(Optional) The default Custom Carver Maximum File Size is 2147483647 bytes. The carver Max File Size in bytes must be populated with any size larger than the defined Minimum File Size in bytes (default is 0). A Maximum File Size equal to or less than the minimum size, or <no entry>, results in an error prompting for a valid number to be entered.
File extension	Defining the extension of the carved file helps with categorization, sorting, and filtering carved files along with other files in the case.
Key Signature(s) and Other Signature(s)	Enter the ASCII text interpretation of the file signature as seen in a hex viewer. Many can be defined, but at least one key signature must be present in the file in order to be carved. Click the + icon to begin defining a new Key Signature or Other Signature. Click the - icon to remove a defined Key Signature or Other Signature.
File Category	The File Category the carved item will belong to once it is carved. The specified category must be a leaf node in the *Overview* tab.
Offset	Use decimal value.
Length	The length in bytes.
Little Endian	If not marked, indicates Big Endian.
Signature	Enter the ASCII text interpretation of the file signature as seen in a hex viewer.
Case Insensitive	Default is case sensitive. Mark to make the end File Tag Signature not case sensitive.

3. When done defining the Custom Carver, click **Close**.

Note: When adding signatures to a carver, the **Signature is case sensitive** check box is used when carving for signatures that can be both upper or lower case. For example, <HTML> and <html> are both acceptable headers for HTML files, but each of these would have a different signature in hex, so therefore they are case sensitive.

- The objects and files carved from default file types are automatically added to the case, and can be searched, bookmarked, and organized along with the existing files.

  However, custom carved data items are not added to the case until they are processed, and they may not sort properly in the File List view. They are added to the bottom of the list, or at the top for a Z-to-A search, regardless of the filename.

Running Optical Character Recognition (OCR)

The Optical Character Recognition (OCR) process lets you extract text that is contained in graphics files. The text is then indexed so that it can be, searched, and bookmarked.

Running OCR against a file type creates a new child file item. The graphic files are processed normally, and another file with the parsed text from the graphic is created. The new OCR file is named the same as the parent graphic, [graphicname.ext], but with the extension OCR, for example, graphicname.ext.ocr.

You can view the graphic files in the *File Content View* when it is selected in the *File List View*. The *Natural* tab shows the graphic in its original form. The *Filtered* tab shows the OCR text that was added to the index.

Before running OCR, be aware of the following:

- OCR is only a helpful tool for the investigator to locate images from index searches. OCR results should not be considered evidence without further review.
- OCR can have inconsistent results. OCR engines by nature have error rates. This means that it is possible to have results that differ between processing jobs on the same machine with the same piece of evidence.
- Some large images can cause OCR to take a very long time to complete. Under some circumstances, they may not generate any output.
- Graphical images that have no text or pictures with unaligned text can generate bad output.
- OCR is best on typewritten text that is cleanly scanned or similarly generated. All other picture files can generate unreliable output that can vary from run to run.

To run Optical Character Recognition

1. Do one of the following:
   - For new cases, in the *New Case Options* dialog click **Detailed Options**.
   - For existing cases, in the *Examiner*, click **Evidence > Additional Analysis**.
2. Select **Optical Character Recognition**. OCR requires *File Signature Analysis* and *dtSearch Indexing* to be selected. When *Optical Character Recognition* is marked, the other two options are automatically marked and grayed-out to prevent inadvertent mistakes, and ensure successful processing.
3. Click **OCR Options**.
4. In the *OCR Options* dialog, select from the following options:

Options	Description
File Types	Lets you specify which file types to include in the OCR process during case processing. For PDF files, you can also control the *maximum filtered text size* for which to run OCR against.
Filtering Options	Lets you specify a range in file size to include in the OCR process. You can also specify whether or not to only run OCR against black and white, and grayscale. The *Restrict File Size* option is selected by default. By default, OCR file generation is restricted to files larger than 5K. If you do not want to limit the size of OCR files, you must disable this option.
Engine	Lets you choose the OCR engine to use.

5. In the *OCR Options* dialog, click **OK**.

6. In the *Evidence Processing* dialog, click **OK**.

Optical Character Recognition (OCR) Confidence Score

There is an option to show the confidence score for each file that has been processed with OCR. It is recommended to use this feature to sort documents processed using OCR to determine which files may need to be manually reviewed for the desired keywords.

The OCR Confidence Score value may be one of the following:

Options	Description
1-100%	The OCR confidence % score for a document that had a successful OCR process; the higher the score, the higher the confidence.
No Score Available (2)	The OCR results are from a previous version.
Minimal Confidence (1)	The OCR extraction is not in a supported language or is not clear.
No Text Found (0)	The OCR process did not identify any text to extract.
OCR Skipped (-1)	The OCR process was skipped due to some condition.
OCR Extraction Error (-2)	The OCR process failed for that file.
Blank	The file does not need the OCR process; for example, a .DOC file or email.

Note: For data that is upgraded from a previous version, if a file has been previously processed with OCR, it will show a value of 2. You can use the *Additional Analysis* tool, found in the *Evidence* menu, to re-OCR the document and you will get the new OCR confidence score.

To use the OCR Confidence Score

1. Process your data using the *Optical Character Recognition* option.
   See Running Optical Character Recognition (OCR) on page 82.
2. Add the *OCR Graphic* column to the *File List.*
   See Managing Columns on page 494.
3. Sort the *File List* using the *OCR Graphic* column
   Use the scores shown in the *File List* to determine which items should be reviewed for keywords.

Using Explicit Image Detection

About Explicit Image Detection

Explicit Image Detection (EID) is an add-on feature. Contact your sales representative for more information. EID reads all graphics in a case and assigns both the files and the folders they are contained within a score according to what it interprets as being possibly illicit content. The score ranges are explained later in this section.

To add EID evidence to a case

1. Click **Evidence > Add/Remove**.
2. In the **Detailed Options > Evidence Processing** dialog, ensure that **File Signature Analysis** is marked.
3. Select **Explicit Image Detection**
4. Click **EID Options**.The three EID options are profiles that indicate the type of filtering that each one does. You can choose between any combination of the following profiles depending on your needs:

Profile Name	Level	Description
X-DFT	Default (XS1)	This is the most generally accurate. It is always selected.
X-FST	Fast (XTB)	This is the fastest. It scores a folder by the number of files it contains that meet the criteria for a high likelihood of explicit material. It is built on a different technology than X-DFT and does not use “regular” DNAs. It is designed for very high volumes, or real-time page scoring. Its purpose is to quickly reduce, or filter, the volume of data to a meaningful set.
X-ZFN	Less False Negatives (XT2)	This is a profile similar to X-FST but with more features and with fewer false negatives than X-DFT. You can apply this filter after initial processing to all evidence, or to only the folders that score highly using the X-FST option. Check-mark or highlight those folders to isolate them for Additional Analysis. In Additional Analysis, File Signature Analysis must be selected for EID options to work correctly.

5. When the profile is selected, click **OK** to return to the *Evidence Processing* dialog and complete your selections.

AccessData recommends that you run *Fast (X-FST)* for folder scoring, and then follow with *Less False Negatives (X-ZFN)* on high-scoring folders to achieve the fastest, most accurate results.

After you select *EID* in *Evidence Processing* or *Additional Analysis*, and the processing is complete, you must select or modify a filter to include the EID related columns in the *File List View*.

Including Registry Reports

The Registry Viewer supports Registry Summary Report (RSR) generation as part of case processing.

To generate Registry Summary Reports and make them available for the case report

1. Ensure that **File Signature Analysis** is marked.
2. Mark **Registry Reports**.
3. Click **RSR Directory.**
4. Browse to the location where your RSR templates are stored.
5. Click **OK**.

Send Email Alert on Job Completion

You can choose to send an email notification when a job completes. This encompasses both evidence being added to or removed from a case.

This option is also available from **Evidence > Additional Analysis**. Select *Send Email Alert on Job Completion*, click on the **Email Alert Options** button, and enter the email address of the recipient(s) in the *Job Completion Alert Address* box, then click **OK**. To alert all case users, check the *Email notification to all case users* box.

To set up email notification information

1. In the *Case Manager*, select a database and log in.
2. Navigate to **Manage > Email notification settings**. The *Manage Email Alert Settings* dialog will open.
3. Fill in the *Manage Email Alert Settings* dialog with the appropriate information.
4. If you choose to send a Test Alert, enter the appropriate addresses into the *Send Test Alert* box and press **Send**.
5. Click **OK**.

Note: Outgoing TCP traffic must be allowed on port 25.

Custom File Identification Options

Custom File Identification provides the examiner a way to specify which file category or extension should be assigned to files with a certain signature. These dialogs are used to manage custom identifiers and extension maps specific to the case.

In *Detailed Options,* the *Custom File Identification* dialog lets you select the Custom Identifier file to apply to the new case. This file is stored on the system in a user-specified location. The location can be browsed to, by clicking **Browse**, or reset to the root drive folder by clicking **Reset**.

Creating Custom File Identifiers

Custom File Identifiers are used to assign categories to files that may or may not already be automatically categorized in a way that is appropriate for the case. For example, a file that is discovered, but not categorized, will be found under the “Unknown Types” category. You can prevent this categorization before the evidence is processed by selecting a different category and sub-category.

Custom Identifiers provide a way for you to create and manage identifiers, and categorize the resulting files into any part of the category tree on the Overview tab. You can select from an existing category, or create a new one to fit your needs.

You can define identifiers using header information expected at a specific offset inside a file, as is now the case, but in addition, you can categorize files based on extension.

Note: PDF files are now identified through the PDF file system and will no longer be identified through Custom File Identification.

To create a Custom Identifier file

1. In the *Case Manager*, click **Case > New > Detailed Options**.
2. Click **Custom File Identification**.
3. Below the *Custom Identifiers* pane on the left of the *Custom File Identification* dialog, click **New**. The *Custom Identifier* dialog opens.
4. Fill in the fields with the appropriate values. The following table describes the parameters for Custom File Identifiers:

Parameter	Description
Name	The value of this field defines the name of the sub-category that will appear below the selected Overview Tree category and the category column.
Description	Accompanies the Overview Container's tree branch name.
Category	The general file category to which all files with a matching file signature should be associated.
Offset	The decimal offset of where the unique signature (see Value) can be found within the file given that the beginning of the file is offset 0.
Value	Any unique signature of the file expressed in hexadecimal bytes.

Note: The Offset must be in decimal format. The Value must be in hexadecimal bytes. Otherwise, you will see the following error: Hex strings in the Offset field cause an exception error.

"Exception: string_to_int: conversion failed was thrown."

Important: After creating a Case Custom File Identifier, you must apply it, or it will not be saved.

5. When you are done defining the Custom File Identifier, click **Make Shared** to share it to the database. This action saves it so the Application Administrator can manage it.
6. Click **OK** to close the dialog. Select the identifier you just created and apply it to the case you are creating. Otherwise it will not be available locally in the future.

Custom Case Extension Maps

Extension Maps can be used to define or change the category associated to any file with a certain file extension. For example, files with BAG extension, which would normally be categorized as "Unknown Type," can be categorized as an AOL BAG file, or files with a MOV extension, that would normally be categorized as Apple QuickTime video files, can be changed to show up under a more appropriate category since they can sometimes contain still images.

To create a Case Custom Extension Mapping

1. Within the *Detailed Options* dialog of the *New Case* wizard, select **Custom File Identification** on the left hand side.
2. Under the *Extension Maps* column, click **New**.
3. Fill in the fields with the appropriate values.

4. Mark **Make Shared** to share this Custom Extension Mapping with the database.
   Shared features such as Custom Extension Mappings are managed by the Application Administrator. Your copy remains in the case for you to manage as needed.

   The following table describes the parameters for Custom Extension Mappings

Parameter	Description
Name	The value of this field defines the name of the sub-category that will appear below the selected Overview Tree category and the category column.
Category	The general file category to which all files with a matching file signature should be associated.
Description	Accompanies the Overview Container's tree branch name.
Extensions:	Any file extension that should be associated to the selected Category.

Note: You must use at least one offset:value pair (hence the [...]+), and use zero or more OR-ed offset:value pairs (the [...]*). All of the offset:value conditions in an OR-ed group are OR-ed together, then all of those groups are AND-ed together.

Configuring Evidence Refinement (Advanced) Options

The Evidence Refinement Options dialogs allow you to specify how the evidence is sorted and displayed. The Evidence Refinement (Advanced) option allows you to exclude specific data from being added to the case when found in an individual evidence item type.

Many factors can affect which processes to select. For example, if you have specific information otherwise available, you may not need to perform a full text index. Or, if it is known that compression or encryption are not used, an entropy test may not be needed.

Important: After data is excluded from an evidence item in a case, the same evidence cannot be added back into the case to include the previously excluded evidence. If data that was previously excluded is found necessary, the user must remove the related evidence item from the case, and then add the evidence again, using options that will include the desired data.

To set case evidence refining options

1. Click the *Evidence Refinement (Advanced)* icon in the left pane.
   The Evidence Refinement (Advanced) menu is organized into two dialog tabs:
   - **Refine Evidence by File Status/Type**
   - **Refine Evidence by File Date/Size**
2. Click the corresponding tab to access each dialog.
3. Set the needed refinements for the current evidence item.
4. To reset the menu to the default settings, click **Reset**.
5. To accept the refinement options you have selected and specified, click **OK.**

Refining Evidence by File Status/Type

Refining evidence by file status and type allows you to focus on specific files needed for a case.

Refine by File Status/Type Options

Options	Description
Include File Slack	Mark to include file slack space in which evidence may be found.
Include Free Space	Mark to include unallocated space in which evidence may be found.
Include KFF Ignorable Files	(Recommended) Mark to include files flagged as ignorable in the KFF for analysis.
Include OLE Streams and Office 2007 package contents	Mark to include Object Linked and Embedded (OLE) data streams, and Office 2007 (DOCX, and XLSX) file contents that are layered, linked, or embedded.
Deleted	Specifies the way to treat deleted files. Options are: ● Ignore Status ● Include Only ● Exclude Defaults to “Ignore Status.”
Encrypted	Specifies the way to treat encrypted files. Options are: ● Ignore Status ● Include Only ● Exclude Defaults to “Ignore Status.”
From Email	Specifies the way to treat email files. Options are: ● Ignore Status ● Include Only ● Exclude Defaults to “Ignore Status.”
File Types	Specifies which types of files to include and exclude.
Only add items to the case that match both File Status and File Type criteria	Applies selected criteria from both File Status and File Types tabs to the refinement. Will not add items that do not meet all criteria from both pages. If this option is not checked, and if you set a File Status, such as From Email > Include Only, then only the File Status value will be used and the File Type will be ignored.

Refining Evidence by File Date/Size

Refine evidence further by making the addition of evidence items dependent on a date range or file size that you specify. However, once in the case, filters can also be applied to accomplish this.

Refine by File Date/Size Options

Exclusion	Description
Refine Evidence by File Date	To refine evidence by file date: 1. Check *Created*, *Last Modified*, and/or *Last Accessed*. 2. In the two date fields for each date type selected, enter beginning and ending date ranges.
Refine Evidence by File Size	To refine evidence by file size: 1. Check *At Least* and/or *At Most* (these are optional settings). 2. In the corresponding size boxes, specify the applicable file size. 3. In the drop-down lists, to the right of each, select *Bytes*, *KB*, or *MB*.

Selecting Index Refinement (Advanced) Options

The Index Refinement (Advanced) feature allows you to specify types of data that you do not want to index. You may choose to exclude data to save time and resources, or to increase searching efficiency.

Note: AccessData strongly recommends that you use the default index settings.

To refine an index

1. Within the *Detailed Options* dialog of the *New Case* wizard, click **Index Refinement (Advanced)** in the left pane.

   The Index Refinement (Advanced) menu is organized into two dialog tabs:

   - **Refine Index by File Status/Type**
   - **Refine Index by File Date/Size**
2. Click the corresponding tab to access each dialog.
3. Define the refinements you want for the current evidence item.
4. Click *Reset* to reset the menu to the default settings.
5. Click **OK** when you are satisfied with the selections you have made.

Refining an Index by File Status/Type

Refining an index by file status and type allows the investigator to focus attention on specific files needed for a case through a refined index defined in a dialog.

At the bottom of the two Index Refinement tabs you can choose to mark the box for **Only index items that match both File Status AND File Types criteria**, if that suits your needs.

Refine Index by File Status/Type Options

Options	Description
Include File Slack	Mark to include free space between the end of the file footer, and the end of a sector, in which evidence may be found.
Include Free Space	Mark to include both allocated (partitioned) and unallocated (unpartitioned) space in which evidence may be found.
Include KFF Ignorable Files	Mark to include files flagged as ignorable in the KFF for analysis.
Include Message Headers	Marked by default. Includes the headers of messages in filtered text. Unmark this option to exclude message headers from filtered text.
Do not include document metadata in filtered text	Not marked by default. This option lets you turn off the collection of internal metadata properties for the indexed filtered text. The fields for these metadata properties are still populated to allow for field level review, but the you will no longer see information such as Author, Title, Keywords, Comments, etc in the Filtered text panel of the review screen. If you use an export utility such as ECA or eDiscovery and include the filtered text file with the export, you will also not see this metadata in the exported file.
Include OLE Streams	Includes Object Linked or Embedded (OLE) data streams that are part of files that meet the other criteria.
Deleted	Specifies the way to treat deleted files. Options are: ● Ignore status ● Include only ● Exclude
Encrypted	Specifies the way to treat encrypted files. Options are: ● Ignore status ● Include only ● Exclude
From Email	Specifies the way to treat email files. Options are: ● Ignore status ● Include only ● Exclude
Include OLE Streams	Includes Object Linked or Embedded (OLE) files found within the evidence.
File Types	Specifies types of files to include and exclude.
Only add items to the Index that match both File Status and File Type criteria	Applies selected criteria from both File Status and File Types tabs to the refinement. Will not add items that do not meet all criteria from both pages.

Refining an Index by File Date/Size

Refine index items dependent on a date range or file size you specify.

Refine Index by File Date/Size Options

Exclusion	Description
Refine Index by File Date	To refine index content by file date: 1. Select **Created**, **Last Modified**, or **Last Accessed**. 2. In the date fields, enter beginning and ending dates within which to include files.
Refine Index by File Size	To refine evidence by file size: 1. Click in either or both of the size selection boxes. 2. In the two size fields for each selection, enter minimum and maximum file sizes to include. 3. In the drop-down lists, select whether the specified minimum and maximum file sizes refer to *Bytes*, *KB*, or *MB*.

Selecting Lab/eDiscovery Options

This option is available for those with AD Lab and Summation licenses.

AD Lab and eDiscovery have additional options available for advanced de-duplication analysis.

De-duplication is separated by email items and non-email items. Within each group, the available options can be applied by case or by Custodian.

Note: This option is not enabled by default when using the eDiscovery Default processing profile.

The following table provides more information regarding each option and its description.

AD Lab/eDiscovery Detailed Options

Option	Description
Enable Advanced De-duplication Analysis	
Email Items	*De-duplication Scope*
	Choose whether you want this de-duplication process to be applied at the Case level, or at the Custodian level. • Case Level • People (Custodian) Level

AD Lab/eDiscovery Detailed Options (Continued)

Option	Description

	De-duplication Options
	For each item type you check, AD Lab eliminates duplicates from the case as it processes through the collected evidence. Uncheck an item type to keep all duplicate instances in your case.
	Available item types
	• Email To
	• Email From
	• Email CC
	• Email BCC
	• Email Subject
	• Email Submit Time
	• Email Delivery Time
	• Email Attachment Time
	• Email Attachment Count
	• Email Hash
	  ▪ Body Only
	  ▪ Body and Attachments

Non-email Items	*De-duplication Scope*
	Choose whether you want this de-duplication process to be applied to the entire case or at the custodian level. • Case Level • People (Custodian) Level
	De-duplication Option There is only one option available for non-email items; either you are going to de-duplicate just the actual files, or if unmarked, you will de-duplicate actual files only, or all files, including children, zipped, OLE, and carved files.
	• Actual Files Only
Propagate Email Attributes	When an email has attachments or OLE items, marking this option causes the email's attributes to be copied and applied to all "child" files of the email "parent."
Cluster Analysis	Invokes the extended analysis of documents to determine related, near duplicates, and email threads. See Viewing Data in Volume Shadow Copies on page 381. Configure the details by clicking **NDA Options**.
Cluster Analysis Options	This lets you specify the options for Cluster Analysis. You can specify which document types to process: • Documents • Presentations • Spreadsheets • Email You can also specify the similarity threshold, which determines the level of similarity required for documents to be considered related or near duplicates.

AD Lab/eDiscovery Detailed Options (Continued)

Option	Description
Include Extended Information in the Index	If you create a case in FTK and are going to review it in Summation or eDiscovery, select this option to make the index data fully compatible with Summation/ eDiscovery.
Enable 'Standard Viewer'	If you create a case in FTK and are going to review it in Summation or eDiscovery, select this option to automatically create a set of SWF files for all document files found during processing. These SWF files will be used as the default file rather than the original file when annotating and redacting within the case and will be created during processing for any file 1 MB or larger. Smaller files will be created on-the-fly when selected in Review. When opened in the Standard Viewer in eDiscovery or Summation, the converted SWF file is displayed by default, rather than the original file. This enables users to work on a file without first having to manually create a SWF file. **Note:** This option is disabled by default, and when enabled, slows processing speeds.
Create Email Threads	Sorts and groups emails by conversation threads.

Adding Evidence to a New Case

If you marked Open the Case before clicking **OK** in the *New Case Options* dialog, when case creation is complete, the *Examiner* opens. Evidence items added here will be processed using the options you selected in pre-processing, unless you click *Refinement Options* to make changes to the original settings.

Working with Volume Shadow Copies

You can examine data that is contained in NTFS Volume Shadow Copies.

See Examining Data in Volume Shadow Copies on page 124.

Converting a Case from Version 2.2 or Newer

If you have cases that were created in version 2.2 or later, you can convert them to the latest version. Refer to the following guidelines for migrating 2.x cases.

Important: Consider the following information:

- Any case created with a version prior to 2.2 must be re-processed completely in the latest version.
- AccessData recommends reprocessing active cases instead of attempting to convert them, to maximize the features and capabilities of the new release.
- AccessData recommends that no new evidence be added to any case that has been converted from an earlier version. This is because newer versions of processing gathers more information than was done in versions prior to 2.x.

  Therefore, if evidence is added to a converted 2.2 case, the new evidence will have all the info gathered by the newest version; however, the data from the converted 2.2 case will not have this additional information. This may cause confusion and bring forensic integrity into question in a court of law.

For more information, see the webinar that explains Case Portability in detail. This webinar can be found under the Core Forensic Analysis portion of the webpage: http://www.accessdata.com/Webinars.

The AccessData website works best using Microsoft Windows Explorer. You will be required to create a username and password if you have not done so in the past. If you have used this website previously, you will need to verify your email address. The website normally remembers the rest of the information you enter.

For instructions on converting cases, see the Migrating Cases document located at

http://www.accessdata.com/support/product-downloads/ftk-download-page

Chapter 5

Managing Case Data

This chapter includes the following topics

- Backing Up a Case (page 96)
- Archiving and Detaching a Case (page 99)
- Attaching a Case (page 100)
- Restoring a Case (page 101)
- Migrating Cases Between Database Types (page 102)

Backing Up a Case

About Performing a Backup and Restore on a Multi-Box Installation

If you have installed the Examiner and the database on separate boxes, or if you have case folders on a different box than the applicaiton, there are special considerations you must take into account. For instructions on how to back up and restore in this environment, see Configuring a Multi-box Setup in the *User Guide*.

Performing a Backup of a Case

At certain milestones of an investigation, you should back up your case to mitigate the risk of an irreversible processing mistake or perhaps case corruption.

Case backup can also be used when migrating or moving cases from one database type to another. For example, if you have created cases using 4.1 in an Oracle database and you want to upgrade to 5.0.x and migrate the case(s) to a PostgreSQL database. Another example is if you have created cases using 5.0.x in an Oracle database and you want to move the case(s) to the same version that is running a PostgreSQL database.

When you back up a case, the case information and database files (but not evidence) are copied to the selected destination folder. AccessData recommends that you store copies of your drive images and other evidence separate from the backed-up case.

Important: Case Administrators back up cases and must maintain and protect the library of backups against unauthorized restoration, because the user who restores an archive becomes that case's administrator.

Note: Backup files are not compressed. A backed-up case requires the same amount of space as that case's database table space and the case folder together.

Starting in 4.2, all backups are performed using the database independent format rather than a native format. The database independent format facilitates migrating and moving cases to a different database application or version. You can perform a backup using a native format using the dbcontrol utility. For more information, contact AccessData Technical Support.

Important: Do not perform a backup of a case while any data in that case is being processed.

To back up a case

1. In the *Case Manager* window, select the case to back up. You can use Shift + Click, or Ctrl + Click to select multiple cases to backup.
2. Do one of the following:
   - Click **Case > Backup > Backup**.
   - Right-click on the case in the *Cases* list, and click **Backup**.
3. In the field labeled *Backup folder*, enter a destination path for the backup files.

   Important: Choose a folder that does not already exist. The backup will be saved as a folder, and when restoring a backup, point to this folder (not the files it contains) in order to restore the case.
4. (Option) *Use database independent format.*

   All backups are performed using the database independent format. You cannot change this option.

5. (Optional) Back up the Summation or Resolution1 application database.

   If you have a licencse for Summation or Resolution1, when you back up a case, you can also select to backup the Summation or Resolution1 application database by doing the following:

   5a. Click **App DB...**.

   5b. Specify the App DB properties and credentials.

6. Click **OK**.

Note: The following information may be useful:

- Each case you back up should have its own backup folder to ensure all data is kept together and cannot be overwritten by another case backup. In addition, AccessData recommends that backups be stored on a separate drive or system from the case, to reduce space consumption and to reduce the risk of total loss in the case of catastrophic failure (drive crash, etc.).
- The absolute path of the case folder is recorded. When restoring a case, the default path is the original path. You can choose the default path, or enter a different path for the case restore.

Performing a Database-only Backup

There is a new *-backuponly* switch that you can use with DBControl.exe that will only backup the database portion of the case, but does not backup the case folder.

To perform a database-only backup

1. Open a *Command Prompt* in Windows.
2. Go to the following path:

   C:\Program Files\AccessData\Forensic Toolkit*version*\bin
3. Enter the following:

   dbcontrol.exe pgdb=adg port=<port#> -backuponly caseid=<case#> backuppath=<path to backup the db>

Note: You will need to have the port number, case ID, and backup path before you begin the database-only backup process.

Archiving a Case

When work on a case is completed and immediate access to it is no longer necessary, that case can be archived.

The Archive and Detach function copies that case's database table space file to the case folder, then deletes it from the database. This prevents two people from making changes to the same case at the same time, preserving the integrity of the case, and the work that has been done on it. Look for filename DB fn. Archive keeps up to four backups, DB f0, DB f1, DB f2, and DB f3.

To archive a case

1. In the *Case Manager*, select the case to archive.
2. Click **Case > Backup > Archive**.
3. A prompt asks if you want to use an intermediate folder.

   The processing status dialog appears, showing the progress of the archive. When the archive completes, close the dialog.

To view the resulting list of backup files

1. Open the cases folder.

   Note: The cases folder is no longer placed in a default path; instead it is user-defined.

2. Find and open the sub-folder for the archived case.
3. Find and open the sub-folder for the archive (DB fn).
4. You may view the file names as well as Date modified, Type, and Size.

Archiving and Detaching a Case

When work on a case is not complete, but it must be accessible from a different computer, archive and detach that case.

The Archive and Detach function copies that case's database table space file to the case folder, then deletes it from the database. This prevents two people from making changes to the same case at the same time, preserving the integrity of the case, and the work that has been done on it.

To archive and detach a case

1. In the *Case Manager*, click **Case > Backup > Archive and Detach**.
   The case is archived.
2. You will see a notice informing you that the specified case will be removed from the database. Click **OK** to continue, or **Cancel** to abandon the removal and close the message box.
3. A prompt asks if you want to use an intermediate folder.
   The processing status dialog appears, showing the progress of the archive. When the archive completes, close the dialog.

To view the resulting list of files

1. Open the folder for the archived and detached cases.
2. Find and open the sub-folder for the archived case.

   Note: The cases folder is no longer placed in a default path; instead it is user-defined.

3. Find and open the sub-folder for the archive (DB fn).

You may view the file names as well as Date Modified, Type, and Size.

Attaching a Case

Attaching a case is different from restoring a case. You would restore a case from a backup to its original location in the event of corruption or other data loss. You would attach a case to the same or a different machine/ database than the one where it was archived and detached from.

The Attach feature copies that case's database table space file into the database on the local machine.

Note: The database must be compatible and must contain the AccessData schema.

To attach a detached case

1. Click **Case > Restore > Attach**.

Important: Do NOT use "Restore" to re-attach a case that was detached with "Archive." Instead, use "Attach." Otherwise, your case folder may be deleted.

2. Browse to and select the case folder to be attached.
3. (Optional) Select **Specify the location of the DB files** and browse to the path to store the database files for this case.

   3a. Select **In the case folder** to place the database files in subfolder of the case folder.

4. Click **OK**.

Restoring a Case

When your case was backed up, it was saved as a folder. The folder selected for the backup is the folder you must select when restoring the backup.

Note: Do not use the *Restore...* function to attach an archive (instead use *Attach...*).

To restore a case

1. Open the *Case Manager* window.
2. Do either of these:
   - Click **Case > Restore > Restore**.
   - Right-click on the *Case Manager* case list, and click **Restore > Restore**.
3. Browse to and select the backup folder to be restored.
4. (Optional) Select **Specify the location of the DB files** and browse to the path to store the database files for this case.

   4a. Select **In the case folder** to place the database files in subfolderof the case folder.
5. You are prompted if you would like to specify a different location for the case folder. The processing status dialog appears, showing the progress of the archive. When the archive completes, close the dialog.

Deleting a Case

To delete a case from the database

1. In the *Case Manager* window, highlight the name of the case to be deleted from the database.
2. Do either of these:
   - Click **Case > Delete**.
   - Right-click on the name of the case to deleted, and click **Delete**
3. Click **Yes** to confirm deletion.

W A R N I N G: This procedure also deletes the case folder. It is recommended that you make sure you have a backup of your case before you delete the case or else the case is not recoverable.

Storing Case Files

Storing case files and evidence on the same drive substantially taxes the processors' throughput. The system slows as it saves and reads huge files. For desktop systems in laboratories, you can increase the processing speed by saving evidence files to a separate server. For more information, see the separate installation guide.

If taking the case off-site, you can choose to compromise some processor speed for the convenience of having your evidence and case on the same drive, such as a laptop.

Migrating Cases Between Database Types

You can migrate or move cases from one database to another. For more information, see the *Quick Install Guide* and the *Upgrading Cases* guide.

Chapter 6

Working with Evidence Image Files

This chapter contains the following topics

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Verifying Drive Image Integrity

A drive image can be altered or corrupted due to bad media, bad connectivity during image creation, or by deliberate tampering. This feature works with file types that store the hash within the drive image itself, such as EnCase (E01) and SMART (S01) images.

To verify an evidence image's integrity, a hash of the current file is generated and allows you to compare that to the hash of the originally acquired drive image.

To verify that a drive image has not changed

1. Select **Tools** > **Verify Image Integrity**.
   In case the image file does not contain a stored hash, one can be calculated. The Verify Image Integrity dialog provides the following information:

Column	Description
Image Name	Displays the filename of the evidence image to be verified.
Path	Displays the path to the location of the evidence image file.
Command	Click **Verify** or **Calculate** to begin hashing the evidence image file.

2. Click either **Calculate**, or **Verify** according to what displays in the Command column, to begin hashing the evidence file.

The *Progress* dialog appears and displays the status of the verification. If the image file has a stored hash, when the verification is complete, the dialog shows and compares both hashes. Completing these processes may take some time, depending on the size of the evidence, the processor type, and the amount of available RAM.

Mounting an Image to a Drive

Image Mounting allows forensic images to be mounted as a drive or physical device, for read-only viewing. This action opens the image as a drive and allows you to browse the content in Windows and other applications. Supported types are RAW/dd images, E01, S01, AD1, and L01.

Full disk images RAW/dd, E01, and S01 can be mounted Physically. Partitions contained within full disk images, as well as Custom Content Images of AD1 and L01 formats can be mounted Logically. The differences are explained in this section.

Note: Encrypted images cannot be mounted as either a drive or physical device.

Benefits of Image Mounting

The ability to mount an image with AccessData forensic products provides the following benefits:

- Mount a full disk image with its partitions all at once; the disk is assigned a Physical Drive name and the partitions are automatically assigned a drive letter beginning with either the first available, or any available drive letter of your choice.
- A full disk image mounted physically, and assigned a Physical Drive name that can be read using Imager or with any Windows application that performs Physical Name Querying.
- Mount images of multiple drives and/or partitions. The mounted images remain mounted until unmounted or until Imager is closed.
- Mounted images can be easily unmounted in any order, individually, or all at once.
- A logically mounted image may be viewed in Windows Explorer as though it were a drive attached to the computer, providing the following benefits:
  - File types with Windows associations can be viewed in their native or associated application, when that application is installed locally.
  - Anti-virus applications can be run on the mounted image.
  - Because the logically mounted image is seen as a drive in Windows Explorer, it can be shared, and viewed from remote computers when Remote Access has been configured correctly.
  - Files can be copied from the mounted image to another location.
- Mount NTFS / FAT partitions contained within images as writable block devices. This feature caches sections of a read-only image to a temporary location allowing the user to “write” to the image without compromising the integrity of the original image.

  Once mounted via the write cache mount method, the data can then be leveraged by any 3rd party tools which require write access.

Characteristics of a Logically Mounted Image

AD1 and L01 are both custom content images, and contain full file structure, but do not contain any drive geometry or other physical drive data. Thus, these images do not have the option of being mounted Physically.

Note: When Logically mounting an image, the drive or partition size displays incorrectly in the Windows **Start > Computer** view. However, when you open the "drive" from there, the folders and files contained within the mounted image do display correctly.

Characteristics of a Physically Mounted Image

When you mount an image physically, while it cannot be viewed by Windows Explorer, it can be viewed outside of Imager using any Windows application that performs Physical Name Querying.

E01, S01, and RAW/dd images are drive images that have the disk, partition, and file structure as well as drive data. A physical disk image can be mounted Physically; the disk image partitions can be mounted Logically.

Mounting an Image as Read-Only

To mount an image

1. If you already have the desired image added as evidence in the case, select that item, then do Step 2 to auto-populate the Source box with the image file to be mounted, as shown in Step 3.

   If you do not already have the desired image added as evidence, begin with Step 2.
2. Do one of the following:
   - Right-click and choose **Mount Image to Drive.**
   - Select the image from the Evidence tree. Right-click and choose **Mount Image to Drive**.
   - Click **Tools > Mount Image to Drive,** then browse to the image on your local drive or on a network drive you have access to.
3. Enter the path and filename, or click **Browse** to populate the Source box with the path and filename of the image to be mounted.

   After selecting an image, the Mount Type will default to the supported mapping based on the image type selected. Click the drop-down to display other available mount types. After selecting an image, the Map Type will default to the supported mapping based on the image type selected. Click the drop-down to display other available map types.
4. Select the Mount Type to use for mounting.

   Available Mount Types are Physical & Logical, Physical Only, and Logical Only.

   If the Mount Type selected includes Logical, you can select the Drive Letter to assign as the mount point.
5. Click the *Drive Letter* drop-down to see all drive letters that are available for assignment to the mounted image.
6. Click the *Mount Method* drop-down to select **Block Device / Read Only** or **File System / Read Only**.

Note: If you are mounting an HFS image of a Mac drive, you must choose **File System / Read Only** to view contents of the drive. Otherwise, it will appear empty, and may prompt you to format the drive.

7. Click **Mount**.

   All the related mount information will be displayed in the Mapped Image List.

   To mount another image, repeat the process. You can continue to mount images as needed, until you run out of evidence to add, or mount points to use. Mounted images remain available until unmounted, or until the program is closed.

8. Click **Close** to return to the main window.

Mounting a Drive Image as Writable

When mounting an image as writable, you must be working with a physical image, and the mount type you select must be Physical & Logical. This is the only option that provides the **Block Device /Writable** Mount Method.

To mount a drive image as writable

1. In the *Examiner*, click **Tools > Mount Image to Drive**.
2. Select a full disk image such as 001/Raw dd, E01, or S01 file type.
3. In the *Mount Type* drop-down, select **Physical & Logical**.
4. In the *Drive Letter* drop-down, select **Next Available** (default), or select a different drive letter.

Note: Check your existing mappings. If you map to a drive letter that is already in use, the original will prevail and you will not be able to see the mapped image contents.

5. In the *Mount Method* drop-down, select **Block Device / Writable**.
6. In the *Write Cache Folder* text box, type or click **Browse** to navigate to the folder where you want the Write Cache files to be created and saved.
7. Click **Mount.**

   You will see the mapped images in the Mapped Image List.

To view or add to the writable mapped drive image

1. On your Windows desktop, click **Start > Computer** (or **My Computer**).
2. Find the mapped drive letter in your Hard Disk Drives list. It should be listed by the name of the Image that was mounted, then the drive letter.
3. Double-click on it as you would any other drive.
4. As a test, right-click and choose **New > Folder.**
5. Enter a name for the folder and press **Enter**.
6. The folder you created is displayed in the Folder view.
7. Mapped images remain mapped until unmapped, or until the application is shut down.

Unmounting an Image

To unmount a mounted image

1. Click **File > Image Mounting.** The *Map Image to Drive* dialog opens.
2. Highlight the images to unmount, click **Unmount.** To unmount multiple mappings, click the first, then Shift-click the last to select a block of contiguous mappings. Click a file, then Ctrl-click individual files to select multiple non-contiguous mappings.)
3. Click **Done** to close the *Map Image to Drive* dialog.

Restoring an Image to a Disk

A physical image such as 001 (RAW/dd), E01, or S01, can be restored to a drive of equal or greater size to the original, un-compressed drive.

To restore an image to a disk

1. Connect a target drive to your computer.
2. In the *Examiner*, click **Tools > Restore Image to Disk**.
3. Click **Browse** to locate and select the source image. It must be a full-disk image such as 001 (Raw/dd), E01, or S01.

   The source image must be a disk image. A custom content image such as AD1 will not work for this feature.
4. Click the *Destination Drive* drop-down, select the target drive you connected in Step 1. If you do not see that drive in the list, click **Refresh**.
5. Mark the **Zero-fill remainder of destination drive** check box if the drive is larger than the original un-compressed drive.
6. Mark the **Notify operating system to rescan partition table when complete** check box to allow the new drive to be seen by the OS. If you plan to connect the drive in a different computer there is no need to do this step.

   When you are finished selecting options, click **Restore Image** to continue.

Performing Final Carve Processing

When you have selections saved as carved files from any file in the Hex viewer, performing Final Carve Processing carves the files, saves them, adds them to the case, and even creates or assigns them to bookmarks you specified when the data was selected.

Final Carve Processing jobs can be monitored in the Progress Window as Additional Analysis Jobs.

Recovering Processing Jobs

Jobs that are started but unable to finish for whatever reason can be deleted or restarted. Click **Tools > Recover Processing Jobs**. If no jobs remain unfinished, the *Recover Processing Jobs* dialog box is empty. Click **Close**. If there are jobs in the list, you can choose whether to Restart or Delete those jobs.

To recover incomplete processing jobs

1. Click **Select All**, **Unselect All**, or mark the check box for each job to be recovered.
2. Click **Restart**.
3. In the *Recovery Type* dialog, choose the recovery type that suits your needs:
   - **Continue processing** from where the job ended.
   - **Restart** the job from the beginning.
4. Click **Close**.
5. To verify the progress of a restarted or continued job, click **Tools > Show Progress Window**.

To remove incomplete processing jobs

1. Click **Select All**, **Unselect All**, or mark the check box for each job to discard.
2. Click **Delete**.
3. Click **Yes** to confirm that you want to delete the job permanently.
4. Click **Close**.

Chapter 7

Introducing FTK Case Management

This chapter includes the following topics

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- The User Interfaces (page 109)
- About the Cases List (page 110)
- Menus of the Case Manager (page 110)

About Case Management

Case management includes creating new cases, as well as backing up, archiving, detaching, restoring, attaching, deleting cases from the database, and managing case and evidence files.

Case management tasks are performed from the *Case Manager*.

Note: Multiple user names in a case are automatically assigned to Original User Names when a case is Archived, or Archived and Detached, and then restored. They can also be reassigned if necessary.

See Creating a Case (page 58)

See Managing Case Data (page 95)

The User Interfaces

The *Case Manager* lets you add and manage cases, users, roles and permissions, and do other management tasks. You can use the *Case Manager* to apply settings globally to all cases in the system.

Menus of the Case Manager (page 110)

You can use the *Examiner* to locate, bookmark, and report on evidence.

Menus of the Examiner (page 287)

About the Cases List

The *Cases List* shows all of the cases that are available to the currently logged in user. The right pane displays information about the cases. The information that is shown for *Case File*, *Description File*, and *Description* are determined by the either the Application Administrator or the Case Administrator.

Menus of the Case Manager

Case Manager Menus

Menu	More Information
File	The *File* menu lets you exit the *Case Manager*. See Options of the Case Manager File Menu (page 111)
Database	The *Database* menu lets you administer users and roles. See Options of the Case Manager Database Menu (page 111)
Case	The *Case* menu lets you create, backup, and delete cases. You can also assign users to roles. *See* Options of the Case Manager Case Menu *(page 111)*
Tools	The *Tools* menu lets you configure the processing engine, recover interrupted jobs and restore images to a disk. See Options of the Case Manager Tools Menu (page 113)
Manage	The *Manage* menu lets you administrate shared objects such as columns, labels and carvers. See Options of the Case Manager Manage Menu (page 114)
Help	The *Help* menu lets you access the user guide as well as view version and copyright information. See Options of the Case Manager Help Menu (page 115)

Options of the Case Manager File Menu

Options of the Case Manager File Menu

Option	Description
Exit	Exits and closes the program.

Options of the Case Manager Database Menu

Options of the Case Manager Database Menu

Option	Description
Log In/ Log Out	Opens the authentication dialog for users to log into the database. You can log out the currently authenticated user without closing the program.
Put each case in its own DB	Creates a new database for each new case. This is enabled by default.
Change password	Opens the *Change Password* dialog. The currently authenticated user can change their own password by providing the current password, then typing and re-typing the new password. See Changing Your Password on page 37.
Administer Users	Lets you manage user accounts. The Application Administrator can change users' roles. See Adding New Users to a Database on page 42.
Session Management	Opens the *Manage Database Sessions* dialog. Click **Refresh** to update the view of current sessions. Click **Terminate** to end sessions that are no longer active. See Managing Database Sessions on page 39.
Configure	Opens the Configure Database dialog. See Optimizing the Database for Large Cases on page 39.

Options of the Case Manager Case Menu

Options of the Case Manager Case Menu

Option	Description
New	Start a new case with the currently authenticated user as the Case Administrator. Case Reviewers cannot create a new case. See Creating a Case (page 58)
Open	Opens the highlighted case with its included evidence.

Options of the Case Manager Case Menu (Continued)

Assign Users	Allows the Application Administrator or the Case Administrator to adjust or control the rights of other users to access a particular case. Also allows the Administrator to control which users can see which of the Shared Labels that are available. See What You Can Do With Labels (page 161)
Backup	Opens a dialog for specifying names and locations for backup of selected cases. You can select multiple cases in the *Case Manager* to backup. Options are: ● Backup ● Archive ● Archive and Detach See Managing Case Data on page 95.
Restore	Opens a Windows Explorer instance for locating and restoring a selected, saved case. Options are: ● Restore an archived case ● Attach an archived and detached case See Managing Case Data on page 95.
Delete	Deletes the selected case. Pop-up appears to confirm deletion. See Deleting a Case on page 102.
Copy Previous Case	Copy a case from a previous version (4.2 or later) into the database. The use of a UNC folder path is no longer required beginning with version 4.2 and newer. To use copy from previous case you don't backup the case in the previous version, you simply use the “Copy Previous Case” feature. If you want to use Backup, you can backup the case in a previous version, such as 4.2 then restore it to the new version. Copy Previous Case doesn’t recognize backed-up cases.
Remove Generated Index	This option lets you select a case and delete its index. If you remove a case’s index, you cannot use index searches until you create a new index. To create a new index, in the *Examiner*, click **Evidence > Additional Analysis**. Select **dtSearch® Text Index** and click **OK**.
ISubmit Forms	Users have the ability to pull pertinent information from iSubmit and auto-create a case with that information, allowing investigators to track a case from start to completion within the iSubmit program. See Opening a Case in iSubmit on page 57.
Refresh Case List	Right-click in the Case List area and select **Refresh Case List,** or click **F5** to refresh the case list with any new information.

Options of the Case Manager Tools Menu

Options of the Case Manager Tools Menu

Option	Description
Processing Engine Config	Opens the *Processing Engine Configuration* dialog. Configure Remote Processing Engines here. Specify Computer Name/IP Address, and Port. Add New, Remove, Enable or Disable configured Processing Engines.
Recover Processing Jobs	Allows you to recover jobs that were interrupted during processing so the processing can be completed.
Show Progress Window	Opens the *Progress* window so you can check the Processing Status.
Restore Image to Disk	Copies a disk image to a disk other than the original.
Dell Encryption Server Settings	Lets you configure Dell Encryption server settings. See Decrypting Dell Encryption Files (Dell Data Protection | Encryption Server) on page 178.
Preferences	Opens *Preferences* dialog. See Setting Additional Preferences on page 49.

Options of the Case Manager Manage Menu

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Option	Description
Carvers	Manage Shared Custom Carvers. Custom Carvers created here can be copied to cases. See Managing Shared Custom Carvers on page 51.
Custom Identifiers	Manage Shared Custom Identifiers. Custom Identifiers created here are automatically made available to all new cases, but cannot be copied directly to earlier cases. They must be exported and then imported into such cases. See Managing Custom Identifiers on page 52.
Columns	Manage Shared Column Settings. Custom Columns created here can be copied to cases. See Managing Columns on page 53.
File Extension Maps	Manage Shared File Extension Mappings. File Extension Maps created here are automatically made available to all new cases, but cannot be copied directly to earlier cases. They must be exported and then imported into such cases. See Managing File Extension Maps on page 53.
Filters	Manage Shared Filters. Custom Filters created here can be copied to cases. See Managing Filters on page 54.
Labels	Manage Shared Labels. Custom Labels created here can be copied to cases. See Working with Labels on page 161.
KFF	To use the Known File Filter feature (KFF), you must configure a KFF Server. In this dialog, you specify the type of KFF Server and its location. For information on configuring the KFF Server, see Getting Started with KFF (Known File Filter) (page 225). After the KFF server has been configured, you can click **Test Server** to test the communication with the KFF Server.
Evidence Processing Profiles	Lets you configure Evidence Processing Profiles. See Using Processing Profiles on page 61.
Email Notification Settigns	See Email Notifications for Case-Level Permissions on page 48.
Indexed Serch Term Weights	See Adjusting the Weighting Criteria for an Index Search Term on page 414.

Options of the Case Manager Help Menu

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Option	Description
User Guide	To access the latest documentation, download the zip file from www.accessdata.com/productdocs/ftk/ftk.zip.
About	Provides version and build information, copyright and trademark information, and other copyright and trade acknowledgements.

Chapter 8

Working with Static Evidence

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Static Evidence Compared to Remote Evidence

Static evidence describes evidence that has been captured **to an image** before being added to the case.

Live evidence describes any data that is not saved **to an image** prior to being added to a case. Such evidence is always subject to change, and presents risk of data loss or corruption during examination. For example, a suspect's computer, whether because a password is not known, or to avoid the suspect's knowing that he or she is under suspicion, may be imaged live if the computer has not yet been or will not be confiscated.

Remote evidence describes data that is acquired from remote live computers in the network after the case has been created.

This chapter covers working with static evidence.

Acquiring and Preserving Static Evidence

For digital evidence to be valid, it must be preserved in its original form. The evidence image must be forensically sound, in other words, identical in every way to the original.

See also About Acquiring Digital Evidence (page 26)

Adding Evidence

When case creation is complete, the Manage Evidence dialog appears. Evidence items added here will be processed using the options you selected in pre-processing. Please note the following information as you add evidence to your case:

- You can now drag and drop evidence files from a Windows Explorer view into the *Manage Evidence* dialog.
- You can repeat this process as many times as you need to, for the number of evidence items and types you want to add.
- DMG (Mac) images are sometimes displayed as “Unrecognized File System.” This happens only when the files are not “Read/Write” enabled.

  If the DMG is a full disk image or an image that is created with the read/write option, then it is identified properly. Otherwise the contents will not be recognized properly.
- After processing, the Evidence Processing selected options can be found in the case log. You can also view them by clicking **Evidence > Add/Remove.** Double-click on any of the evidence items to open the *Refinement Options* dialog.
- Popular mobile phone formats (found in many MPE images) such as M4A, MP4, AMR, and 3GP can be recognized. These file types will play inside the Media tab as long as the proper codecs are installed that would also allow those files to play in Windows Media Player.

To add static evidence (an exact image, or “snapshot” of electronic data found on a hard disk or other data storage device) to an existing case, select **Evidence > Add/Remove** from the menu bar and continue.

Note: Use Universal Naming Convention (UNC) syntax in your evidence path for best results.

Click **Refinement Options** to override settings that were previously selected for evidence added to this case. If you do not click **Refinement Options** here, the options that were specified when you created the case will be used.

Configuring Default Processing Options for a Case (page 60)

After evidence has been added, you can perform many processing tasks that were not performed initially. Additional evidence files and images can be added and processed later, if needed.

Manage Evidence Options

Option	Description
Add	Opens the *Select Evidence Type* dialog. Click to select the evidence type, and a Windows Explorer instance will open, allowing you to navigate to and select the evidence you choose.
Remove	Displays a caution box and asks if you are sure you want to remove the selected evidence item from the case. Removing evidence items that are referenced in bookmarks and reports will remove references to that evidence and they will no longer be available. Click **Yes** to remove the evidence, or click **No** to cancel the operation.
Display Name	The filename of the evidence being added.
State	The State of the evidence item: ● " " (empty) Indicates that processing is complete. ● "+" Indicates the item is to be added to the case ● "–" Indicates the item is to be removed from the case. ● "*" Indicates the item is processing. ● "!" Indicates there was a failure in processing the item. If you click **Cancel** from the *Add Evidence* dialog, the state is ignored and the requested processing will not take place. **Note:** If the *State* field is blank and you think the item is still processing, from any tab view, click **View > Progress Window** to verify.
Path	The full pathname of the evidence file. **Note:** Use universal naming convention (UNC) syntax in your evidence path for best results.
ID/Name	The optional ID/Name of the evidence being added.
Description	The options description of the evidence being added. This can be the source of the data, or other description that may prove helpful later.
Evidence Group	Click the drop-down to assign this evidence item to an Evidence Group. For more information regarding Evidence Groups, see Working with Evidence Groups (page 121).
Time Zone	The time zone of the original evidence. Select a time zone from the drop-down list.
Merge Case Index	Merges fragmented index segments to improve performance of index-related commands, such as Index Searching. **Note:** The application automatically merges the case index when system resources allow whether or not *Merge Case Index* is selected. Selecting this option forces the merge to execute regardless of system resources.
Language Setting	Select the code page for the language to view the case in. The *Language Selection* dialog contains a drop-down list of available code pages. Select a code page and click **OK**.
Case KFF Options	Opens the KFF Admin box for managing KFF libraries, groups, and sets for this case.

Manage Evidence Options (Continued)

Option	Description
Refinement Options	Displays the Refinement Options for Evidence Processing. This dialog has limited options compared to the Refinement Options selectable prior to case creation. Select the options to apply to the evidence being added, then click **OK** to close the dialog. Configuring Default Processing Options for a Case (page 60)

When you are satisfied with the evidence options selected, click **OK**.

Note: To remove evidence from the list either before processing, or after it has been added to the case, select the evidence item in the list, then click **Remove**.

Note: When you export data from a case as an image, and then add that image as evidence in either the same case or a different case, the name of the image is renamed using a generic term. This prevents a user generated image name from being indexed with evidence.

To add new evidence to the case

1. Do one of the following:
   - Drag and drop the evidence file into the **Manage Evidence > Evidence Name** list field.
   - Click **Add** to choose the type of evidence items to add into a new case.

   Important: Consider the following:
   - Evidence taken from any physical source that is removable, whether it is a “live” drive or an image, will become inaccessible to the case if the drive letters change or the evidence-bearing source is moved. Instead, create a disk image of this drive, save it either locally, or to the drive you specified during installation, then add the disk image to the case. Otherwise, be sure the drive will be available whenever working on the case.
   - To add physical or logical drives as evidence on any 64-bit Windows system you must run the application as an Administrator. Otherwise, an empty drive list displays. If you encounter this problem on a 64-bit system, log out, then run again as Administrator.
   - While it is possible to add a CUE file as a valid image type, when adding a CUE file as “All images in a directory”, although adding the BIN and the CUE are actually the same thing the user gets double of everything.

     Workaround: Remove duplicates before processing.
2. Mark the type of evidence to add, and then click **OK**.
3. Click the **Browse** button at the end of the *Path* field to browse to the evidence folder. Select the evidence item from the stored location.
4. Click **OK**.

   Note: Folders and files not already contained in an image when added to the case will be imaged in the AD1 format and stored in the case folder. If you select AD1 as the image type, you can add these without creating an image from the data.
5. Fill in the ID/Name field with any specific ID or Name data applied to this evidence for this case.
6. Use the Description field to enter an optional description of the evidence being added.
7. Select the **Evidence Group** that this evidence item belongs to. Click **Manage** to create and manage evidence groups.

8. Select the **Time Zone** of the evidence where it was seized from the drop-down list in the **Time Zone** field. This is required to save the added evidence.

   After selecting an Evidence Type, and browsing to and selecting the evidence item, the selected evidence displays under Display Name. The Status column shows a plus (+) symbol to indicate that the file is being added to the case.

To pause evidence processing

- In the Data Processing Status window, select the **Pause** button.

  An entry will appear in the Messages box stating that the processing has been paused and listing the date and time it was paused.

To resume evidence processing

- In the Data Processing Status window, select the **Resume** button.

  An entry will appear in the Messages box stating that the processing has resumed and listing the date and time it resumed.

Working with Evidence Groups

Evidence Groups let you create and modify groups of evidence. You can share groups of evidence with other cases, or make them specific to a single case.

To create an evidence group

1. In *Examiner*, click **Evidence > Add/Remove**.
2. With an evidence item selected in the *Display Name* box, click **Manage** to the right of Evidence Group.
3. In the *Manage Evidence Group* dialog, click **Create New** to create a new Evidence Group.
4. Provide a name for the new evidence group, and mark the **Share With Other Cases** box to make this group available to other cases you may be working on.
5. Click **Create** to create and save this new group.
6. Click **Close**.

To modify an evidence group

1. In *Examiner*, click **Evidence > Add/Remove**.
2. With an evidence item selected in the *Display Name* box, click **Manage** to the right of Evidence Group.
3. To modify a group, highlight it in the list, and click **Modify**.
4. Make the changes to the group, then click **Update**.
5. Click **Close**.

To delete an evidence group

1. In *Examiner*, click **Evidence > Add/Remove**.
2. With an evidence item selected in the *Display Name* box, click **Manage** to the right of Evidence Group.
3. To delete a group, highlight it in the list, and click **Delete**.
4. Click **Close**.

Selecting Evidence Processing Options

The Evidence Processing options allow selection of processing tasks to perform on the current evidence. Select only those tasks that are relevant to the evidence being added to the case.

See Configuring Default Processing Options for a Case on page 60.

After processing, the Evidence Processing options selected for this case can be found in the case log. You can also view them by clicking **Evidence > Add/Remove**. Double-click on any of the evidence items to open the *Refinement Options* dialog.

Some pre-processing options require others to be selected. For example:

- Data Carving depends on Expand
- KFF depends on MD5 hashing
- Flag Duplicates depends on MD5 hashing
- Indexing depends on Identification
- Flag bad extension depends on File Signature Analysis.

Different processing options can be selected and unselected depending on the specific requirements of the case.

At the bottom of every Refinement Options selection screen are the following options:

- *OK*: accepts current settings without saving for future use.
- *Cancel*: cancels the entire Detailed Options dialog without saving settings or changes, and returns to the New Case Options dialog.

If you choose not to index in the Processing Options page, but later find a need to index the case, click **Evidence > Additional Analysis**. Choose **All Items**, and check **dtSearch*** **Index**.

To set Evidence Refinement Options for this case

1. Click **Refinement Options** to open the *Refinement Options* dialog. Refinement Options are much the same as Detailed Options.

   The sections available are:

   - *Evidence Processing:* For more information on Evidence Processing options, see Selecting Evidence Processing Options (page 122).
   - *Evidence Refinement (Advanced)*: For more information on Evidence Refinement (Advanced) options, see Configuring Evidence Refinement (Advanced) Options (page 87).
   - *Index Refinement (Advanced)*: For more information on Index Refinement (Advanced), see Selecting Index Refinement (Advanced) Options (page 89).
2. Click **OK** to accept the settings and to exit the *Manage Evidence* dialog.
3. Select the **KFF Options** button to display the *KFF Admin* dialog.

   Note: The AD Alert and the AD Ignore Groups are selected by default.

4. Click **Done** to accept settings and return to the *Manage Evidence* dialog.
5. Click **Language Settings** to select the code page for the language to be used for viewing the evidence. More detail is given in the following section.
6. Click **OK** to add and process the evidence.

Selecting a Language

If you are working with a case including evidence in another language, or you are working with a different language Operating System, click **Language Settings** from the *Manage Evidence* dialog.

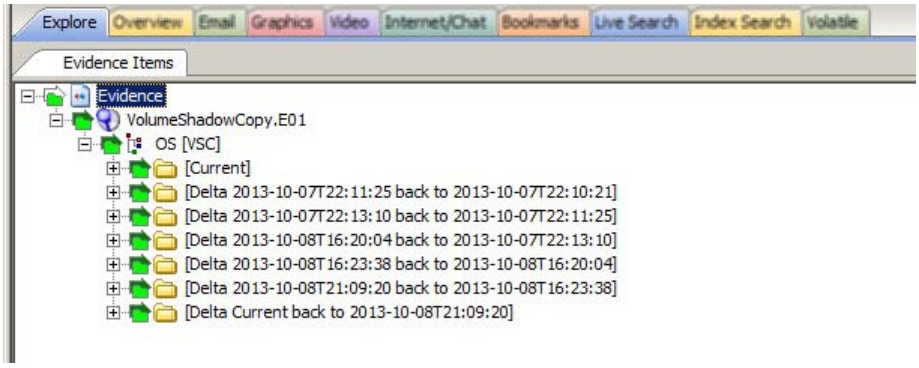
The *Language Setting* dialog appears, allowing you to select a code page from a drop-down list. When the setting is made, click **OK**.

Examining Data in Volume Shadow Copies

You can examine data that is contained in NTFS Volume Shadow Copies. In NTFS partitions, the Volume Shadow Copy Service (VSS) maintains a copy of every 16 KB block that is changed. These blocks are packaged up at predetermined times (which differ depending on the operating system being run) as a Volume Shadow Copy (VSC) or restore point. These restore points can contain data that has been renamed or deleted. They can also contain hidden malware, especially persistent code.

Encrypted drives are supported.

You can mount and process restore points as a separate evidence items within a case. When restore points are processed, a unique file system image for each restore point is created under the source NTFS partition.



You can view the files in the different file system images to analyze the difference between each restore point and the files that are unique to each one. This helps you see how a system has changed over a period of time. You can identify and parse files within the restore points and can search for evidence or malware hidden there.

You configure the processing of restore points when you add new evidence to a case. You can do this for a new case or an existing case. If the evidence that you are adding contains an NTFS partition with Volume Shadow Copy restore points, a *Select Restore Points* option is available. You can view all of the available restore points and select the ones that you want to process.

When viewing the restore point data, you can use the following VSC-related columns the provides details about the data.

VSC-related Columns

VSC-Delta Restore Point End	Date of second restore point of a delta file
VSC-Delta Restore Point Start	Date of first restore point of a delta file
VSC-Delta State	The state of a delta file as compared in two restore points
VSC-Renamed From	The name this file was renamed from
VSC-Renamed To	The name this file was renamed to
VSC- Restore Point Date	Date of restore point this file came from

See Managing Columns on page 494.

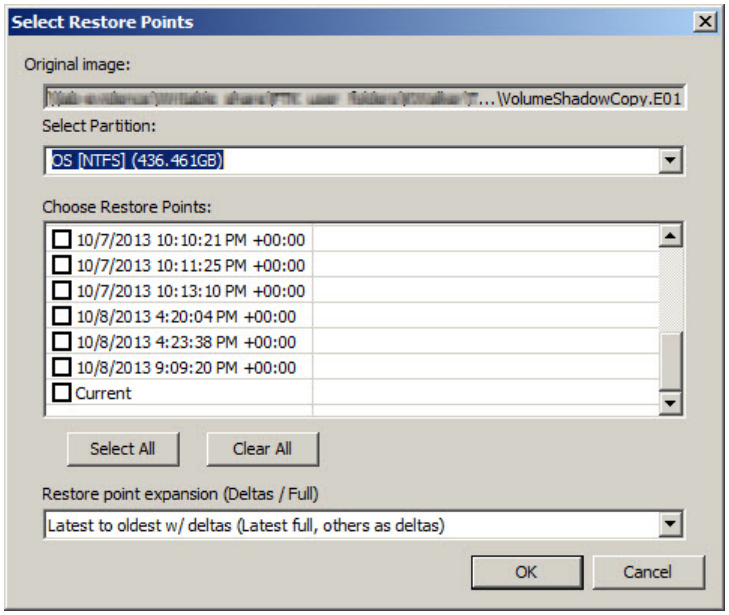
About Restore Point Processing Options

When you select restore points to process, you select the following options:

- Which restore points to include
- The restore point expansion options (Delta/Full)

Restore Points Selection

If an NTFS partition has restore points, you can select which restore points to to expand as file system images. Each restore point that you select is represented by a unique file system. You can select the *Current* files as well as any previous restore points.



Important: You can select to process one or more restore point. If you do not select a restore point, you cannot add it later within the same evidence item. You must re-add the NTFS partition as a new evidence item and then select the desired restore points.

Restore Point Expansion Options

You choose from the following expansion options.

Full	All restore points are added as full file systems. The benefit of this option is that you can view all of the files in all of the restore points. However, you will potentially have duplicate files, making the data set large. It can also make it more difficult to find the files that have been deleted or modified. If "Full" restore option is selected, you are warned if more than one restore point is checked. You can add the evidence item again if you don't choose to add it as a restore point image originally. You can then choose restore points.

Delta - Oldest to latest	Instead of creating a full partition for each restore point, one full partition is created for the oldest restore point selected while all newer restore points are created as deltas. The advantage of this option is that you do not have duplicate files and the contents of the other restore points are smaller, making it is easier to find the files or folders that have been deleted or modified.
Delta - Latest to Oldest	The latest restore point selected is created as a full image while all older restore points are created as deltas.

Managing Restore Points

To process restore point file systems

1. In either a new or an existing case, add new evidence, and select evidence that has an NTFS partition.
2. On the *Manage Evidence* page, click **Choose Restore Points**.

   If the button is active, then the evidence has an NTFS partition.

   If the button is grayed out, the evidence does not have an NTFS partition.

   When you click the button, if the NTFS partition does not have any restore points, a message is displayed.
3. Select the restore points that you want to process as file systems.

   See About Restore Point Processing Options on page 125.
4. Select the expansion option.
5. Click **OK**.

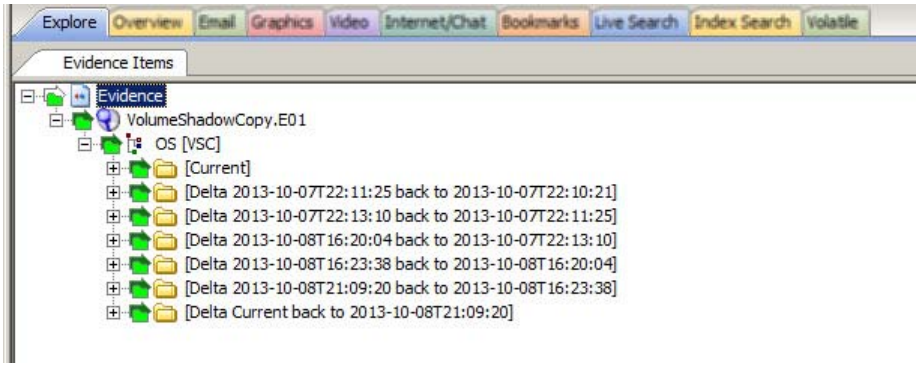
Viewing Restore Point Data

After the evidence with the restore points has been processed, you can view the data. You can view the created file systems for the restore points that you selected.

You can also add columns to the File List to display

To view restore point file systems

1. In the Examiner, click the **Explore** tab.
2. Select the evidence item and the the NTFS partition.
3. You can view a file system image for each restore point.



4. You can view the content of each restore point to compare folders and files.

5. You can use VSC-related columns to view detailed data.
   See VSC-related Columns on page 124.
6. You can also use searches, filters, and so on to find and analyze the files in the share points.

Note: If you selected “Latest to Oldest”, the tree will show *Current* first, but then the deltas are sorted by the oldest to the newest. If you selected “Oldest to Latest” the folders are sorted in the correct order.

Using Additional Analysis

After evidence has been added to a case and processed, you may wish to perform other analysis tasks. To further analyze selected evidence, click **Evidence** > **Additional Analysis**.

Most of the tasks available during the initial evidence processing remain available with Additional Analysis.

See Evidence Processing Options on page 67.

Specific items can also be targeted. Multiple processing tasks can be performed at the same time.

Make your selections based on the information in the table below. Click **OK** when you are ready to continue.

Additional Analysis Options

Field Item	Description	
Hashing / Job Options Tab		
File Hashes	These options create file hashes for the evidence. The Options are:	
	MD5 Hash:	This hash option creates a digital fingerprint based on the contents of the file. This fingerprint can be used to verify file integrity and to identify duplicate files.
	SHA-1 Hash:	This hash option creates a digital fingerprint based on the contents of the file. This fingerprint can be used to verify file integrity and to identify duplicate files.
	SHA-256:	This hash option creates a digital fingerprint based on the contents of the file. This fingerprint can be used to verify file integrity and to identify duplicate files.
	Flag Duplicates:	Mark to flag duplicate files. This applies to all files in the case, regardless of the Target Items selected.
	Note: A blank hash field appears for unallocated space files, the same as if the files had not been hashed at all. To notate in the hash field the reason for it being blank would slow the processing of the evidence into the case.	
KFF	Enables the Known File Filter (KFF) that lets you identify either known insignificant files that you can ignore or known illicit or dangerous files that you want to be alerted to. When you enable KFF, you must select a KFF Template to use. You can select an existing KFF Template from the drop-down menu or click **...** to create a new one. See Getting Started with KFF (Known File Filter) on page 225. You can select to **Recheck previously processed items** when searching for new information, or when a KFF group is added or changed. Mark **Recheck previously processed items** if changes have been made to the KFF since the last check.	
Target Items	Select the items on which to perform the additional analysis. Highlighted, and Checked items will be unavailable if no items in the case are highlighted or checked. The following list shows the available options:	
	Highlighted Items:	Performs the additional analysis on the items highlighted in the File List pane when you select Additional Analysis.

Additional Analysis Options (Continued)

Field Item	Description	
	Checked Items:	Performs the additional analysis on the checked evidence items in the File List pane when you select Additional Analysis.
	Currently Listed Items:	Performs the additional analysis on all the evidence items currently listed in the File List pane when you select Additional Analysis.
	All Items:	Performs the additional analysis on all evidence items in the case.
PhotoDNA	Enables PhotoDNA which lets you compare images in your evidence against known images in a library. See About PhotoDNA on page 275.	
Refinement	Include OLE Streams: Includes Object Linked or Embedded (OLE) items that are part of files that meet the other criteria.	
Job Options	Send Email Alert on Job Completion: Opens a text box for the entry of an email address destination for a notification email when these jobs complete. **Note:** Outgoing TCP traffic must be allowed on port 25. **Important!** These Emails are often filtered into Spam folders.	
Indexing / Tools tab		
Indexed Search	*dtSearch® Index*	Choose *dtSearch® Index* to create a dtSearch index that enables instantaneous index searches. Marking **dtSearch Index** activates the Entropy Test check box.
	Entropy Test	Select *Entropy Test* to exclude compressed or encrypted items from the indexing process.
Decryption	*Decrypt Dell Encryption Files:*	See Decrypting Dell Encryption Files (Dell Data Protection | Encryption Server) on page 178. If you select to decrypt Dell Encryption files, the *File Signature Analysis* option will automatically be selected as well.
	Perform Automatic Decryption:	Attempts to decrypt files using a list of passwords that you provide See Decrypting Files Using Right-Click Auto Decryption on page 171.
Other Tools:		
	Optical Character Recognition:	Parses text from graphics images and adds them to the Index. Creates an additional file with the OCR extension. Click **OCR Options** to select specific graphics files to run the OCR process on, or to set limiting factors such as size, or grayscale. For more detailed information regarding OCR settings and options, see Running Optical Character Recognition (OCR) (page 82).

Additional Analysis Options (Continued)

Field Item	Description	
	Explicit Image Detection:	Enables EID Options button. The EID license is purchased separately. This item will be disabled unless the license is detected on your CmStick. Click **EID Options** to select the processes to run. Choose default, speed, or accuracy settings. See Evaluating Explicit Material on page 330.
	Registry Reports:	Enables Registry Summary Reports (RSRs) to be used directly from Registry Viewer if it is installed. Click RSR Directory to specify the location of any RSR templates you have saved or downloaded from the AccessData web site.
	Cerberus Analysis	Performs a malware analysis on executable binaries. See About Cerberus Malware Analysis on page 201. See Running Cerberus Malware Analysis on page 219.
	Cerberus Analysis:	Lets you run the add on module for Cerberus Malware Triage. You can click *Cerberus Options* to access additional options. For more information see About Cerberus Malware Analysis (page 201)
	Language Identification	Analyzes the first two pages of every document to identify the languages contained within. The user will be able to filter by a Language field within review and determine who needs to review which documents based on the language contained within the document. See Identifying Document Languages on page 350.
	Document Content Analysis	Analyzes the content and groups it according to topic in the *Overview* tab. When selected, the DCA Options button is also activated and opens the Document Content Analysis Options. See Using Document Content Analysis on page 439.
	Entity Extraction (Document Content)	Identifies and extracts specific types of data in your evidence. You can select to process one or all of the following types of entity data: • Credit Card Numbers • Phone Numbers • Social Security Numbers In the *Examiner*, under the *Document Content* node in the *Overview* tab, you can view the extracted data. See Using Entity Extraction on page 435.
	Cluster Analysis	(AD Lab and Summation license only) Invokes the extended analysis of documents to determine related, near duplicates, and email threads. See Performing Cluster Analysis on page 441. Configure the details by clicking **Analysis Options**.

Additional Analysis Options (Continued)

Field Item	Description	
	Cluster Analysis Options	(AD Lab and Summation license only) This lets you specify the options for Cluster Analysis. You can specify which document types to process: • Documents • Presentations • Spreadsheets • Email You can also specify the similarity threshold, which determines the level of similarity required for documents to be considered related or near duplicates.
	Generate System Information	Extracts data and populates the *System Information* tab. See Viewing System Information on page 427.
Miscellaneous tab		
File Type Identification	*File Signature Analysis*: Analyzes files to indicate whether their headers or signatures match their extensions. Before version 5.1, when performing additional analysis, if you selected certain processing options, such as *Flag Bad Extensions*, *dtSearch Text Index*, *Data Carve*, *OCR*, *Explicit Image Detection*, or *Decrypt Dell Encryption Files*, the *File Signature Analysis* option was automatically selected and the option was disabled so that you could not un-select it. Stating in version 5.1, if you select one of those options, the *File Signature Analysis* option is still automatically selected, but the option is not disabled and you can manually un-select it. Disable this option with care. This does not apply to the initial processing options.	
Carving	Carves data immediately after pre-processing. Click **Carving Options**, then select the file types to carve. Uses file signatures to identify deleted files contained in the evidence. All available file types are selected by default. For more information on Data Carving, see Data Carving (page 78). Selecting this will also enable the *Expand Compound Files* option.	
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	Expand Compound Files (Email, OLE, ZIP, etc.):	Expands and indexes files that contain other files. *Include Deleted Files*. Checked by default. Uncheck to exclude deleted files from the case. See Expanding Compound Files on page 70.
	Create Thumbnails for Graphics:	Generates thumbnails for graphic files found in the evidence. Thumbnails are always .JPG format, regardless of the original graphic format. See Examining Graphics on page 324.

Additional Analysis Options (Continued)

Field Item	Description	
	Create Thumbnails for Videos	Creates thumbnails for all videos in a case. You can also set the frequency for which video thumbnails are created, either by a percent (1 thumbnail every “n”% of the video) or by interval (1 thumbnail every “n” seconds. See Examining Videos on page 333.
	Generate Common Video File	When you process the evidence in your case, you can choose to create a common video type for videos in your case. These common video types are not the actual video files from the evidence, but a copied conversion of the media that is generated and saved as an MP4 file that can be previewed on the video tab. See Examining Videos on page 333.
	Flag Bad Extensions:	Flags files that have extensions that do not match the file headers.
	HTML File Listing:	Generate a list of files contained in the case, in HTML format.
	CSV File Listing:	Generate a list of files contained in the case, in CSV format. This list can be used in any CSV supported spreadsheet application.
	Don’t Expand Embedded Graphics.	This option lets you not process embedded graphics from email items. The default behavior has not changed. This option only applies if you select it in the processing options.
	Process Internet Browser History for Visualization	Processes internet browser history files so that you can see them in the detailed visualization timeline. See Visualizing Internet Browser History Data on page 469.

Hashing

When the MD5 Hash option is chosen for evidence processing, the MD5 hash value for every file item discovered within the evidence is computed. The same is true for SHA-1 Hash and SHA-256 options. In general, a hash value can be used (in most situations) to uniquely identify a digital file - much like a finger print can uniquely identify the person to whom it belongs.

Several specific purposes are served by enabling hashing during processing. First and foremost, when the MD5 Hash and/or SHA-1 Hash options are chosen along with the KFF option, each file item's MD5 (and/or SHA-1) value can be found within the KFF Library. The KFF Library does not contain any SHA-256 values. All of the file items within the evidence that have been encountered and reliably cataloged by other investigators or US Federal Government archivists can be identified. This feature lets you find the "known" files within the evidence, which brings some intriguing advantages to the investigator.

These are described in Using the Known File Filter (KFF) (page 259).

Data Carving

Data carving is the process of locating files and objects that have been deleted or that are embedded in other files.

You can recover and add embedded items and deleted files that contain information that may be helpful in forensic investigations.

The data carving feature allows the recovery of previously deleted files located in unallocated space. Users can also carve directory entries to find information about data or metadata.

Note: You can create custom carvers. In addition, you can manually carve for any file type for which you have the correct header/footer/file length information, then save that file and add it to the case. In addition, you can carve any data from any file, and save the selected data as a separate file and add it to the case.

See also Custom Carvers (page 80).

To recover embedded or deleted files, the case evidence is searched for specific file headers. Using the data from a file header for a recognized file type the length of that file is determined, or the file footer is found, and "carves" the associated data, then saves it as a distinct file. A child object is created with a name reflecting the type of object carved and its offset into the parent object's data stream. Embedded or deleted items can be found as long as the file header still exists.

Data carving can be done when adding evidence to a case, or by clicking **Evidence > Additional Analysis > Data Carve** from within a case.

Recognized File Types for Data Carving

• AOL Bag Files	• LNK Files
• BMP Files	• OLE Archive Files (Office Documents)
• EMF Files	• PDF Files
• EML Files	• PNG Files
• GIF Files	• TIFF Files

Recognized File Types for Data Carving (Continued)

• HTML Files	• Zip Files
• JPEG Files	

You can set additional options to refine the data carving process for the selected file types.

Data Carving Files When Processing a New Case

Data Carving can be done during initial case creation by setting preprocessing options, or later, as an Additional Analysis task.

Viewing the Status and Progress of Data Processing and Analysis

The *Data Processing Status* screen lets you view the status of any processing, analysis, or searching that is being done on evidence in a case. This screen is also called the *Progress Window.*

To view the status and progress of data processing and analysis

1. In the *Examiner*, click **View > Progress Window** to open the *Data Processing Status* screen.
   Processing is categorized according to the following job types:
   - Add Evidence
   - Additional Analysis
   - Live Search
   - Other
2. Click on a job type in the left pane, to view aggregate progress statistics for all of the items in a job type.
3. Click the expand icon to the left of a job type and then select an individual job or task to view the status of jobs and tasks.
   Details about each task in a job are displayed in the right hand pane under **Messages**.
   You can also view the following status information about job processing:

Information	Description
Overall	The percentage complete as each task progresses.
Discovered	The number of items that have been discovered.
Processed	The number of items that have been processed. If you compare the numbers in the *Data Processing Status* screen with the numbers shown in **Overview tab > Case Overview > File Category**, for example, you may notice that the numbers are not the same. If there is a difference, the numbers in the case are accurate; the numbers in the *Data Processing* screen on the progress bar items are not.
Indexed	The number of items that have been indexed.
Process State	The current status of a job's processing. When the job is complete, this field displays Finished, and the Message box in the right pane also displays Job Finished.
Name	The file name of the evidence item that is processing in a task.
Path	The path to where the evidence item is stored.
Process Manager	The Process Manager computer is listed by its name or by its IP Address. If your Evidence Processing Engine runs on the same computer as the *Examiner* and the database, then "localhost" is the default Process Manager. If you are using Distributed Processing, the Process Manager or the Remote Processing computer is listed.

4. You can select from the following options:
   - **Job Folder** lets you open the location where the JobInformation.log for this job is stored. You can view detailed information about the processing tasks and any errors or failures in the JobInformation.log file.
   - **Remove when finished** lets you remove a task or job from the job list when it has completed processing.
   - **Pause** lets you pause the current evidence processing task and adds an entry in the Messages box listing the date and time it was paused.
   - **Resume** lets you resume the current processing task after having paused it and adds an entry in the Messages box listing the date and time processing was resumed. This option only appears after the **Pause** option has been enabled.
   - **Cancel** lets you stop the current task from running.
5. Click **Close** to close the display but not cancel any current tasks.

Viewing Processed Items

It is not necessary to wait for the program to finish processing the case to begin viewing data. The metadata—the information about the evidence—can be viewed in several modes before the evidence image has completed processing.

Important: Do not attempt to do any search prior to processing completion. You can view processed items from the tabbed views, but searching during indexing may corrupt the index and render the case useless.

Editing the Processing Management Queue

It is possible to adjust the processing queue in order to move high priority evidence items to the top of the list. This can be done by the Application Administrator.

To edit the evidence processing queue

1. Add evidence items to the processing queue as normal. For more information, see Adding Evidence (page 117).
2. Once the items are in line for processing, navigate to **Evidence > Manage Processing**.
3. In the *Manage Evidence Processing* window, select the desired evidence items and click either the **Move Up** or **Move Down** buttons, depending on how you'd like to arrange the items in the processing queue.

Note: Processing will have already begun by the time you change the processing priorities and your desired item may not be first on the list. It will be the first priority once the item(s) currently processing complete.

Viewing Evidence Information

Evidence Tracking

Evidence information for all evidence items created using Imager, MPE+, or Cellebrite are available for export. This allows for proper tracking of evidence.

To view Imager or MPE+ processed evidence information

1. In the *Manage Evidence* dialog, click on the desired evidence item in the list on the left to highlight it.
2. Click the **View Evidence Info** button.
   A text file will open displaying the following information for the selected evidence item.

Evidence Tracking Data

General Information	
	Name of the evidence item
	Case information
	Product and version of the software used to acquire the evidence image
	Case number
	Evidence number
	Unique description
	Examiner who processed the case
	Any notes entered when the case was acquired
Physical Evidentiary Item (Source) Information	
Device Information	Source type
Drive Geometry	Bytes per sector
	Sector count
Image	Image type
	Source data size
	Sector count
Computed Hashes	MD5 checksum
	SHA1 checksum
Image Information	Acquisition started
	Acquisition finished

General Information	
	Segment list
Image Verification Results	Verification started
	Verification finished
	MD5 checksum
	SHA1 checksum

To view Cellebrite-processed evidence information

1. Select the Cellebrite image (UFDR) from the *Evidence Items* panel on the *Explore Tab*.
2. In the *File List*, select the file named **Extraction Summary**.
3. The evidence tracking information for the selected file will appear in the *File Content* pane, in Cool HTML. It is also contained in the **report.xml** file, found in the *File List*, which can be exported.

Chapter 9

Working with Live Evidence

About Live Evidence

Data that you gather and process from an active data source is called live evidence. You can gather this data from local sources.

You can acquire live evidence from only one computer at a time.

See also About Acquiring Digital Evidence (page 26) for details on the ways that evidence can be acquired, and precautions to take before acquiring evidence.

About Local Live Evidence

An example of local live evidence is an original drive or other electronic data source that is attached to the investigation computer. It can also be data acquired from a device on a remote computer while the device is mounted to the system as Read/Write.

When adding live evidence you can select from the following evidence types:

- The contents of a directory (local or network share)
- An individual file
- A Physical drive
  A Logical drive

Adding Local Live Evidence

You can add live evidence and then create a static image of that data. You can also add the data without creating an image, but realize that as the files are read, the operating system makes changes to the file statuses, the Read date and time stamps, and the Accessed time and date stamps. You can add the entire contents of a folder or a single file from a device that is attached to the *Examiner* machine.

To add local live evidence to a case

1. In *Examiner*, click **Evidence > Add/Remove.**
2. In the *Manage Evidence* dialog box, click **Add**.

3. Do one of the following:
   - Click *Contents of a Directory*, then click **OK**. Browse to and select the directory. Read the warning. To continue click **Yes**.
   - Click *Individual Files*, then click **OK**. Browse to the location, select one or more files. You can use Shift-Click or use Ctrl-Click to select multiple files. Read the warning. To continue click **Yes**.
   - Click *Physical Drive*, then click **OK**. Read the warning. To continue, click **Yes**. Select a drive. The drives are listed in UNC format and are pre-pended with the string: PHYSICALDRIVE. Click **OK**.
   - Click *Logical Drive*, then click **OK**. Read the warning. To continue, click **Yes**. Select a drive. The drives are listed by drive letter. Click **OK**.
4. A job is created and the *Data Processing Status window* opens. Live Evidence Jobs are displayed under *Other Jobs*.
5. Click **Close**.

Chapter 10

Filtering Data to Locate Evidence

About Filtering

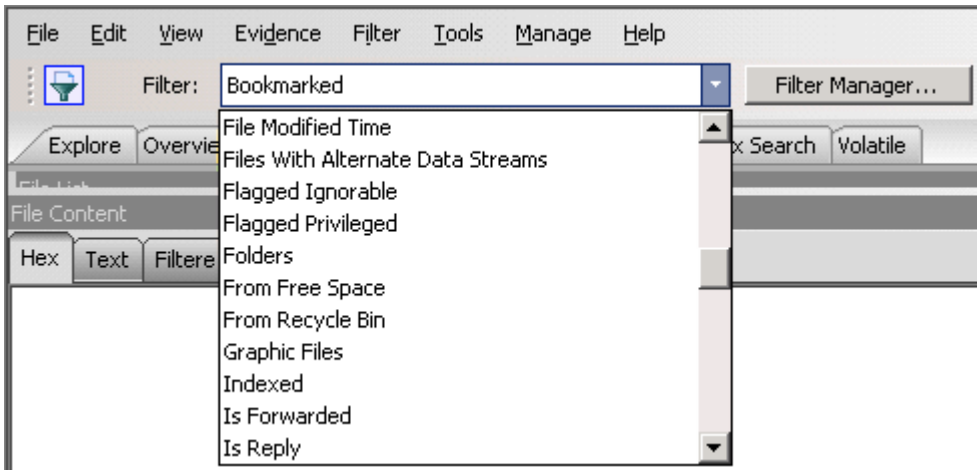
Filters let you leverage item attributes to locate specific data very quickly. They reduce the amount of time that you must examine data because they can narrow a large data set down to a very specific focus.

The *Examiner* includes a *Filter* toolbar, and a *Filter Manager* utility to help you work with filters. When you apply a filter it limits the files that are displayed in the *Examiner* match the criteria of the filter.

See also Types of Filters (page 142)

See also What You Can Do with Filters (page 142)

Examiner's Filter Dropdown Menu



Types of Filters

The *Examiner* includes several different types of filters to help you to locate and to exclude specific data.

Types of Filters

Filter Type	Description
Predefined Filters	Predefined filters are filters that AccessData has created. For example, there is a predefined filter called *Graphic Files* that limits the displayed data to graphics files only. You cannot delete or modify a predefined filter, however you can copy them to use as templates when you create your own custom filters. See also Types of Predefined Filters (page 153)
Global Filters	Global filters apply across the entire *Examiner* interface. For example, if you globally apply the filter *Checked Files*, only checked files are displayed, regardless of the tab, pane, or window that you are viewing. See also Using Global Filters (page 145)
Tab Filters	Tab filters apply only to a specific tab. For example if you apply the *Checked Files* filter as a tab filter specific to the *Overview* tab, when you switch to the *Explore* tab files that are not checked are still displayed. See also Using Tab Filters (page 145)
Custom Filters	Custom filters are filters that you create. For example if an AccessData predefined does not meet your exact needs, you can use the *Filter Manager* utility to create your own custom filter. See also Creating a Custom Filter (page 150)
Nested Filters	A nested filter is a filter that contains filters within it. Nested filters let you leverage several filters together to accomplish a specific goal. Nested filters prevent you from having to create a complicated custom filter each time you need to use multiple filters together. For example, a simple nested filter could include both *Graphic Files* and *KFF Alert Files* as filters. See also About Nested Filters (page 150)
Compound Filters	Compound filters are created in the *Filter Manager* utility. In the *Filter Manager* you can add many filters together. You choose to include and exclude a files that meet criteria. Compound filters let you apply boolean logic to your compound filter. See also Using Compound Filters (page 149)
Search Filters	Search filters are added to a live search or an index search. They limit a search to only display results that match the criteria contained within the search. You can use static search filters in conjunction with global filters to very quickly apply two levels of filtering to your search results. See also Using Filtering with Searches (page 148)

What You Can Do with Filters

You can use filters to quickly locate specific item types. You can also use filters to exclude data that you do not want displayed. For example, if you only want to see encrypted items, you can apply a filter to show you those. If

you do not want to see files that were created after a certain date, you can also use a filter to exclude those files from being displayed.

See also About Filtering (page 141)

What You Can Do with Filters

Task	Description
Apply filters globally	Using Global Filters (page 145)
Apply filters to specific tabs	Using Tab Filters (page 145)
Apply filters in categories	Using Filters with Category Containers (page 146)
Add filters to live searches	Adding a Search Filter to Live Searches (page 148)
Add filters to index searches	Adding a Search Filter to Index Searches (page 148)
Use filters when you create reports	Using Filters with Reports (page 146)
Create, copy, and customize your own filters	Creating a Custom Filter (page 150)
Share filters between cases	Sharing Custom Filters Between Cases (page 152)
Export filters	Exporting Filters (page 152)
Import filters	Importing Filters (page 152)

Understanding How Filters Work

Filters are composed of various components that are stored in your database.

Filter Component

Component		Description
Name	Filter names help you to locate a filter that you want to use.	
Description	Filter descriptions help you to understand what a filter is designed to accomplish.	
Rule	Filter rules instruct filters of the goal that you want to accomplish. Filters can have a single rule or filters can also have multiple rules. Filter rules are the logic that help you make your filters accomplish a specific task. Filter rules are comprised of the following components:	
	Property	Filter properties are the attributes that are associated with a data record. An example of a property is *File Type*.
	Operator	Filter operators are the decision that you want to run against a property. Each property has specific operators that are applicable to it. An example of an operator that applies to the property "*File Type*" is the operator "*Is Not*"
	Criteria	Filter criteria let you define the conditions of the operator. Each operator has specific criteria that are applicable to it. An example of criteria that applies to the property *Is Not* is the criteria *Word Template 2010*.

Note: When working with time-based filters, the case time zone is used for date and times offsets.

Viewing the Components of Filters

You can use the *Filter Manager* to see how any filter is constructed.

To view the definitions of a filter

1. In the *Examiner*, click **Filter Manager**.
2. In the *Filter Manager*, under the *Filters* list, select a filter.
3. Click **Define**. In the *Filter Definition* dialog, you can see the *Name*, *Description*, and any of the *Rules* that the filter uses.

Viewing Details about Attributes that Filters use

Each filter uses rules that leverage various attributes that are stored in the database. If you are unsure of what a particular filter attribute is, you can you can view descriptions about each of these attributes. To view these descriptions you must use the *Column Settings* utility.

To view details about attributes that are used by filters

1. In the *Examiner*, in the *File List* pane, click the **column settings** icon.
2. In the *Manage Column Settings* dialog, click **New**.

3. In the *Column Settings* dialog, under *Available Columns*, expand *All Features*.
4. Locate and select the attribute that you want to view details about.
5. Click **Add >>**.
6. In the *Selected Column* pane, the *Name*, *Short Name*, and *Description* are provided for the attribute.
7. When you are done viewing attribute descriptions, click **Cancel**.

Using Simple Filtering

You can accomplish the following simple tasks with filtering:

- Using Global Filters (page 145)
- Using Tab Filters (page 145)
- Using Filters with Category Containers (page 146)
- Using Filters with Category Containers (page 146)
- Using Filters with Reports (page 146)

Using Global Filters

You can apply filters globally across the files in the *Examiner*. Each filter limits which files are displayed in the *Examiner* pane according to the rules of the filter.

In the *Examiner*, you can keep a filter selected, and still turn it on and off.

See also Types of Filters (page 142)

To use a global filter

1. In the *Examiner*, in the upper-left menu bar, select the *Filter* drop-down menu.
2. In the *Filter* drop-down menu, locate the filter that you want to apply.
3. Click the filter.

   The results that are displayed in the *Examiner,* are limited to show only the files that are applicable to the filter that you select.

To turn global filters on and off

1. In the *Examiner*, do one of the following:

   - To turn a filter on or off, click the icon: that is next to the *Filter* drop-down menu. This leaves the filter that you have currently selected in place but activates or deactivates it.
   - If you no longer want to use any global filter, in the *Filter* drop-down menu, click **-unfiltered-**.

Using Tab Filters

You can create filters that are only applicable to a specific tab. These filters only apply to the tab that you create them in. If you have applied a tab filter its name is displayed at the bottom of the *Examiner* window.

See also Types of Filters (page 142)

To use a tab filter

1. In the *Examiner*, click **Filter > Tab Filter**.
2. In the *Tab Filter Selection* dialog, use the drop-down menu to select the filter that you want to apply.
3. Click **OK**.

If you have a tab filter applied, and no longer want to use it you can turn it off.

To remove a tab filter

1. In the *Examiner*, click **Filter > Tab Filter**.
2. In the *Tab Filter Selection* dialog, use the drop-down menu, select the empty field in the drop-down list. It is the first field in the drop-down menu.
3. Click **OK**.

How Global Filters and Tab Filters can work Together

Global filters and tab filters can be used together to further narrow down the data set that you are viewing. Using Global filters and Tab filters together is a quick way of apply two levels of filtering without creating or defining either a nested filter or a compound filter. For example, you can apply a global filter across all items in the case, and then create a specific tab filter to again further refine the data set to meet a criteria.

See also Using Global Filters (page 145)

See also Using Tab Filters (page 145)

Using Filters with Category Containers

The *Examiner* includes a tab called the *Overview* tab. The *Overview* tab groups items into categories. There are several different categories such as Documents, Executable files, Folders, and Graphics. You can use the *Overview* tab to first select a category, and then also apply a filter.

See also What You Can Do with Filters (page 142)

To use filters with category containers

1. In the *Examiner*, click the *Overview* tab.
2. In the *Case Overview* pane, locate and then click the category that you want to focus on.
   For example you could select, *File Category* > *Documents*. The *File List* pane would only display document files.
3. In the Filter drop-down select a filter that you want to apply.
   For example, you could select the filter *Encrypted Items*. The *File List* pane would then display only document files that are also encrypted.

Using Filters with Reports

You can apply filters when you create your reports.

See also What You Can Do with Filters (page 142)

To use filters with reports

1. In the *Examiner*, click **File > Report**.
2. In the *Report Options* dialog, select one of the following options:
   - *Bookmarks*
   - *Graphics*
   - *File Paths*
   - *File Properties*
3. In the upper portion of the *Report Options* dialog, click the *Filter* drop-down menu and select the filter that you want to apply.

   You can apply specific filter for each of the report options.
4. After you have finished defining the report, click **OK.**

Viewing the Filters that you have Applied

If you see results in the *File List* pane that don't match what you expect to see, it may because you inadvertently have filters applied that you didn't expect.

Check the following:

- To see if you have a global filter applied, in the upper-left portion of the Examiner, check the Filter field to see if a filter is applied. You can also check the filter icon to see if perhaps the filter is turned on or off.

- To see if you have a tab filter applied, in the lower bar of the Examiner, check to see if a tab filter is applied.

Using Filtering with Searches

You can apply global filters to modify the search results window. When you apply a global filter to a search, the search results window is modified to match the criteria of the global filter. Using global filters with searches lets you filter against a single search, without having to create a special search criteria for each filter type.

You can add search specific filters to a live search or to an index search. They limit a search to only display results that match the criteria contained within the search. When you add a search specific filter to a search, the search results window continues to limit the search results to apply to the filter.

You can use search filters in conjunction with global filters to very quickly apply two levels of filtering to your search results.

See Adding a Search Filter to Live Searches (page 148)

See Adding a Search Filter to Index Searches (page 148)

Adding a Search Filter to Live Searches

You can define a live search query, and add filter to limit the search results to meet your criteria.

See also What You Can Do with Filters (page 142)

To use a filter with a Live Search

1. In the *Examiner*, click the **Live Search** tab.
2. Use the tools in the *Live Search* tab to create and define your search query.
   Searching Evidence with Live Search (page 400)
3. In the *Search Filter* drop-down menu, select the filter that you want to apply to the search. The *Search Filter* drop-down menu is located in lower portion of the search pane. This operation limits the search results to only files that both meet the criteria of your search and the criteria of the filter.
4. In the lower-right portion of the search window, click **Search**.
   The search query is displayed in the *Live Search Results* pane.

Adding a Search Filter to Index Searches

You can define an index search query, and add filters to limit the search results to meet your criteria.If you have applied a filter, the filter's name is displayed in the *Search Results* pane.

See also What You Can Do with Filters (page 142)

To use a filter with an Index Search

1. In the *Examiner*, click the **Index Search** tab.
2. Use the tools in the *Index Search* tab to create and define your search query.
   Searching Evidence with Index Search (page 411)
3. Click **Search Now**.
4. In the *Indexed Search Filter* Option dialog, select **Apply filter**.
5. In the filter drop-down menu, select the filter that you want to use.

6. Click **OK**.

   The search query is displayed in the *Index Search Results* pane. If you have added a filter to the search, the search displays the follow string: *dtSearch® Indexed Search {Prefilter:(The Filter's Name) Query:(The Search's Syntax)*.

Using Compound Filters

Filters can be combined to more easily locate data. You can select and apply multiple filters at the same time. Such filters are called compound filters. The *Filter Manager* dialog provides a display of your compound filter to help you to visualize the resulting *Include* filter, or *Exclude* filter. You can choose **AND/OR** options to make your compound filters more effective.

Compound filters are not saved. They are only combined and applied as needed. As they are applied, the *File List* pane automatically displays the results of the applied filter. The filter remains applied until it is changed.

See also Applying Compound Filters (page 149)

Applying Compound Filters

Compound filters are applied in the Filter Manager.

See also Using Compound Filters (page 149)

To apply a compound filter

1. On the *Filter* toolbar, click **Filter Manager.**
2. Select a filter from the list of predefined filters to use as a template.
3. Choose from the following as needed:
   - Click the >> button, or drag and drop into the Include or Exclude box.
   - Click the << button to remove an individual item from either the Include or Exclude box.
   - Click **Clear** in either the Include or Exclude box to clear all items from that box and start over.
4. Click **Apply** at the bottom of the dialog. The results are displayed in the *File List* pane.

Using Custom Filters

You can create your own customized filters to meet your exact needs.

To save you the time and effort of creating filters, AccessData has created many predefined filters that you can leverage to accomplish the majority of your filtering tasks.

For more information see Types of Predefined Filters (page 153)

Before you create a new filter, you may be able to save time by copying a preexisting filter and modifying it to meet your specific criteria.

See also Copying Filters (page 151)

About Nested Filters

You can use the *Filter Manager* to create nested filters. A nested filter is a filter that contains multiple filters within it. You can add rules to a filter that check against other filters.

See also Types of Filters (page 142)

For example, the following illustrates the logic of a nested filter:

An Example of Rules for a Nested Filter

Filter	Matches	Graphics Files
Filter	Does Not Match	Flagged Ignorable
Filter	Does Not Match	KFF Ignore Files

Creating a Custom Filter

You can create your own custom filters. Filters are created from either the *Filter Definition* dialog or the *Filter Manager*.

To create a custom filter

1. In the *Examiner*, click **Filter > New**.
2. In the *Filter Definition* dialog, enter *Name* for the filter.
3. Enter a *Description* that explains what the filter does.
4. In the *Rules* section do the following to create a rule:
   - 4a. Select a *Property* from the drop-down menu.
   - 4b. Select an *Operator* from the drop-down menu.
   - 4c. Select a Criteria from the drop-down menu.
5. To add additional rules to the filter, click the + icon. To remove a rule, click the - icon.
6. If you want to turn a rule on, or turn a rule off, select the check box next to the rule.

Note: Select the checkbox at the top of the list to select all of the listed properties in the rules box at once.

7. In the lower portion of the *Filter Definition* dialog, do one of the following:
   - Select *Match Any* to force the filter to include or exclude files if they match any of the rules that you have defined in the filter.
   - Select *Match All* to force the filter to include or exclude files only if they match all of the rules that you have defined in the filter.
8. After you define the filter, click **Live Preview** to test that the filter is working as you expect. When you click *Live Preview* the contents in the *File List* pane adjusts to match the definition of the filter.
9. Click **Save**.
10. Click **Close**.

Copying Filters

You can copy any existing filter to use as a basis to create a new filter.

See also Types of Predefined Filters (page 153)

To copy a filter

1. In the *Examiner*, click **Filter Manager**.
2. In the *Filter Manager*, under the *Filters* list, select a filter.
3. In the lower portion of the *Filter Manager*, click the icon: **Create a copy of the selected filter**.
4. In the *Filter Definition* dialog, modify the filter according to your requirements.
5. Click **Save**.

Editing a Custom Filter

You can edit your own custom filters. You can edit the description and rules of a custom filter.

You cannot rename a custom filter. However, you can copy a filter, give the copy a new name, and then delete the original filter, if desired.

To edit a custom filter

1. In the *Examiner*, click **Manage > Filters > Manage Filters**.
2. In the *Manage Filters* dialog, select the filter that you want to edit.
3. Click **Edit**.
4. After editing the filter, click **Save.**

Sharing, Importing, and Exporting Filters

You can share filters between cases. You can import filters that have been created from other systems. You can also export custom filters that you have created to use in other systems.

See the following:

- Sharing Custom Filters Between Cases (page 152)
- Importing Filters (page 152)
- Exporting Filters (page 152)

Sharing Custom Filters Between Cases

After you create a custom filter for a case, you can share that filter to make it available to other cases. You can also copy filters from other cases to use in your case.

To share a filter with other cases

1. In the *Examiner*, click **Manage > Filters > Manage Filters**.
2. In the *Manage Filters* dialog, select the custom filter that you want to share with other cases.
3. Click **Copy to Shared**.
4. Click **Close**.

To copy a Shared filter into your Case

1. In the *Examiner*, click **Manage > Filters > Manager Shared Filters**.
2. In the *Manage Shared Filters* dialog, select the custom filter that you want to copy to your case.
3. Click **Copy to Case**.
4. Click **Close**.

Importing Filters

You can import filters that have been saved as XML files into your system.

See also Exporting Filters (page 152)

To import filters

1. In the *Examiner*, click **Filter Manager**.
2. In the *Filter Manager* dialog, click the **Import a filter from a xml file** icon.
3. In the *Open* dialog, browse to the location where the filter XML file is stored. Select the filter and click **Open**.
4. In the *Filter Import* dialog, click **OK**.

Exporting Filters

You can export filters into XML files to use in other systems.

See also Importing Filters (page 152)

To export filters

1. In the *Examiner*, click **Filter Manager**.
2. In the *Filter Manager* dialog, select the filter that you want to export.
3. Click the **Export selected filter to a xml file** icon.
4. In the *Save As* dialog, browse to the destination location where you want to save the exported filter file
5. Click **Save**.
6. In the *Export Filter* dialog, click **OK**.

Types of Predefined Filters

The *Examiner* includes several predefined filters that you can use for common filtering tasks. If these filters do not quite meet the criteria that you require, you can create a copy of these to create your own custom filters

See also Copying Filters (page 151)

Predefined Filters

Predefined Filter	Description
Actual Files	Shows the actual files, as opposed to All Files. All Files is the default and includes metadata, OLE files, and alternate data stream files.
Alternate Data Streams	Shows files with alternate data streams (additional data associated with a file object).
Archive Files	Shows only archive-type file items, such as ZIP and THUMBS.DB.
Bad Extension Files	Shows only the files with extensions that don't match the file header.
Bookmarked	Shows only the items that are contained in a bookmark.
Carved Files	Shows only the items that have been carved.
Checked Files	Shows only the items that you have selected with a check mark.
Decrypted Files	Shows only the items that have been decrypted by AccessData tools within the case. This indicates that AccessData decryption tools have had control of this file and its decryption since it was added to the case in its original encrypted form.
Deleted Files	Shows only those items that have the deleted status.
Duplicate Files	Shows only files that have duplicates in the case. This filter requires that you select the Flag Duplicate Files processing option.
eDiscovery Duplicates	A filter for eDiscovery duplicates.
eDiscovery Refinement	Includes files and folders that are not useful for most eDiscovery cases.
Email Attachments	Shows all email items that are not email messages.
Email Delivery Time	Allows definition of specific date/time range of email deliveries.

Predefined Filters (Continued)

Predefined Filter	Description
Email Files	Shows only those items that have the email status.
Email Files and Attachments	Shows all email items, both messages and attachments.
Encrypted Files	Shows only those items flagged as EFS files or other encrypted files.
Evidence Items	Shows all evidence items added to the case.
Excluded eDiscovery Refinement	Excludes files and folders that are not useful for most eDiscovery cases
Explicit Images Folder (High Score)	Shows folders with EID scores of 60 or higher using FST or ZFN (high) criteria.
Explicit Images Folder (Medium Score)	Shows folders with EID scores of 40 or higher using FST or ZFN (medium) criteria.
File Category	Allows user to set a filter by file category (is a member of). Relates to File Category tree under Overview tab.
File Created Time	Allows definition of specific date/time range of file creation.
File Extension	Allows filtering of files by a defined extension or set of extensions.
File Modified Time	Allows definition of specific date/time range of file modification.
Files with Alternate Data Streams	Shows files that contain Alternate Data Streams (additional data associated with a file system object).
Flagged Ignorable	Shows only those items you have identified as Ignorable.
Flagged Privileged	Shows only those items you have identified as Privileged.
Folders	Shows only folder items.
From Free Space	Shows only those items found in (carved from) free space.
From Recycle Bin	Shows only those items taken from the recycle bin.
Graphic Files	Shows only those items that have been identified as graphics.
Indexed	Shows items that have been indexed.
Is Forwarded	Shows any email item that has been forwarded.
Is Reply	Shows any email item that is a reply to another email.
KFF Alert Files	Shows all files with KFF Alert status that are in a case.
KFF Ignore Files	Shows all files with KFF Ignore status that are in a case.
Labeled Files	Shows files that have a Label assigned to them.
Microsoft Office Files	Shows Word, Access, PowerPoint, and Excel files.
Mobile Phone: Calendar	Shows calendar information acquired from a mobile phone.

Predefined Filters (Continued)

Predefined Filter	Description
Mobile Phone: Call History	Shows call information acquired from a mobile phone.
Mobile Phone: Messages	Shows message information acquired from a mobile phone
Mobile Phone: Phonebook	Shows contact information acquired from a mobile phone.
Mobile Phone Files	Shows files and data from mobile devices added to the case using AccessData Mobile Phone Examiner.
MS Office 2007/2010 Unimportant Subitems	Includes MS Office 2007/2010 Subfolders and Subfolders.
No Deleted	Shows all except deleted items.
No Duplicate	Shows only one instance of every item in the case.
No Email Related Files or Attachments	Shows files that are not Email related files.
No File Slack	Shows all except files found in (carved from) file slack.
No Files with Duplicates	Shows only files that have no duplicates in the case.
No KFF Ignore Files	Shows all items except KFF ignore files.
No KFF Ignore or OLE Subitems	Shows all items except KFF ignore files or OLE subitems.
No KFF Ignore or OLE Subitems or Duplicates	Shows all items except KFF ignore files, OLE subitems, or duplicate items.
No MS Office 2007/ 2010 Unimportant Subitems	Excludes unimportant files and folders contained in MS Office 2007/2010 OPC files (DOCX, XLSX PPTX etc)
No OLE Subitems	Shows all items except OLE subitems.
No Unimportant OLE Data Streams	Shows all items including OLE subitems, except that unimportant OLE data streams are not shown.
Not Flagged Ignorable	Shows all items except those you indicated Ignorable.
Not Flagged Privileged	Shows all items except those you flagged Privileged.
NSF Notes	Shows Emails, views, and other notes from Lotus Notes NSF databases.
OCR Extractions	Shows files that were extracted from graphics with OCR.
OCR Graphics	Graphic files that have been parsed by the OCR engine.
OLE Subitems	Shows only OLE archive items and archive contents.
Reclassified Files	Shows only those items whose classification you have changed.

Predefined Filters (Continued)

Predefined Filter	Description
Registry Files	Shows Windows 9x, NT, and NTFS registry files.
Subfilter for EID FST OR ZFN (high)	This is a subfilter that is used by the explicit images folder (high score) filter.
Subfilter for EID FST OR ZFN (medium)	This is a subfilter that is used by the explicit images folder (medium score) filter.
Thumbs.db Files	Shows Thumbs.db files.
Unchecked Files	Shows only those items that you have not checked.
Unimportant OLE Stream Categories	Shows only Unimportant OLE Stream Categories.
Unimportant OLE Streams	Shows only Unimportant OLE Streams.
User-decrypted Files	Shows only those items that you have decrypted and added to the case. Decrypted by User status is always applied to files added using the Add Decrypted Files feature. The *Examiner* cannot confirm validity, content, or origin of such files.
Video Conversion or Thumbnails	Shows only generated video thumbnails or common video files. See Examining Videos on page 333.
Video Thumbnails	Shows only generated video thumbnails. See Generating Thumbnails for Video Files on page 334.
Video Conversion	Shows only generated video common video files. See Creating Common Video Files on page 335.
Web Artifacts	Shows HTML, Index.dat, and empty Index.dat files.

Filtering Data Prior to Review

It is possible to create and apply a data filter before reviewing evidence. This allows users to filter out unnecessary items, items not included in a warrant, or other data they wish to exclude from their evidence review. This shortens the amount of time spent processing and allows users to get into a case faster than if the full data set were processed.

Items can be filtered out based on *File Type*, *File Size*, and *Date*.

To apply filter sets before evidence processing

1. When creating a new case, select the **Customize** button in the *New Case Options* dialog.
2. Select the **Evidence Refinement (Advanced)** option from the left hand menu.
3. On the *Refine by File Status/Type* tab, in the *Exclude by Category* section, select the parameters you desire. Click **OK**.

   When the case opens, the items you have excluded will not be in the data set.

Note: It is not possible to alter this particular refinement option from within the case.

Using the Persons of Interest Filter

Users can now scrape contact information from signatures in emails. Once a profile is created for the person of interest, investigators can use filters to search for data within the evidence. This allows investigators to pull contact information from disparate sets of evidence (laptop, mobile phone, email account) and connect information found in all items to one suspect. For example, investigators can pull contact information from an email signature, then filter based on the mobile phone number found there to connect phone calls, chats, or SMS communications to the same person of interest.

Visualization can be used once the People Finder filter has been applied for a visual picture of how the data relate.

Note: Persons of Interest Filters cannot be edited in the Filter Manager. They must be edited within the Persons of Interest windows.

To Process Data for Use with the Persons of Interest Filter:

1. In the *Evidence Processing* window, check the box next to the **Persons of Interest** option.
2. Click on the **Persons of Interest Options** box and select the **Scrape email signatures** option.
   If you would like to create your list of communication participants before the case is created, you may do so by clicking the **Persons of Interest** button within this window. But the data will not populate until after the evidence has been processed.
3. Click **Ok** and process the evidence.

Creating a List of Communication Participants

You must first add people to the Communication Participants list before you can create and run a filter.

To Add a Person Manually:

1. Open the *Persons of Interest* filter by clicking on the sillhouette icon in the menu bar. The *Communication Participants* window will open.
2. Click on the green plus icon at the bottom of the window. The *Add/Edit Person* window will open.
3. Type the desired name in the *Display Name* field.
4. Click **Ok**. The person will appear in the *Communication Participants* list.

To Edit a Person:

1. Open the *Persons of Interest* filter by clicking on the sillhouette icon in the menu bar. The *Communication Participants* window will open.
2. Click the **Edit** button.
3. Add or edit data as desired.
4. Click **Ok**.

To Delete a Person:

1. Select a name in the *Communication Participants* list.
2. Click on the red minus icon at the bottom of the window. A warning will appear asking if you are sure you want to delete the selected name.
3. Click **Yes**. The name will be deleted.

Creating a Rule within People Finder

To Create a Rule Manually within the Persons of Interest Filter:

1. Open the *Persons of Interest* filter by clicking on the sillhouette icon in the menu bar. The *Communication Participants* window will open.
2. Select or add a *Display Name* for your rule.
3. In the *Add/Edit Person* window, click the small plus icon in the left pane.
4. Select a *Type* in the dropdown menu.
5. Add an email or phone number to the *Data* field.
6. Click **Ok**.

Searching for Data within People Finder

To Add a Person Using Search:

1. Open the *Persons of Interest* filter by clicking on the sillhouette icon in the menu bar. The *Communication Participants* window will open.
2. Click on the green plus icon at the bottom of the window. The *Add/Edit Person* window will open.
3. Type the desired name in the *Find Person* field.
4. Click **Search**. The data will populate in the panel in grid form. These results will list everything that includes the search term in the email signature.
5. Select your desired email result. The data found in that email will be shown in list format underneath the results grid.
6. Select the data you want to include by checking the associated box and click the **Import** button.

   A filter rule (or rules) will be created for each selected item. It is also possible to add additional rules manually at this point.
7. Click **Ok** in the Filter Rule List pane. The person related to the selected data will be added to your *Communication Participants* list, along with all of their associated rules.

Creating a Communication Filter within People Finder

Once you have found the people, phone numbers, and email addresses you are searching for, you can create a filter to show all communications between specific persons of interest. Once created, the filter will appear in the *Filter* dropdown list and can be applied at any time.

To Create a Communication Filter:

1. Select one or more persons from the *Communication Participants* list.
   - Select one participant if you want to see all of their communications.
   - Select two or more participants to see how they communicate with each other.
2. Click **Create Filter**.
3. In the *Create Communication Filter* window, select the communication types to use in your filter.
4. Click **Ok**. A window will appear letting you know the filter was created, the name of the new filter, and asking if you would like to apply it to the current view.

5. Select **Yes** or **No**, then click **Close**.
   - If you select Yes, the *Examiner* will show all communications that fit the applied filter.
   - If you select No, you may apply the filter at any time using the *Filter* dropdown box in the *Menu Bar.*

Note: A yellow background will appear when a filter has been applied. This serves as a visual reminder that a filter is in effect.

To Edit a Person of Interest Communication Filter:

1. Open the *Persons of Interest* filter by clicking on the sillhouette icon in the menu bar. The *Communication Participants* window will open.
2. Select the same people that are included in the filter you wish to edit and click the **Edit** button.
3. Add or edit data as desired.
4. Click **Ok**.

Fields Searched when using Persons of Interest

Persons of Interest filters use an OR operator between the entries in accounts (phone numbers), and an AND operator between the people. The filter will only look for phone numbers specified for the listed people.

Email

The following fields are used to search for email addresses:

- To
- From
- CC
- BCC

Chapter 11

Working with Labels

Labels let you group files in the way that makes the most sense to you. Initially, there are no default labels. All are customized. Labels you create are saved locally and you have complete control over them within your case. However, labels can be created and shared to the database for use by all who have been granted access to do so.

This chapter includes the following topics

- What You Can Do With Labels (page 161)
- Creating a Label (page 162)
- Applying a Label (page 162)
- Managing Labels (page 163)
- Managing Label Groups (page 164)

What You Can Do With Labels

You can use labels to do the following

- Create bookmarks that contain only files with the labels that you specify.
- Apply labels according to common criteria, such as the following:
  - All Highlighted
  - All Checked
  - All Listed
  - Extend labels to associated (family) files; i.e., a label applied to a child file can also be easily applied to its parent. Thus, labels applied to a parent file can easily be applied to all of its children.
- Customize a column template to contain a labels column and sort on that column to view all of your case files according to the labels that are applied to them.
- Apply multiple labels to a single file.
- Multiple local labels can be selected and shared in one operation.
- Create group labels according to specific criteria.
- View labels in the *Overview* tab by the labels category and see all files with labels applied in the File List view.
- Share labels you create with the database to make them available for other cases, according to user permissions.
  - Shared labels do not affect existing local labels.

- Once a label is shared, it is managed by either the Application Administrator, or the Case Administrator.
- Shared labels can be pushed to cases, and can be saved (exported) and then added (imported) into other databases.
- Only Application Administrators can delete, import, or export Shared labels.
- Shared labels, once pushed to a case, become local, and are fully managed by the Case Administrator.
- Administrators can specify which shared labels are visible to which users.
- Case Administrators can change local labels and re-share them. If there is a duplicate name, you are given the choice to rename or cancel the operation.
- Case Administrators can update Shared labels from the database to their cases.
- Case Reviewers do not have permissions to Share local labels.

Creating a Label

You can use the File List view to create a new label.

To create a label

1. In the *File List* view, click **Create Labels**.
2. Click **Manage Local**. The *Manage Labels* dialog opens.
3. Click **New**. A text entry box opens on the first available line.
4. Enter a name for the label, and press enter. The label is saved with the default color; black.
5. Click **Change Color**. The *Color* dialog opens. You can use any color from the default palette, or click **Define Custom Colors** to create a unique color for this label. Use the cross-hairs and the slide to create the color you want, then click **Add to Custom Colors**, then select the custom color from the Custom colors palette.
6. Click **OK**. The *Manage Labels* dialog reopens. You can see your new label listed with the color you defined or selected.
7. Click **Close**.
8. Click **OK**.

Applying a Label

You can apply a label to a file or group of files to make them easy to locate.

To apply a label

1. In the *File List* view, highlight, check, or select the files you want to apply a label to.
2. Click the **Apply Label To** drop-down.
3. Choose whether to apply the label that you will select to **Highlighted**, **Checked**, or **Listed** files.
4. Click the **Apply This Label** drop-down and click on the label to apply to the selected files.
   The name of the label is displayed in that label's color.

Managing Labels

When you click the *Labels* button on the *File List* toolbar, and the *Labels* dialog opens, you see four buttons across the bottom.

The two buttons open separate dialogs that appear very much alike.

Aside from the different list of labels you may see, the only other difference you will see is the button that in *Manage (Local) Labels* says **Make Shared**, and in the *Manage Shared Labels* says **Copy to Case**.

Managing (Local) Labels and Managing Shared Labels Dialog Options

New	Click **New** to create another label.
Rename	Click **Rename** to change the name of any label you select.
Change Color	Click **Change Color** to select a different color for any label you select.
Delete	Click **Delete** to remove a label from the case. Deleting a label removes all instances of the label's application. The files remain, but the label itself is gone.
Import	Click **Import** to bring a label definition into your list from another source.
Export	Click **Export** to save a selected label definition for use in a different case.
Make Shared	Click **Make Shared** (from Manage (Local) labels) to Share a label definition to the database for others to use.
Copy to Case	Click **Copy to Case** (from Manage Shared labels) to copy a global label to a case that was created before that label was available.
Group	Click **Group** to create a labels Group that can be used locally or Shared to the database for others to use according to their permissions.

Managing Label Groups

Label groups are created by selecting labels that are shown in the *Label Groups* pane. Selection is done by a toggle method: click once to select, click again to deselect.

To create a new label Group

1. In the *Manage Label Groups* dialog, click **New**.
2. Provide a name for the new group.
3. Click **OK**.

Select any or all of the Groups to create new Groups. However, to add individual labels to groups, work in the Group Definition area, where there are two windows. On the left is *Labels Available to Add to Group*, and on the right is *Labels in Current Group*.

You must create a label before you can add it to the group. If the label you need is not listed in the Group Definition area, click **Close**. In the *Manage Labels* dialog, click **New** and create a label.

To add a label to a group

1. In the *Label Groups* window, select the group you want to add labels to.
2. Select a label in the left window and click the **>>** button to move it into the right window.
3. Repeat until the labels in the *Current Group* list are how you want.
4. Changes are saved as they are made. When you are finished adding labels to the group, click **Close**.

To remove a label from a Group

1. In the *Manage Label Groups* dialog, from the *Labels in Current Group* pane, highlight the label to be removed.
2. Click the **<<** button to move the label back to the *Labels Available to Add* pane.

Chapter 12

Decrypting Files

About Decrypting Files

If you have the correct credentials, you can decrypt many types of encrypted files in your cases.

Note: If you do not know the passwords for encrypted files, you can use tools to try to recover the password.

See Recovering Unknown Passwords of Encrypted Files on page 172.

When files are decrypted, the original encrypted files are maintained and a child object is created for the decrypted file. This results in two files that affects your file counts: one for the original file and one for the decrypted file.

The following tables list the methods you can use to decrypt files and the type of encrypted files that are supported

Decryption Methods

Encryption Type	Description
Automatic Decryption	AccessData Password Recovery Toolkit has been integrated so that you can decrypt several types of encrypted files. This integration is included and you do not need to have PRTK or DNA installed. For more information, see Decrypting Files Using the Automatic Decryption Processing Option (page 170)
Tools > Decrypt Files	From the Examiner interface, you can use the Decrypt Files option to decrypt one or more files. See Decrypting Files Using the Automatic Decryption Processing Option on page 170. See Decrypting EFS on page 174. See Decrypting Lotus Notes Files on page 177. See Decrypting S/MIME Files on page 177. See Decrypting Dropbox DBX Files on page 176.
Decrypting Dell Encryption files	You can configure Dell Encryption decryption either at the global application level or at the case level. See Decrypting Dell Encryption Files (Dell Data Protection | Encryption Server) (page 178)

Decryption Methods

Encryption Type	Description
When adding an encrypted image as evidence	When you add an image as evidence, if the image is encrypted with one of the supported types of encryption, it is automatically detected and you are prompted to enter the credentials.

The following table provides a list of the supported types that can be decrypted and the method used:

Files that can be Decrypted

Encryption Type	Description
• ABICoder • AdvancedFileLock • Apple DMG • AShampoo • BCArchive • BCTextEncoder • BestCrypt • CryptoForge • Cypherus • iOS backup files • Microsoft Office files • OpenOffice • PDF • PGP password file • RAR • StuffIt • TrueCrypt • WinZip adv.encryption • YAFFS (1 and 2) • ZIP • 7-Zip	Use the Automatic Decryption feature to decrypt these types of files. See Decrypting Files Using the Automatic Decryption Processing Option (page 170) If you do not know the passwords for these encrypted files, you can use tools to try to recover passwords. See Recovering Unknown Passwords of Encrypted Files on page 172. **Note:** When decrypting TrueCrypt files, it is decrypted as a filesystem image. You are not able to drill down into the image. As a workaround, export the decrypted file and re-add it as additional evidence. **Note:** While BestCrypt BCArchive and BCTextEncoder are supported, BestCrypt encrypted volumes are not supported.
• Windows Rights Management (RMS) for Microsoft Office files and Outlook email files	You can decrypt DRM files at the case level. See Decrypting Microsoft Office Digital Rights Management (DRM) Protected Files (page 175)
• Dell Encryption	You can configure Dell Encryption decryption either at the global application level or at the case level. See Decrypting Dell Encryption Files (Dell Data Protection | Encryption Server) (page 178)
• Dropbox • Lotus Notes (whole NSF) • Lotus Notes (notes/email) • Microsoft EFS, Office • S/MIME PKCS7	After initial evidence processing, you can use the Decrypt Files tool. See Decrypting Dropbox DBX Files on page 176. See Decrypting Other Encryption Types on page 174. See Decrypting Lotus Notes Files on page 177. See Decrypting S/MIME Files on page 177.

Files that can be Decrypted

Encryption Type	Description

• Bitlocker (Windows Vista, 7, 8)
• Checkpoint/PointSec R73 7.4.5
• Checkpoint 7.6.150 with token challenge
• McAfee Endpoint Encryption (formerly Safeboot) 5.x and 6.0
• Safeguard Easy 4.40.9 and Enterprise 5.40 and 5.50
• SecureDoc WinMagic AES:
  ▪ Secure Doc Enterprise Server Version 8.2
  ▪ Standalone Installer Version 7.5
• Symantec Endpoint Encryption (formerly Guardian Edge) 8.1.1, 9.1.6, 9.3.0, 9.4.1, 9.5.3, SEE version 8.0.1
• Symantec Drive Encryption (PGP WDE) 10.0 (only)
	When you add an image as evidence, if the image is encrypted with one of these types of encryption, it is automatically detected and you are prompted to enter the credentials.
	See the following for more information:
	• Decrypting Bitlocker Partitions (page 180)
	• Decrypting Safeguard Utimaco Files (page 181)
	• Decrypting SafeBoot Files (page 183)
	• Decrypting Guardian Edge Files (page 183)
	• Decrypting an Image Encrypted With PGP® WDE (page 183)

About the Encrypted File Passwords List

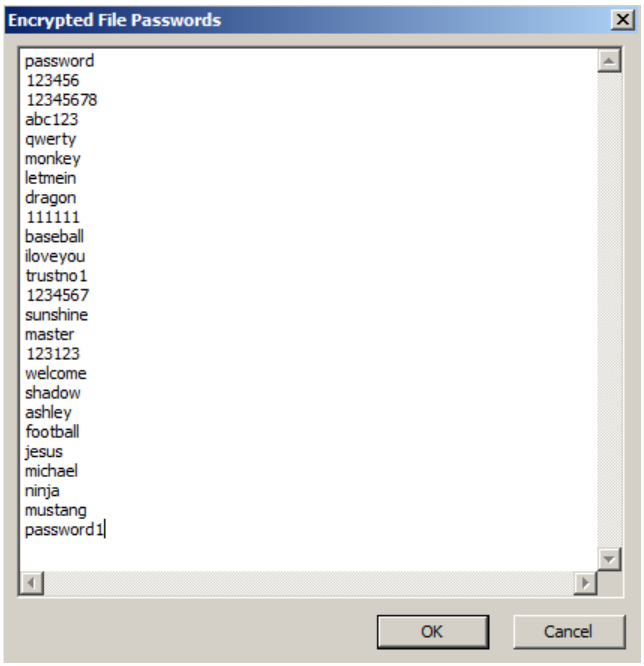
When you encrypt individual files, you create a list of passwords to use to try to decrypt the files. You configure a password list for each case.

When you enter passwords into the list, you can type them or paste them from a text file. Each password must be on its own line.

You can add passwords to the list at any time. The password list is saved with the case. The passwords are present any other time that you access the list in that case.

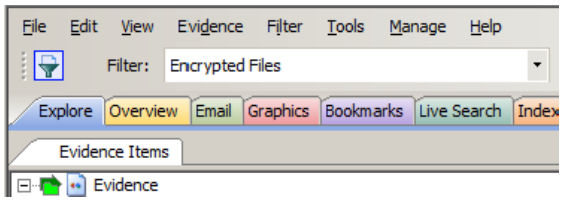
When compiling a list of passwords, you can use the following sources:

- Passwords that were recovered using AccessData PRTK or DNA
  See Recovering Unknown Passwords of Encrypted Files on page 172.
- Passwords that you have learned about as part of an investigation
- Lists of known commonly used passwords


Encrypted File Passwords
password
123456
12345678
abc123
qwerty
monkey
letmein
dragon
111111
baseball
iloveyou
trustno1
1234567
sunshine
master
123123
welcome
shadow
ashley
football
jesus
michael
ninja
mustang
password1
OK
Cancel

Identifying the Encrypted Files in a Case

After you have added evidence to a case, you can identify which files are encrypted. In the Examiner interface, you can use the Overview tab or apply the Encrypted Files filter.



To view the encrypted files in a case

1. Open the Examiner.
2. Do one of the following:
   - To use the Overview tab, do the following:

   2a. Click the **Overview** tab.

   2b. Expand **File Status**.

   2c. Click **Encrypted Files**

   - To use a filter, do the following:

   2a. Click the QuickPick icon for *Evidence* to view all or some of the of the evidence in the case.

   2b. Using the Filters drop-down menu, select **Encrypted Files**.

   In the *File List,* all decrypted files will be displayed.

After decrypting files, you can see which files have been decrypted.

See Recovering Unknown Passwords of Encrypted Files on page 172.

Note: In the File List, all decrypted files will be displayed in text. Several decryption key files are identified and categorized for ease of use. Find them in the *Overview* tab under **File Category > Other Encryption Files > Certificates**. Having these files identified and available makes it easier to quickly access files that may have been unavailable before.

Using PRTK/DNA Integration

Decrypting Files Using the Automatic Decryption Processing Option

You can decrypt many types of encrypted files using Automatic Decryption, which uses code from AccessData Password Recovery Toolkit (PRTK).

See About Decrypting Files on page 165.

To decrypt files, you supply a list of passwords. When the decrypted files are processed, those passwords are used to try to decrypt the files. If the passwords match, the files are decrypted.

You can configure and use this feature at any of the following times:

- As a processing option when doing one of the following:
  - Creating a case and configuring the default processing options for the case

    You can enable Automatic Decryption to be a default processing option for a case. As a default option, every time that you add evidence to the case, the default setting will be to try to decrypt files using the passwords that you provide. You can add passwords to the list at any time. This option is not enabled by default and will add time to the evidence processing.
  - Adding evidence to a case and configuring the refinement options for processing

    Any time that you add evidence to a case, you can configure the refinement options to enable file decryption using Automatic Description. Each time you enable decryption, you can modify that password list as needed.
  - After the evidence has been processed and using Additional Analysis

    Any time that you perform Additional Analysis, you can configure the refinement options to enable file decryption using Automatic Decryption. Each time you enable decryption, you can modify that password list as needed.
- After the evidence has been processed, from the Examiner interface using Tools > Decrypt files

The following encrypted file types cannot be decrypted using the Perform Automatic Decryption option during processing:

EFS, Lotus Notes (whole), Lotus Notes/emails, SMIME, and Dell Encryption

Instead, you must use the *Tools > Decrypt Files* option in the Examiner.

To configure Automatic Decryption as a processing option

1. Access the Processing Options for either a new case, new evidence or for performing Additional Analysis.
2. On the options page, check **Perform Automatic Decryption**.

   See Evidence Processing Options on page 67.
3. Click **Passwords**.
4. Enter the passwords that you want to use.

   See About the Encrypted File Passwords List on page 167.
5. Click **OK**.

To perform Automatic Decryption from the Decrypt Files page

1. In a case, click **Tools > Decrypt Files**.
2. In the *Decrypt Files* dialog, check **Perform Automatic Decryption**.
3. Click **Passwords**.

4. Enter the passwords that you want to use.
   See About the Encrypted File Passwords List on page 167.
5. Select **Attempt Blank Password** to decrypt files with no password, or whose password is blank.
6. Click **OK**.
7. Click **Decrypt**.
   A processing job is started to decrypt files.
   When using PRTK/DNA integration or recover a password, a dialog is displayed showing the progress of the recovery job. When a password has been recovered, the status in the dialog will turn green and it will display “A password has been recovered. Attempting to decrypt the file.”

   Note: You may briefly see a progress dialog appear. The dialog is not applicable to this data and will disappear quickly.
8. If needed, you can cancel the decryption process.

After decrypting files, you can see which files have been decrypted.

See Recovering Unknown Passwords of Encrypted Files on page 172.

Decrypting Files Using Right-Click Auto Decryption

The integration with PRTK/DNA includes an Auto Decrypt option. You can use a right-click option on an encrypted file in the File List and it will send the file to PRTK/DNA for password recovery. If the password is found, it will be returned automatically to the FTK interface, which will begin the FTK decryption process.

To perform auto-decryption, you must have PRTK or DNA 7.3 or higher installed on the same computer as the Examiner.

To auto decrypt files

1. In the *Examiner*, use the *Quick Filters* to select **Encrypted Files**.
2. Right-click an encrypted file and select **Auto Decrypt**.
   A password recovery job is then started in PRTK/DNA.
   The *Data Processing Status* dialog shows the process of the job.
   You can view the status in the PRTK/DNA UI as well.
   When the job is completed, the status displays the following message:
   “The password has been recovered; attempting to decrypt the file.”
3. In the Examiner, use the *Quick Filters* to select **Decrypted Files**.
   If the file was decrypted, it will show in the File List.

Recovering Unknown Passwords of Encrypted Files

You may find encrypted files with unknown passwords in your case.

See Identifying the Encrypted Files in a Case on page 169.

If you have a license, you can use AccessData Password Recovery Toolkit (PRTK) or Distributed Network Attack (DNA) to attempt to recover passwords for encrypted files. You can use PRTK or DNA in the following ways:

- As a stand-alone product
- As an integrated tool with the Examiner

About Recovering Passwords using the PRTK/DNA Integrated Tool with Examiner

Using PRTK/DNA integration, you can easily send encrypted files to PRTK/DNA to attempt to recover unknown passwords. These passwords can then be used with the decryption tools to decrypt the encrypted files.

See About Decrypting Files on page 165.

In order to use this PRTK/DNA integrated tool to recover passwords, you must install version 7.2 or higher of PRTK or the DNA host on the same computer as the Examiner. (You cannot install both PRTK and DNA on the same computer.

Important: When an item is sent to PRTK/DNA for automatic decryption, a dictionary is automatically generated based on the case's wordlist in FTK. This dictionary is used "As Is" in conjunction with the English dictionaries and "PRTK" profile to attempt password recovery on the selected item.

For details about PRTK/DNA, see the *PRTK/DNA User Guide*.

As a workflow, you can do the following:

- Identify encrypted files in your case.
  See Identifying the Encrypted Files in a Case on page 169.
- Using the Examiner, select and send encrypted files to PRTK/DNA.
- A password recovery job is started in PRTK/DNA for each file that you send.

  Important: PRTK is a resource-intensive application. If you send more than 3 files at a time, you may significantly reduce the resources available to the Examiner. Because DNA uses distributed jobs, you can send more files without impacting the Examiner.
- You view the PRTK/DNA interface to view the status and results of the password recovery jobs.
- After jobs have been run in PRTK/DNA, you can use PRTK/DNA to copy all of the recovered passwords to the clipboard.
  See Copying Recovered Passwords From PRTK/DNA to the Windows Clipboard on page 173.
- You can then use the list of passwords with the decryption tools to decrypt the encrypted files.
  See About Decrypting Files on page 165.

Recovering Passwords using the PRTK/DNA Integrated Tool

You can attempt to recovery unknown passwords for encrypted files in your case.

To Recover Passwords using the PRTK/DNA Integrated Tool with Examiner

1. Use the Examiner to identify encrypted files.
   See Identifying the Encrypted Files in a Case on page 169.
2. In the *File List,* select the files that you want to sent to PRTK/DNA.
3. Click **Tools** > **Send to PRTK/DNA for password recovery...**
   If this option is not active, then PRTK or DNA is not installed on the same computer as the Examiner.
4. In the Send Files to PRTK/DNA dialog, confirm the file or files that you want to send.
   The dialog will display if PRTK or DNA is installed on the computer and will be used.
5. Click OK.
6. Use the PRTK/DNA interface to view job status and results.
7. Copy the list of recovered passwords to use to decrypt files.

Copying Recovered Passwords From PRTK/DNA to the Windows Clipboard

You can copy the list of recovered passwords to the Windows clipboard. This can be useful is creating a list of known passwords for other uses. For example, if you are using AccessData Forensics Toolkit (FTK), you can use this list to decrypt files in in your FTK cases.

The passwords are copied in text format, one password per line.

To copy recovered passwords to the clipboard

1. Complete at least one password recovery job.
2. In the toolbar, click the

icon.
   The passwords are copied to the Windows clipboard.
3. Open a text editor and paste the list in the file.
4. Copy the list into the Passwords list.

Decrypting Other Encryption Types

Decrypting EFS

Understanding EFS

Versions of Windows developed for business environments from Windows 2000 onwards include the ability to encrypt files and folders. This feature is known as Encrypting File System (EFS). It is not supported in Windows XP Home Edition.

EFS files, as well as Microsoft® Office, and Lotus® Notes (NSF) files and folders can be decrypted. To do so, the password must already be known.

In Windows, EFS-encrypted files or folders can be viewed only by the user who encrypted them or by the user who is the authorized Recovery Agent. When the user logs in, encrypted files and folders are decrypted and the files are automatically displayed.

Note: There are certain files that cannot be encrypted, including system files; NTFS compressed files, and files in the [*drive*]:\[Windows_System_Root] and its subdirectories.

Important: When a user marks an encrypted file as privileged and that file is later decrypted, all associated data with the newly decrypted file are able to be found in an index search as hits. When a user attempts to view the hits in a different list, an error is displayed that the path is invalid.

Decrypting EFS Files and Folders

To find EFS passwords, export encrypted files and add them as jobs in PRTK or DNA. When passwords are found, you are ready to decrypt the encrypted files.

Requirements

Different versions of Windows OS have different requirements for decrypting EFS.

Windows 2000 and XP Systems Prior to SP1

EFS files on Windows 2000 prior to Service Pack 4 and Windows XP systems prior to Service Pack 1 are automatically decrypted. Simply select the **Decrypt EFS Files** option when adding evidence to a case and PRTK technology decrypts the EFS files.

Windows XP SP1 or Later

For systems running Windows XP Service Pack 1 or later, or Windows 2000 Service Pack 4 or later, the user's or the Recovery Agent's password is needed before the EFS files can be decrypted.

Decrypting EFS

To decrypt EFS

1. In a case, click **Tools > Decrypt Files**.
2. In the *Decrypt Files* dialog, if EFS had been detected in your evidence, the EFS option will be active.
3. Select the EFS.
4. In the *Decrypt Files* dialog, click **Set Passwords**.
5. Enter the password.
   See About the Encrypted File Passwords List on page 167.
6. Select **Attempt Blank Password** to decrypt files with no password, or whose password is blank.

   Note: EFS encrypted files in the case are automatically detected. Decrypt File Types will automatically be marked according to the file types found. Unselect any file types that you do not want to decrypt.

7. Choose one of the following:
   - Click **Decrypt** to begin the decryption process.
   - Click **Cancel** to abandon the decryption and return to the case.

   Note: The **Decrypt** button is disabled until at least one password is entered, or until **Attempt Blank Password** is marked.

8. When decryption is complete, click **Cancel** to return to the case.

Decrypting Microsoft Office Digital Rights Management (DRM) Protected Files

If your organization uses Windows Rights Management (RMS) to protect your Microsoft Office files, you can use the Examiner to decrypt them. If you are investigating Microsoft Office files from within your organization, this saves you time by decrypting and indexing DRM protected files in batch. By using this feature you no longer have to first export each document and then decrypt them individually with the RMS server.

Important: This feature only applies to files that are DRM protected from within your Domain. You cannot use this feature to decrypt files that are protected by other organization's RMS systems.

To decrypt DRM protected files, the following prerequisites must exist:

- Your *Examiner* computer and the Microsoft RMS server must be in the same domain.
- The *Examiner* computer must be able to authenticate with the RMS server. The machine activation happen when you first attempt to open or to protect a document for the first time.
- You must be logged into the *Examiner* computer with a Domain account that has Super User access to the Microsoft RMS server.

To Decrypt DRM Protected Office Files

1. In the *Examiner*, click **Tools > Decrypt Files**.
2. Click **Decrypt**.
3. Enter your RMS credentials.

Decrypting Dropbox DBX Files

Dropbox is a cloud-based storage system that can be configured to retain some files on your personal computer and sync whenever you connect to the Internet. Full contents of the Dropbox cannot be recovered at this time; however, you can decrypt dropbox database (DBX) files in order to view database contents and artifacts. Viewable data can include, but is not limited to:

- Host_id
- User display name
- List of files found in the Dropbox folder
- List of files deleted from the Dropbox folder, if any
- Email associated with the Dropbox account
- Path to where Dropbox resides on the imaged machine

To decrypt a Dropbox DBX file

1. Process the encrypted Dropbox DBX file as evidence.
2. When processing is complete, click **Tools > Decrypt Files**.
3. Enter the password for the Dropbox file.

   Note: Dropbox DBX files can only be decrypted if you have the password.

4. Click **Save Password**.
5. Click **Decrypt**.

To locate Dropbox account data

1. Decrypt the Dropbox DBX files.
2. In the *Explore* tab, expand the **config.dbx** database file.
3. Expand the **tables** folder.
4. Select the **config** folder.
5. Select the **rows...** item in the *File List* pane
   The data will populate in the *File Content* pane.

To locate Dropbox file lists

1. Decrypt the Dropbox DBX files.
2. In the *Explore* tab, expand the **filecache.dbx** database file.
3. Expand the **tables** folder.
4. Select the **file_journal** folder.
5. Select an item in the *File List* pane.
   The data will populate in the *File Content* pane.

To locate deleted Dropbox file lists, if available

1. Decrypt the Dropbox DBX files.
2. In the *Explore* tab, expand the **filecache.dbx** database file.
3. Expand the **tables** folder.
4. Select the **deleted_fileids** folder.

5. Select an item in the *File List* pane.
   The data will populate in the *File Content* pane.

Important: Be sure the *Quick Picks* arrow is not highlighted when performing the above tasks. This will make it so only the files within the specific folder you have selected appear in the File List pane.

Decrypting Lotus Notes Files

Lotus Notes stores files in a container called an NSF file. Both the NSF container file and the individual files and emails within the NSF file can be encrypted. To decrypt Lotus Notes files, you may need to first decrypt the NSF container file, and then decrypt its contents.

When an NSF file is created, Lotus Notes also creates a user.id file. Lotus Notes uses the user.id file to identify the user. You must have the user.id file to decrypt the NSF container file and to decrypt its contents.

Lotus Notes versions 7 through 8.5, including NSF and ODS formats 48 and 51 are supported.

To decrypt a Lotus Notes NSF file

1. Process the encrypted NSF file and its corresponding **user.id** file as evidence in the same case. When an NSF file is created, the **user.id** file is created at the same time. You need both files.
2. When processing is complete, click **Tools > Decrypt Files**.
3. Enter the password to the **user.id** file.

   Note: Some files do not have a password applied. In these cases, you should click **Attempt Blank Password.**

4. Click **Save Password**.
5. Enable **Lotus Notes (whole NSF)**.
6. Click **Decrypt**.

To decrypt Lotus Notes and emails

1. Process the encrypted notes and emails and the corresponding user.id file as evidence in the same case.
2. When processing is complete, click **Tools > Decrypt Files**.
3. Enter the password to the **user.id** file

   Note: Some files do not have a password applied. In these cases, you should click **Attempt Blank Password**.

4. Click **Save Password**.
5. Enable **Lotus Notes (notes/emails)**.
6. Click **Decrypt**.

Decrypting S/MIME Files

You can decrypt RSA standard PKCS7 S/MIME email items. This includes MBOX, DBX, RFC822, and some PST/EDB archives. You cannot decrypt PGP encrypted emails, Lotus Notes proprietary encryption, and items with S/MIME signatures — only the S/MIME encryption.

The Key files are PFX and PEM. The Key files are flagged and kept track of during processing in the same way as EFS and NSF key files.

To decrypt S/MIME

1. In a case, click **Tools > Decrypt Files.**
2. In the *Decrypt Files* dialog, click **Set Passwords**.
3. Enter the password.
   See About the Encrypted File Passwords List on page 167.
4. Mark **Attempt Blank Password** to decrypt files with no password, or whose password is blank.

   Note: S/MIME encrypted files in the case are automatically detected. Decrypt File Types will automatically be marked according to the file types found. Unselect any file types you wish not to decrypt.

5. Click **Decrypt** to begin the decryption process,

   Note: The **Decrypt** button is disabled until at least one password is entered, or until **Attempt Blank Password** is marked.

6. When decryption is complete, click **OK** to return to the case.

Decrypting Dell Encryption Files (Dell Data Protection | Encryption Server)

Dell Encryption is file-based and works much like EFS. The Dell Encryption Decryption option in the tools menu is unavailable unless the image contains Dell Encryption.

Dell Encryption version 7.7 is supported in both online and offline key bundle modes.

The integration allows two options for decryption: offline, and online. For a key bundle located on the user's local machine or network, use the offline option. For a key bundle located on a remote server within your network, use the online option.

The first time a user decrypts Dell Encryption files and provides the Dell Encryption server credentials, that information is encrypted and stored in the database. Later, if that user needs to decrypt Dell Encryption files in that or another case, the credentials field populates automatically.

The credentials are stored separately for each user, so while one user may have the credentials stored, others may not until the others have processed a case with Dell Encryption files that need to be decrypted.

Both the Online and Offline Dell Encryption Decryption dialog boxes have a Decryption Threads drop-down box. This dictates the total number of threads assigned to decryption, not the number of decryption threads per core. If you have a high-end system, you may benefit from a higher setting. At this time, it is not possible to cancel the processing once it has begun.

Important: If you click **Cancel** to process the evidence without decrypting, you will *not* be able to decrypt at a later time. Also, the evidence cannot be added to the same case a second time. You will have to create a new case to decrypt and process this evidence.

You can configure Dell Encryption server settings in the following ways:

- Globally, for all cases, in the *Case Manager* interface under the Tools menu.

- For a specific case. You can configure Dell Encryption decryption in one of the following ways:
  - When configuring Processing Options.
  - On the *Additional Analysis* page
  - On *Tools > Decrypt Files*

    Important: This option uses an offline key bundle only. This method does not create any parent-child relationships, and as a result, produces fewer counts than the other methods of doing Dell Encryption decryption.

    See Using an Offline Key Bundle on page 179.

Note: From the Processing Options or the Additional Analysis page, you can select to decrypt Dell Encryption files. If you select to decrypt Dell Encryption files, the File Signature Analysis option will automatically be selected as well.

See Using Additional Analysis on page 128.

You can now do a Live Search on Dell Encryption files on the fly after performing a drive preview.

Using an Offline Key Bundle

Offline decryption is a quicker and more convenient option if the key bundle can be placed on the investigator's local computer. To decrypt an encrypted image offline, select the key bundle file and enter the password used to decrypt it.

Important: This method does not create any parent-child relationships, and as a result, produces fewer counts than the other methods of doing Dell Encryption decryption.

To decrypt Dell Encryption files using an offline key bundle

1. Click **Tools > Dell Encryption Decryption** to open the *Dell Encryption Decryption Options* dialog.
2. Select the key bundle file by entering its location or browsing to it.
3. Enter the password.
4. Re-enter the password.
5. Click **OK**.

Using an Online Key Bundle

Online decryption can occur only when the computer processing the image can directly access the server over the network.

Usually the **Machine ID** and **Shield ID** fields are automatically populated. The **Machine ID** can be found on the server as the **Unique ID** on the **Properties** tab. The **Shield ID** can be found as the "Recovery ID" on the "Shield" tab. It looks similar to this: "ZE3HM8WW". If the Shield ID is not working, you have the option to use the **SDE Key ID**, which will auto-populate when available and should only be used after you have tried the Shield ID.

The Server Data group box contains information on how to contact the server. It includes the Dell Encryption Server user name, password, and IP address. The port should be 8081, and is auto-populated.

Offline decryption requires you to get a key bundle file from the server. Then, select the key bundle file and enter the password used to decrypt it. Get the key bundle file by executing the CFGetBundle.EXE file with a command like that looks like this:

CFGetBundle -Xhttps://10.1.1.131:8081/xapi -asuperadmin -Achangeit -dxp1.accessdata.lab -sZE3HM8WW -oKeyBundle.bin -ipassword

-X for the server address

-a for administrator name

-A for the administrator password

-d for the Machine ID

-s for the Shield ID

-o for the output file

-i for the password used to encrypt the key bundle

Note: All command line switches are case sensitive. Also, as in the example above, there is no space between the switch and the accompanying data.

Once you have used either the online or the offline method, the files will be decrypted immediately and the decrypted file will become a child of the encrypted file. After decryption, the files will be processed with the same settings last used to process a file.

Once the key has been added and the appropriate partitions selected, click **OK** to return to the *Manage Evidence* dialog. Select a time zone from the Time Zone drop-down, then click **OK** to begin processing.

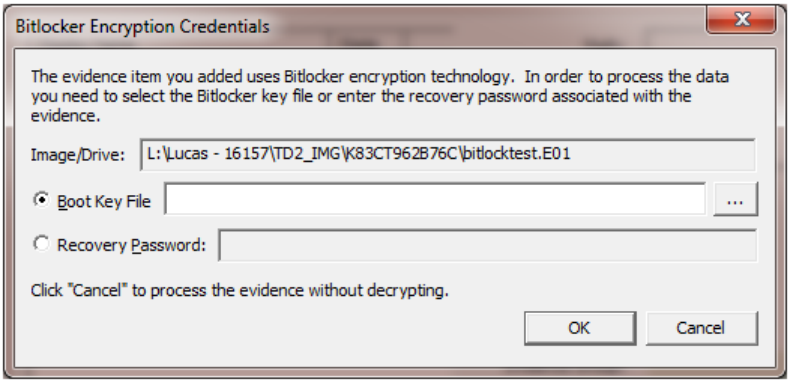
Important: If you click *Cancel* to process the evidence without decrypting, you will *not* be able to decrypt at a later time. Also, the evidence cannot be added to the same case a second time. You will have to create a new case to decrypt and process this evidence.

Decrypting Bitlocker Partitions

If you have the proper credentials, you can decrypt Bitlocker encrypted partitions. You can decrypt the Bitlocker partitions from Windows Vista and Windows 7 computers. You can provide the unique credentials for multiple encrypted partitions. After you provide Bitlocker credentials, files in the encrypted partitions are decrypted while the evidence is processed.

To decrypt Bitlocker partitions

1. Add evidence that has Bitlocker encryption to a case.
   If Bitlocker encryption is detected, you are prompted to enter credentials in the following dialog:



2. Enter one of the following credentials:
   - Boot Key File
   - Recovery Password.
3. If there are multiple partitions, a dialog will be displayed saying that the password for the first partition is valid, and that additional partitions remain encrypted.

4. Click **OK** and the credential dialog is again displayed for the next partition.
   This sequence continues until you have entered the credentials for all encrypted partitions.

Decrypting Safeguard Utimaco Files

You can use either Imager or the *Examiner* interface to decrypt boot drives that were encrypted with SafeGuard by Utimaco.

Safeguard Easy

Safeguard Easy works only with an image of a complete drive or a live drive. Imaged partitions cannot be decrypted because the information needed to decrypt the partition exists in the boot record of the drive.

When a live drive or drive image is added as evidence, it is checked to determine if SafeGuard Easy encryption is used on the drive. If it is used, a dialog will appear asking for the user name and password required to access the drive. If the correct user name and password are entered, the drive will be decrypted transparently during processing and the user can access information on the drive as though the drive were not encrypted. Incorrect passwords will result in long waits between attempts -- waits that grow exponentially for each failure. Hitting the cancel button on the dialog will allow the drive to be added as evidence, but the encrypted portions will not be processed.

Secondary hard drives and removable media that has been encrypted with SafeGuard Easy are not currently supported. The problem with secondary drives and removable media is that they contain NO information that indicates how they are encrypted. The encryption information for secondary drives and removable media is contained on the boot drive of the computer that encrypted them.

Versions 2.x and later, and all Imager versions since then support SafeGuard Easy drives encrypted with the following algorithms: AES128, AES256 (the default), DES, 3DES, and IDEA.

The Safeguard dialog box appears only when a valid Utimaco-encrypted image is read.

The username and password used to create the encrypted image are required for decryption. Once the credentials have been added, click **OK** to return to the *Manage Evidence* dialog. Select a time zone from the Time Zone drop-down, then click **OK** to begin processing.

Important: The following important information applies when using SafeGuard Decryption:

- Enter the User Name and Password carefully and verify both before clicking *OK*. If this information is entered incorrectly, the entire image is checked for matching information before returning with an error message. Each wrong entry results in a longer wait.
- If you click *Cancel* to process the evidence without decrypting, you will *not* be able to decrypt at a later time. Also, the evidence cannot be added to the same case a second time. You will have to create a new case to decrypt and process this evidence.

SafeGuard Enterprise

SafeGuard Enterprise (SGN) is supported. Utimaco supplied libraries to access the decryption keys for SGN via their recovery mechanism. This involves a somewhat cumbersome challenge/response system with the server to access the decryption keys. Each partition may be decrypted with a different key. The challenge/response process needs to be done for each encrypted partition. In order to enable the challenge/response system, a file called `recoverytoken.tok` needs to be retrieved from the server and selected in the decryption dialog. A recoverytoken.tok file is automatically selected if it is in the same directory as the evidence file.

SafeGuard Enterprise decryption was developed using version 5.x.

AccessData uses SafeGuard-provided `BE_Sgn_Api.DLL` and `BE_KBRDLLn.DLL`. These libraries are 32-bit libraries. The 32-bit process is used to retrieve keys in 64-bit. The actual decryption of the drive is done in the *Examiner*, but the SafeGuard libraries are needed to generate the key from the username/password.

To recognize that a drive is encrypted with SafeGuard Enterprise, “UTICRYPT” is searched for at the beginning of the first sector of each partition.

Retrieving the Recovery Token

Before the decryption process can occur, the `recoverytoken.tok` file must be retrieved from the server.

To retrieve the Recovery Token

1. From the server, you must create a virtual client.
2. Then you must export the virtual client. This is where the `recoverytoken.tok` file is created.
3. This file must be copied to a place where the *Examiner* can access the file.
4. Click the **Recovery** button next to each partition to retrieve that partition’s key. A dialog will open, telling you which key to retrieve:
   4a. On the server, select **Tools > Recovery** from the menu.
   4b. Select the virtual client you exported (the `recoverytoken.tok` file)
5. Select **Key requested.**
6. Find the requested key (in this case `0x1C3A799F48FB4B199903FB5730314ABF`). You can use **Find > Key IDs** from the drop-down, and enter a partial key into **Search Name** to help find the correct key.
7. A challenge code of 6 segments of 5 characters each is offered.
8. Enter the characters from the challenge portion of the dialog into the server’s dialog.
9. Click **Next**.
10. The server then offers a response code consisting of 12 segments of 5 characters each.
11. Enter these into the corresponding dialog that provides the decryption key.
12. Click **OK**. The drive is decrypted and added as evidence to the case.

Decrypting SafeBoot Files

SafeBoot is a program that encrypts drives and/or partitions. The encryption key must be available to enter into the **Key** field. All recognized partitions are selected by default, up to a maximum of eight. You can unselect any partition that you do not want to add to the case.

Important: The following important information applies when using SafeBoot Decryption:

- If you click **Cancel** to process the evidence without decrypting, you will *not* be able to decrypt at a later time. Also, the evidence cannot be added to the same case a second time. You will have to create a new case to decrypt and process this evidence.
- You must add all partitions and decrypt the encrypted partitions when first adding the evidence to the case or you will be unable to see them. Encrypted partitions do not display in the Evidence list.

Once the key has been added and the appropriate partitions selected, click **OK** to return to the *Manage Evidence* dialog. Select a time zone from the Time Zone drop-down, then click **OK** to begin processing.

Decrypting SecureDoc WinMagic AES Files

When a SecureDoc WinMagic AES-encrypted image is added to a case, it is automatically detected as a SecureDoc image and a dialog will appear asking for credentials. You will need to enter the following information:

- Key File (a browse button is available)
- Password
- Emergency Disk Folder (a browse button is available)

Click **OK** to proceed with the decryption process.

Decrypting Guardian Edge Files

When a Guardian Edge-encrypted image is added to a case, it is automatically detected as a Guardian Edge image and a dialog will appear asking for credentials. The dialog has a drop-down list box with the user names that have been found to be associated with the image. Select the user name for which you have a password and enter that password. Enter the password in one of two ways:

- Enter it twice with dots appearing for each character (to keep it hidden from on-lookers).
- Check the **Show in plain text** box and enter it once.

Click **OK** to proceed with the decryption process.

Important: If you click **Cancel** to process the evidence without decrypting, you will *not* be able to decrypt at a later time. Also, the evidence cannot be added to the same case a second time. You will have to create a new case to decrypt and process this evidence.

Decrypting an Image Encrypted With PGP® WDE

You can acquire images from disks that have been protected with PGP® Whole Disk Encryption (WDE). This section describes the support for, and the process of specifying the credentials necessary to decrypt the image.

Note: Decryption is only possible if an existing credential, such as a user passphrase or a previously-configured Whole Disk Recovery Token, is available.

PGP® WDE Decryption

Individuals and organizations typically use PGP® Whole Disk Encryption (PGP® WDE) to protect the information on their laptop computers in case of loss or theft. Encrypted disks prompt for a user's passphrase before Windows loads, allowing data to be decrypted on the fly as it is read into memory or encrypted just before being written to disk. Disks remain encrypted at all times.

Administrators can instruct PGP® WDE devices that are managed by a PGP® Universal™ Server to automatically secure an encrypted disk to additional credentials based on a company's central policy. These could include a WDE Administrator key (for IT support purposes), an Additional Decryption Key (also called a corporate recovery key) and/or a Whole Disk Recovery Token ("WDRT"). WDRTs are commonly used to reset a forgotten passphrase and, can also be used by authorized administrators or examiners to decrypt an acquired image of a PGP® WDE encrypted drive.

To decrypt a PGPWDE Image and add it to a case

1. After creating a case, click **Evidence > Add / Remove Evidence > Add > Acquired Images > OK.**
2. Browse to the location of the image files and select the first of the set to add to this case.
3. You may enter any user's boot password or passphrase, or use the Whole Disk Recovery Token (WDRT) to decrypt a drive or image. Use one of the following methods:
   - *Boot passwords:* The users for the drive are displayed in the drop-down list in the PGP® Encryption Credentials box. Select the user and enter that user's boot password.
   - *Whole Disk Recovery Token (WDRT):* Obtain the WDRT by doing the following:

   3a. Log into the PGP® Universal™ Server.

   3b. Select the **Users** tab.

   3c. Click on the User Name having a recovery icon for the system being examined.

   3d. In the popup dialog in the far right column click the WDRT link to display information about the WDRT. The WDRT will look similar to this:

   ULB53-UD7A7-1C4QC-GPDZJ-CRNPA-X5A

   3e. You can enter the key, with or without the dashes, in the Passphrase/WDRT text field as the credential to decrypt a drive or image. The WDRT can be copied and pasted into the text field to avoid errors.

   3f. Click **OK**.

Important: If you click **Cancel** to process the evidence without decrypting, you will *not* be able to decrypt at a later time. Also, the evidence cannot be added to the same case a second time. You will have to create a new case to decrypt and process this evidence.

4. Verify that the PGP® WDE encrypted image is added to the case Manage Evidence list.

Viewing Decrypted Files

After you have decrypted files, you can view which files have been decrypted.

You can also view the *File Properties* of the original encrypted file to see the password that was used to decrypt that file.

To view decrypted files

1. Open the Examiner.
2. Do one of the following:
   - To use the Overview tab, do the following:

   2a. Click the **Overview** tab.

   2b. Expand **File Status**.

   2c. Click **Decrypted Files**

   - To use a filter, do the following:

   2a. Click the QuickPick icon for *Evidence* to view all or some of the of the evidence in the case.

   2b. Using the Filters drop-down menu, select **Decrypted Files**.

   In the *File List,* all decrypted files will be displayed.
3. Click on an individual file in the File List to view the file in the File Content pane.

Chapter 13

Exporting Data from the Examiner

This section discusses how to export data from the Examiner interface and includes the following:

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Copying Information from the Examiner

You can use the *Copy Special* dialog to copy information about the files in a case to the computer clipboard. The file information can include any or all column items, such as *Filename*, *File Path*, *File Category* etc. The data is copied in a tab-delimited format.

To copy file information

1. Select the files for the *Copy Special* task by doing either of the following:
   - In the *File List* on any tab, select the files that you want to copy information about.
   - Right-click the file in the file list.
2. Open the *Copy Special* dialog in any of these ways:
   - Select **Edit** > **Copy Special**.
   - Click the **Copy Special** button on the file list pane.
   - Click **Copy Special**.

3. In the *Copy Special* dialog, select from the following:

Item	Description
Choose Columns	Choose the column template definition that you want to use for the exported data.
Include Header Row	Includes a header row that uses the column headings you selected.
All Highlighted	Copies all items highlighted in the current file list.
All Checked	Copies all items checked in all file lists. You can check files in multiple lists. Checked items remain checked until you uncheck them.
Currently Listed	Copies all items in the current file list.
All	Copies all items in the case. Selecting this option can create a very large TSV or CSV file, and may exceed the 10,000 item capacity of the clipboard.

4. In the *Choose Columns* drop-down list, select the column template that contains the file information that you want to copy.
5. To define a new column settings template click *Column Settings* to open the *Column Settings Manager*.
6. Click **OK** to copy the data to the clipboard.

Exporting Files to a Native Format

You can export files that you find in an investigation to process and distribute to other parties. For example, you can export encrypted files that you need to decrypt with Password Recovery Toolkit (PRTK). You can also export Registry files to analyze in the Registry Viewer.

To export items from a case

1. Do either of the following:
   - In the *Examiner*, click **File** > **Export**
   - Right-click on a file in the *File List* pane and click **Export**
2. In the *Export* dialog, select from the following export options:

Export Options

File Options	Description
Append Item number to Filename	Adds the case's unique File ID to the filename of the exported item.
Append extension to filename if bad/absent	Uses the file's header information to add missing file extensions.
Export Children	Expands container-type files and exports their contents.
Exclude Slack Space Children Files	Excludes all slack files from the export.
Save HTML view (if available)	Saves applicable files in HTML format.
Export emails using Item number for name	Substitutes the Item number in the case instead of the email title to shorten the file paths.
Export directory as file	Creates a file that contains the binary data of a directory that you export. If you select a folder to export, the *Examiner* does not export the parent folder or empty sub-folders. You can export folders as files, but any empty folders that are not selected to be exported as files are not created during the export. To work around this issue, export a folder structure with its children, move up one folder level and mark *Export directory as file* and *Export children*.
Limit Path Length	The Limit Path Length option is now off by default. This prevents getting only partial paths in the export.
Create Manifest files	Generates manifest files that contain the details and options that are selected for the exported data. including headers. The Export Summary File is commonly called a Manifest file. If you select this option the export creates the manifest file CSV format. The export saves the file in the same destination folder as the exported files.

Export Options (Continued)

File Options	Description
Include original path	Includes the full path from the root to the file. The export maintains the folder structure for the exported files.
Export emails as MSG	Exports email files into the MSG format for broader compatibility.
Export emails to PST	Exports email files to a PST file. See Exporting Emails to PST on page 198.
Export messages from email to PST	You can export email messages to a PST file, even if they didn't come from a PST file originally. This lets you accomplish the following: ● Export messages from RFC822, NSF, PST, Exchange, and so on to a PST. ● As the opposite of reduction, you can create a new PST file with responsive messages in it. This creates a new PST rather than exporting the whole source PST and running reduction to remove anything non-responsive. ● Convert email archives, such as NSF, to a PST with the same folder and message structure. The Exporting Emails to PST feature requires that you have either Microsoft Outlook or the Microsoft Collaboration Data Objects (CDO) installed on the same computer as the processing engine. See the *Important Information* in the *Release Notes*.
Include thumbnails of video files	Includes the thumbnails of the video files that were created during evidence processing or during additional analysis.
Include common video format	Includes the common video format (MP4) files that were created during evidence processing or during additional analysis.

3. Select the items that you want to export from the following options:

Target Item	Description
All Checked	Selects all items checked in all file lists. You can check files in multiple lists.
All Listed	Selects all items in the current file list.
All Highlighted	Selects all items highlighted in the current file list. Items remain highlighted only as long as the same tab is displayed.
All	Selects all items in the case.

4. In the *Destination Base Path* field, enter or browse to and select the location to export the file.
   The default path is [*Drive*]:\case_folder\Report\Export\.
5. Click **OK**.

Exporting Files to an AD1 Image

You can export files to an Image. However; you can only export files to the AD1 format, or to their native format.

To export files to their native type see Exporting Files to a Native Format (page 188).

To export images into an image file Exporting an Image to an Image (page 192).

To export a file to an image

1. In the *Examiner*, do one of the following:
   - Highlight the items that you want to export.
   - Check the items that you want to export.
   - Make the *File List* pane display the items that you want to export.
2. Click **File > Export to Image**.
3. In the *Create Custom Content Image* dialog, select the appropriate option based on your decision in step one of this procedure Click **OK**.
4. In the *Create Image* dialog, under *Image Destination(s)*, click **Add**.
5. In the *Select Image Destination* dialog, specify the following information:

Image Options

Option	**Description**
Case Number	(Optional) Lets you enter a case number for the data that is to be exported.
Evidence Number	(Optional) Lets you enter an evidence number for the data that is to be exported.
Unique Description	(Optional) Lets you add a description to the data that is to be exported.
Examiner	(Optional) Lets you add the name of the evidence examiner to the data that is to be exported.
Notes	(Optional) Lets you add notes to the data that is to be exported.
Image Destination Type	Only AD1 is supported for unique file(s).
Relative to	The image can be saved locally (*Relative to This machine*), or remotely (*Relative to Remote source machine*).
Folder	Specify the path and the destination folder for the image on the target computer.
Username	Specify the domain and the user name to access the target computer.
Password	Specify the password of the user on the target computer.
Image Filename (Excluding Extensions)	Specify a filename for the image, but do not include an extension.
Image Fragment Size	Specify the image fragment size in MB. You can save RAW and E01 file types in a single segment by specifying 0 MB.

Image Options (Continued)

Option	**Description**
Compression	Specify the compression level to use. 0 represents no compression, 9 represents the highest compression. Compression level 1 is the fastest to create. Compression level 9 is the slowest to create.
Use AD Encryption	Select this option if you want to encrypt the image as it is created. When exporting data to an image from an encrypted drive, create the image physically, not logically. A physical image is often required for decrypting full disk encryption. AD Encryption supports the following: ● Hash algorithm SHA-512. ● Crypto algorithms AES 128, 192, and 256. ● Key materials (for encrypting the AES key): pass phrases, raw key files, and certificates. A raw key file is any arbitrary file whose raw data is treated as the key material. Certificates use public keys for encryption and corresponding private keys for decryption.

6. Click **OK**.

Exporting an Image to an Image

You can export images into the following types:

- `AD1` (AD Custom Content)
- `E01` (EnCase Compatible)
- `S01` (Smart)
- `001` (RAW/DD)

To export case data to an image

1. In the *Examiner*, in the *Evidence Items* tree pane, select an image to export.
2. Click **File > Export to Image.**
3. In the *Create Custom Content Image* dialog, specify if you want to export the selected, highlighted, or checked items and then click **OK**.
4. In the *Create Image* dialog, under *Image Destination(s)*, click **Add**.
5. In the *Select Image Destination* dialog, specify the following information:

Image Destination Options

Option	**Description**
Case Number	(Optional) Lets you enter a case number for the data that is to be exported.
Evidence Number	(Optional) Lets you enter an evidence number for the data that is to be exported.
Unique Description	(Optional) Lets you add a description to the data that is to be exported.
Examiner	(Optional) Lets you add the name of the evidence examiner to the data that is to be exported.
Notes	(Optional) Lets you add notes to the data that is to be exported.
Image Destination Type	By default, the image type is AD1. When exporting to an AD1, the image's file path is added under a root directory. This behavior speeds the process of gathering data for the AD1, and shortens the path to the AD1 content.
Relative to	The image can be saved locally (*Relative to This machine*), or remotely (*Relative to Remote source machine*).
Folder	Specify the path and the destination folder for the image on the target computer.
Username	Specify the domain and the user name to access the target computer.
Password	Specify the password of the user on the target computer.
Image Filename (Excluding Extensions)	Specify a filename for the image, but do not include an extension.

Image Destination Options (Continued)

Option	**Description**
Image Fragment Size	Specify the image fragment size in MB. You can save RAW and E01 file types in a single segment by specifying 0 MB.
Compression	Specify the compression level to use. 0 represents no compression, 9 represents the highest compression. Compression level 1 is the fastest to create. Compression level 9 is the slowest to create.
Use AD Encryption	Select this option if you want to encrypt the image as it is created. When exporting data to an image from an encrypted drive, create the image physically, not logically. A physical image is often required for decrypting full disk encryption. AD Encryption supports the following: • Hash algorithm SHA-512. • Crypto algorithms AES 128, 192, and 256. • Key materials (for encrypting the AES key): pass phrases, raw key files, and certificates. A raw key file is any arbitrary file whose raw data is treated as the key material. Certificates use public keys for encryption and corresponding private keys for decryption.

6. Click **OK**.
7. In the *Create Image* dialog, choose if you want to **Verify Images after they are created**.
8. Choose if you want to **Precalculate progress statistics**. This feature estimates the progress of the task as it is running.
9. Choose if you want to **Add image to case when completed**.
10. Specify the **Time Zone** of the evidence.
11. Click **OK**.
12. Click **Start**.

Exporting File List Information

You can use Copy Special functionality to save file list information into a file. You can save this file in TSV, TXT, CSV, or XML format. TXT files display in a text editor program like Notepad. Files saved in TSV, CSV, or XML can be opened in a spreadsheet program.

To export file list information to a network/folder/etc you must have rights to access and save information to the location.

To export File List information

1. Do one of the following:
   - In the *Examiner*, select **File** > **Export File List Info**.
   - Right-click on a file in the *File List* pane and select **Export File List Info.**
2. Select the items to export.
   Choose from:
   - **All Highlighted** (in the File List View)
   - **All Checked** (in the case)
   - **All Listed** (in the File List View)
   - **All** (in the case)
3. Specify if you want to include a header row in the exported file.
4. From the **Choose Columns** drop-down, select the column template to use. You can click **Column Settings** to create a column template to use for the export.
5. Specify the filename for the exported information.
6. Choose a file type for the exported file.
7. Browse to and select the destination folder for the exported file.
8. Click **Save**.

Exporting a Word List

You can export the contents of the case index or registry into a word list. You can use this word list as the basis for a custom dictionary to aid in the password recovery process.

You must have indexed the case to export the word list. If you have not indexed the case, you can click **Evidence > Additional Analysis**. In the *Additional Analysis* dialog, under *Search Indexes*, select **dtSearch Index**, and then click **OK**.

You can only export Registry Viewer contents into a word list if the Registry Viewer is installed on the computer where you are running the *Examiner*.

To export a word list

1. In the *Examiner*, select **File** > **Export Word List**.
2. Select the Registry keys that you want to include in the word list.
3. Click **Export**.
4. Click **Browse Folders** and select the filename and location for the exported word list.
5. Click **Save**.

Exporting Recycle Bin Index Contents

You can export the indexed data from INFO2 files into **TXT, TSV,** or **CSV** format.

To export INFO2 files

1. Locate an INFO2 file. In the *Examiner* you can find them in the *Overview* tab under **OS/File System Files > Recycle Bin Index**.
2. In the *File List*, highlight the INFO2 files that you want to export.
3. Right-click on the selected files and choose **Export Recycle Bin Index Contents**.
4. Browse to and select the desired destination folder.
5. Type a filename for the exported data file.
6. In the **Save as type** drop-down, select the file type to use.
7. Mark **Include header row** if you want the column headings included in the exported file.
8. Click **Save.**

Exporting Hashes from a Case

You can export hashes from a case. You can add the hash list into the Known File Filter in the same case to identify and set the KFF status on files of interest (Alert) or files of no interest (Ignore). You can use the Disregard status to make it easier to use existing groups, ignoring certain sets in the group that may have Alert status assigned.

To export hashes from the case

1. In the *Examiner*, in the *File List* view, select the files that you want to export the hashes for.
2. Right-click in the list and choose **Export File List Info**.
3. In the *Save As* dialog box, in the *File name* field, enter the name for the exported list.
4. In the *Save as type* drop-down, select either TSV or CSV.
5. Under *File List items to export*, select from the following:
   - All highlighted
   - All checked
   - Currently listed
   - All (In case)
6. Click **Choose Columns** and select the column settings to use.

   If you do not find the correct column setting for this export, click **Column Settings** to customize a column setting to include the file properties you want in this export.

   You should include MD5 Hash, and it is recommended that you also include SHA1 Hash. It is optional to include SHA 256 Hash.
7. In the *Selected Columns* list, double-click on each item to add and remove the columns.
8. Click **OK**.
9. Click **Save**.

Exporting KFF Data

You can use the KFF Admin interface to export KFF Data.

See Exporting KFF Data on page 274.

Exporting All Hits in a Search to a CSV file

After you run a search for terms, words, or predefined patterns, you can export your results to a comma delimited text file (CSV).

To Export All Hits in a Search to a CSV file

1. Run either a *Live Search* or an *Index Search*.
2. From either the *Index Search Results* window or the *Live Search Results* window, right click the search result and click **Set Context Data Width**.
3. Set the width value. For example, 32.
4. Right-click the search result and click **Export to File > All Hits in Search**.
5. In the *Save As* dialog, browse to the destination where you want to save the file.
6. In the *File Name* field, enter a name for the file.
7. In the *Save as type* field select *Comma Delimited Text File (*.CSV)*.
8. You can then import the CSV file into a program that supports CSV files such as Microsoft Excel.

Exporting Emails to PST

You can export email messages to a PST file, even if they didn't come from a PST file originally. This lets you accomplish the following:

- Export messages from RFC822, NSF, PST, Exchange, and so on to a PST.
- As the opposite of reduction, you can create a new PST file with responsive messages in it. This creates a new PST rather than exporting the whole source PST and running reduction to remove anything non-responsive.
- Convert email archives, such as NSF, to a PST with the same folder and message structure.

However, for this option to work, Outlook must be installed on the computer running the Examiner.

Be aware of the following:

- You must have Outlook version 2013 or 2016 installed.
  - To determine if Outlook was installed, the "MAPIX" value under the following registry key was queried:
    - HKEY_LOCAL_MACHINE\SOFTWARE\Microsoft\Windows Messaging Subsystem
  - To support "Click To Run" installers for Outlook, the following keys are also queried for the MAPIX value:
    - “HKEY_LOCAL_MACHINE\SOFTWARE\\Microsoft\\Office\\ClickToRun\\REGISTRY\\MACHINE\\Software\\Microsoft\\Windows Messaging Subsystem
    - "HKEY_LOCAL_MACHINE\SOFTWARE\\Microsoft\\Office\\ClickToRun\\REGISTRY\\MACHINE\\Software\\Wow6432Node\\Microsoft\\Windows Messaging Subsystem.
- Emails contained in OST files are automatically exported to a new PST archive.

To export emails to PST

1. In the Export dialog, select **Export emails to PST**.
2. (Optional) If you want to preserve the folder structure, select **Preserve folder structure**.

   Note: When preserving the folder structure, the export creates a root directory for the email, followed by the user name associated with that email. The folder and message structure then mirror that of the emails being exported.

3. Select how you want to organize the exported emails.

   Choose from the following export options:

   - Separate PST per evidence.
   - Separate PST per custodian
   - Single PST
   - PST per mail archive
4. Configure other export options and click **OK.**

To convert email archives with the same folder and message structure

1. In the Export dialog, select **Export messages from email archives to PST**.
2. Configure other export options and click **OK.**

Exporting the Properties Panel

You can export the information in the properties panel to one of two options:

- CSV
- XML and HTML (these are exported at the same time)

To Export the Properties Panel Information to CSV:

1. Right-click anywhere inside the Properties Panel.
2. Select **Export to CSV**.
3. Select a *Destination Folder* and create a *File Name*.
4. Navigate to the newly-created file. When you open it, a *Text Import Wizard* will open. Be sure to select the following options:
   - Delimited
   - Comma

To Export the Properties Panel Information to XML and HTML:

1. Right-click anywhere inside the Properties Panel.
2. Select **Export to XML and HTML**.
3. Select a *Destination Folder* and create a *File Name*.
4. Navigate to the newly-created file. When you open it, be sure to select the **Open the file with the following style sheet applied** option and apply the **ADObjectProperties.xslt** style sheet. Once you have applied the stylesheet, the file may open in a web browser.

Exporting Geolocation Data to KML or KMZ

Geolocation data can be exported in order to allow users to view geolocation data from the case in any application that allows KML imports. For example, Google Earth.

To Export Geolocation Data:

1. Select the files for export from the file pane.
   This can be done using either of the following options:
   - Highlight one or more items (use the columns to sort photos based on attributes)
   - Select individual files by checking the box
2. Right-click on any of the selected files and click **Export File List Info**. A window will open, allowing you to select where to save the files and to determine which type of file you would like to export.

   Note: A KMZ file is a compressed KML file.

   Be sure to set the *Choose Columns* dropdown option to **Geolocation**.
3. Click **Save**.

To Open Geolocation Data in Google Earth:

1. Open the Google Earth program.
2. Drag and drop the KML or KMZ file onto the program.
   The pins will automatically populate on the map and will use the original file name.
3. The Google Earth program will change the icon for the KML or KMZ file to a Google Earth symbol.

   Note: The same process can be followed using Google maps; however, the KML or KMZ file will not be updated with a Google Earth icon.

Chapter 14

About Cerberus Malware Analysis

About Cerberus Malware Analysis

Cerberus lets you do a malware analysis on executable binaries. You can use Cerberus to analyze executable binaries that are on a disk, on a network share, or that are unpacked in system memory.

Cerberus consists of the following stages of analysis

- Stage 1: Threat Analysis

  Cerberus stage 1 is a general file and metadata analysis that quickly examines an executable binary file for common attributes it may possess. It identifies potentially malicious code and generates and assigns a threat score to the executable binary.

  See About Cerberus Stage 1 Threat Analysis on page 202.

- Stage 2: Static Analysis

  Cerberus stage 2 is a disassembly analysis that takes more time to examine the details of the code within the file. It learns the capabilities of the binary without running the actual executable.

  See About Cerberus Stage 2 Static Analysis on page 208.

Cerberus first runs the Stage 1 threat analysis. After it completes Stage 1 analysis, it will then automatically run a static analysis against binaries that have a threat score that is higher than the designated threshold.

Cerberus analysis may slow down the speed of your overall processing.

Note: This feature is available depending on your product license. Please contact your sales representative for more information.

Important: Cerberus writes binaries to the AD Temp folder momentarily in order to perform the malware analysis. Upon completion it will quickly delete the binary. It is important to ensure that your antivirus is not scanning the AD Temp folder. If antivirus deletes/Quarantines the binary from the temp Cerberus analysis will not be performed.

Cerberus analyzes the following types of files:

acm	com	dll	exe	lex	ocx	scr	tlb
ax	cpl	dll~	iec	mui	pyd	so	tmp
cnv	dat	drv	ime	new	rll	sys	tsp
							wpc

About Cerberus Stage 1 Threat Analysis

Cerberus stage 1 analysis is a general analysis for executable binaries. The Stage 1 analysis engine scans through the binary looking for malicious artifacts. It examines several attributes from the file's metadata and file information to determine its potential to contain malicious code within it. For each attribute, if the condition exists, Cerberus assigns a score to the file. The sum of all of the file's scores is the file's total threat score.

More serious attributes have higher positive scores, such as +20 or +30. Safer attributes have smaller or even negative numbers such as +5, -10 or -20.

The existence of any particular attribute does not necessarily indicate a threat. However, if a file contains several attributes, then the file will have a higher sum score which may indicate that the executable binary may warrant further investigation. The higher the threat score, the more likely a file may be to contain malicious code.

For example, you may have a file that had four attributes discovered. Those attributes may have scores of +10, +20, +20, and +30 for a sum of +80. You may have another file with four attributes of scores of +5, +10, -10, -20 for a sum of -15. The first file has a much higher risk than the second file.

Cerberus stage 1 analysis also examines each file's properties and provides information such as its size, version information, signature etc.

About Cerberus Score Weighting

There are default scores for each attribute of Cerberus Stage 1 threat scoring. However, you can modify the scoring so that you can weigh the threat score attributes with your own values.

For example, the Bad Signed attribute as a default value of +20. You can give it a different weight of +30.

You must configure these scores before the files are analyzed.

About Cerberus Override Scores

Some threat attributes have override scores. If a file has one of these attributes, instead of the score being the sum of the other attributes, the score is overridden with a set value of 100 or -100. This is useful in quickly identifying files that are automatically considered either as a threat or safe. If a bad artifact is found that requires immediate attention, the file is given the maximum score. If an artifact is found that is considered safe, the file is automatically given the minimum score.

Score ranges have maximum and minimum values of -100 to 100.

- High threat signatures will result in a final score of 100.
- Low threat signatures will result in a final score of -100.

Cerberus attributes that have maximum override scores include:

- Bad signatures
- Revoked signatures
- Expired signatures
- Packed with known signature

If any of these attributes are found, the score is overridden with a score of +100.

Cerberus Minimum override score includes:

- Valid digital signature

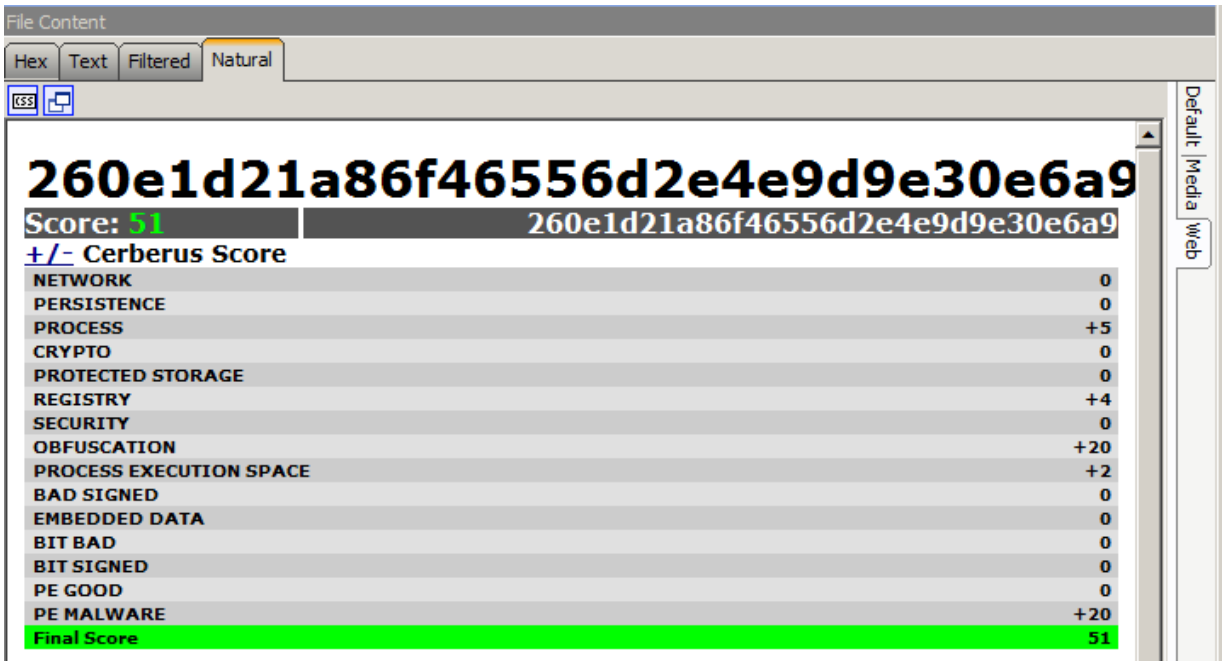
If this attribute is found, the score is overridden with a score of -100.

Important: If a file that is malware has a valid digital signature, the override will score the file as -100 (low threat), even though the file is really malware.

About Cerberus Threat Score Reports

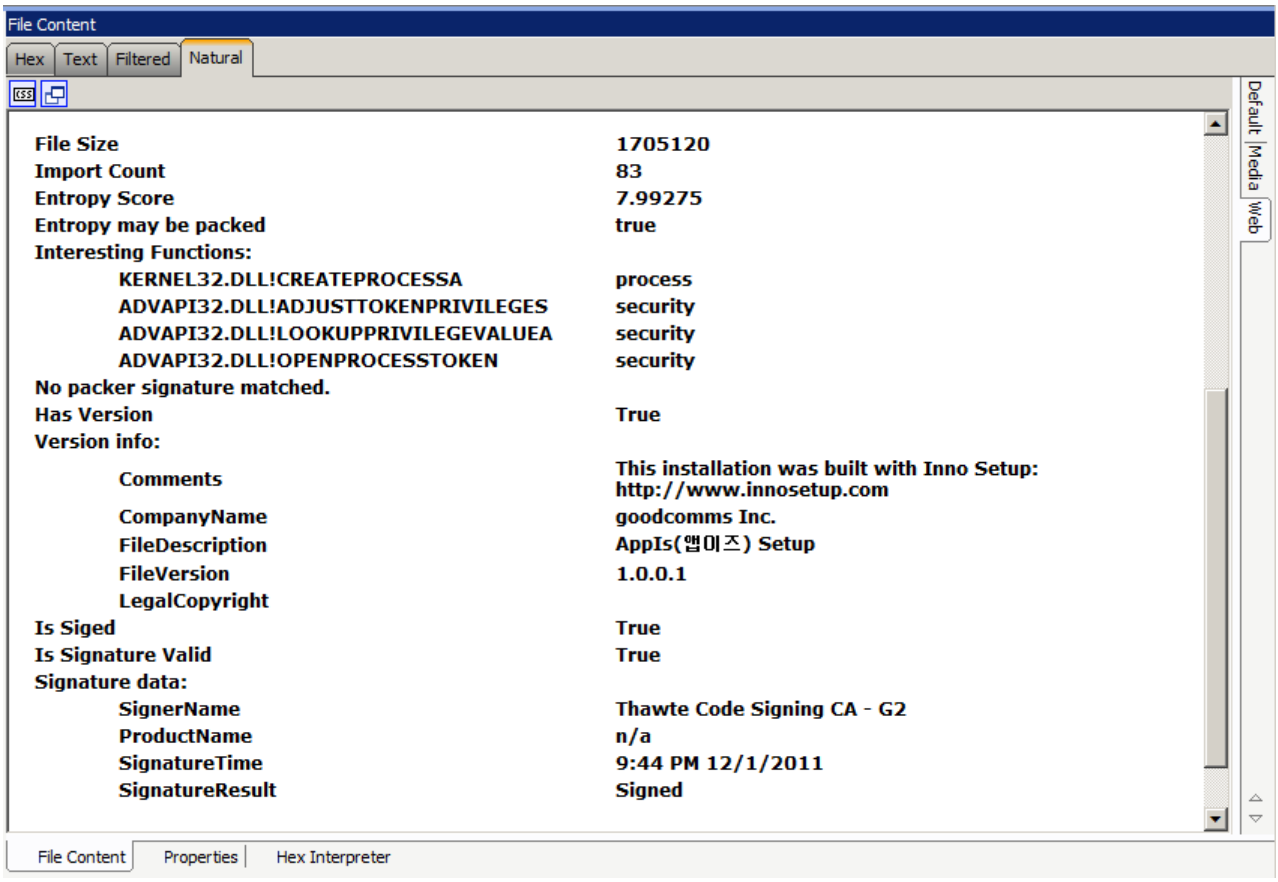
After you have processed evidence with Cerberus enabled, you can view a threat score report for each executable file in a threat score reports. This report shows the Cerberus score that were calculated during processing. There are two columns of scores: the weighted score assigned to each attribute (the potential score) and the actual score given if the attribute was found in the file.

Cerberus Threat Score Report



The report also shows general file properties.

File Information Threat Score Report


File Content
Hex
Text
Filtered
Natural
Default
Media
Web
File Size 1705120
Import Count 83
Entropy Score 7.99275
Entropy may be packed true
Interesting Functions:
KERNEL32.DLL!CREATEPROCESSA process
ADVAPI32.DLL!ADJUSTTOKENPRIVILEGES security
ADVAPI32.DLL!LOOKUPPRIVILEGEVALUEA security
ADVAPI32.DLL!OPENPROCESSTOKEN security
No packer signature matched.
Has Version True
Version info:
Comments This installation was built with Inno Setup: http://www.innosetup.com
CompanyName goodcomms Inc.
FileDescription AppIs(앱이즈) Setup
FileVersion 1.0.0.1
LegalCopyright
Is Siged True
Is Signature Valid True
Signature data:
SignerName Thawte Code Signing CA - G2
ProductName n/a
SignatureTime 9:44 PM 12/1/2011
SignatureResult Signed
File Content
Properties
Hex Interpreter

Cerberus Stage 1 Threat Scores

The following table lists the threat scores that are provided in a Stage 1 analysis:

Cerberus Stage 1 Threat Score Attributes

Attribute	Default Threat Score	Description
Network	+5	The Network category is triggered when a program contains the functionality to access a network. This could involve any kind of protocol from high-level HTTP to a custom protocol written using low-level raw sockets.
Persistence	+20	Persistence indicates that the application may try to persist permanently on the host. For example, the application would resume operation automatically even if the machine were rebooted.
Process	+5	Process indicates the application may start a new a process or attempt to gain access to inspect or modify other processes. Malicious applications attempt to gain access to other processes to obfuscate their functionality or attack vector or for many other reasons. For example, reading or writing into a process's memory, or injecting code into another process.
Crypto	+6	Crypto is triggered when an application appears to use cryptographic functionality. Malicious software uses cryptography to hide data or activity from network monitors, anti-virus products, and investigators.
Protected Storage	+10	ProtectedStorage indicates that the application may make use of the Windows "pstore" functionality. This is used on some versions of Windows to store encrypted data on the system. For example, Internet Explorer stores a database for form-filling in protected storage.
Registry	+5	Registry is triggered when a target application attempts to use the registry to store data. The registry is commonly used to store application settings, auto-run keys, and other data that the application wants to store permanently but not in its own file.
Security	+5	Imports functions used to modify user tokens. For example, attempting to clone a security token to impersonate another logged on user.
Obfuscation	+30	Stage 1 searches for signs that the application is 'packed', or obfuscated in a way that hinders quick inspection. The Obfuscation category is triggered when the application appears to be packed, encrypted, or otherwise obfuscated. This represents a deliberate decision on behalf of the developer to hinder analysis.
Process Execution Space	+2	Unusual activity in the Process Execution Space header. For example, a zero length raw section, unrealistic linker time, or the file size doesn't match the Process Execution Space header.

Cerberus Stage 1 Threat Score Attributes (Continued)

Attribute	Default Threat Score	Description
Bad Signed	+20	This category is triggered when a binary is cryptographically signed, but the signature is invalid. A signature is generally used to demonstrate that some entity you trust (like a government or legitimate company, called a 'signing authority') has verified the authorship and good intentions of the signed application. However, signatures can be revoked and they can expire, meaning that the signature no longer represents that the signing authority has trust in the application.
Embedded Data	+10	This category is triggered when an application contains embedded executable code. While all programs contain some program code, this category indicates that the application has an embedded 'resource', which contains code separate from the code which runs normally as part of the application.
Bad / Bit-Bad	+20	This category is triggered when the application contains signatures indicating it uses the IRC protocol or shellcode signature. Many malware networks use IRC to communicate between the infected hosts and the command-and-control servers.
Signed / Bit Signed	-20	This category is triggered when a program is signed. A program that is signed is verified as 'trusted' by a third party, usually a legitimate entity like a government or trusted company. The signature may be expired or invalid though; check the 'BadSigned' category for this information.
PE Good	-10	Scores for good artifacts in PE headers.
PE Malware	+30	Scores for known malware artifacts in PE headers.

Cerberus Stage 1 File Information

The following table lists the threat scores that are provided in a Stage 1 analysis:

File Information from Cerberus Stage 1 Analysis

Item	Description
File Size	Displays the size of the file in bytes.
Import Count	Displays the number of functions that Cerberus examined.
Entropy Score	Displays a score of the binaries entropy used for suspected packing or encrypting.
Entropy may be packed	New:
Interesting Functions	Displays the name of functions from the process execution space that contributed to the file's threat score.
Suspected Packer List	Attempts to display a list of suspected packers whose signature matches known malware packers.
Modules	Displays the DLL files included in the binary.
Has Version	Displays whether or not the file has a version number.
Version Info	Displays information about the file that is gathered from the Windows API including the following: • CompanyName • FileDescription • FileVersion • InternalName • LegalCopyright • LegalTrademarks • OriginalFilename • ProductName • ProductVersion
Is Signed	Displays whether or not the file is signed. If the file is signed the following information is also provided: • IsValid • SignerName • ProductName • SignatureTime • SignatureResult
Unpacker results	Attempts to show if and which packers were used in the binary.

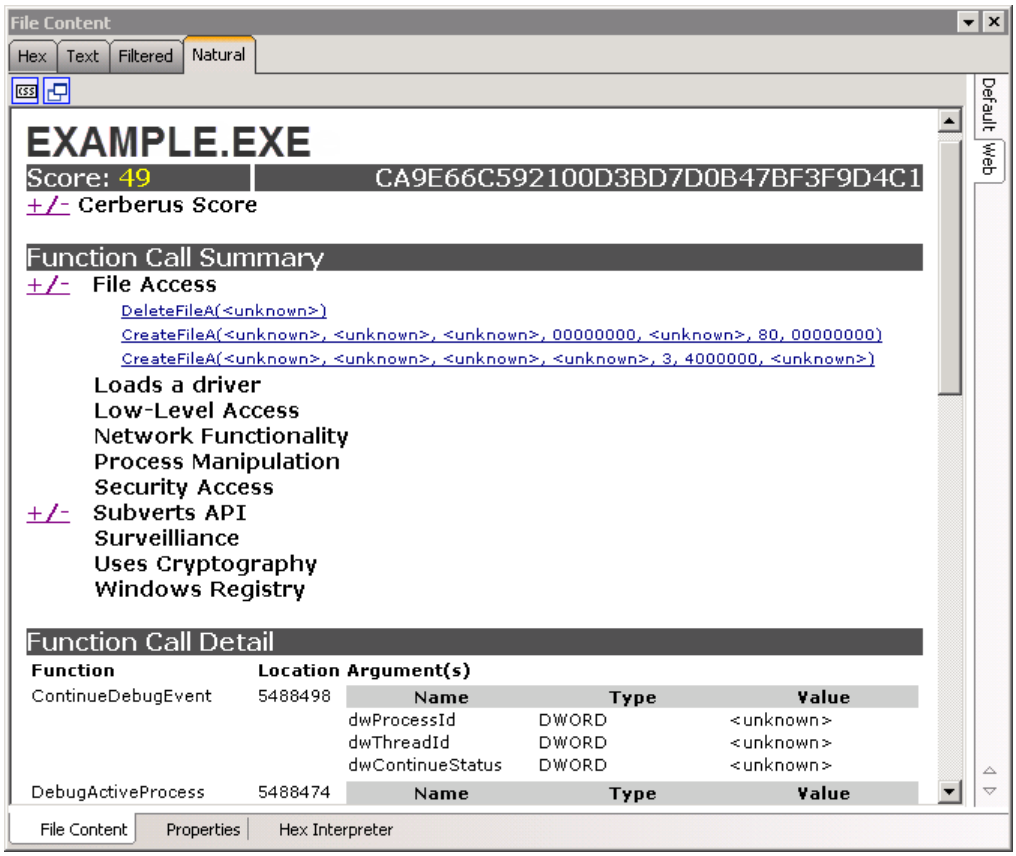
About Cerberus Stage 2 Static Analysis

When you run a stage 1 analysis, you configure a score that will launch a Cerberus stage 2 analysis. If an executable receives a score that is equal or higher than the configured score, Cerberus stage 2 is performed. Cerberus stage 2 disassembles the code of an executable binary without running the actual executable.

About Cerberus Stage 2 Report Data

When a stage 2 analysis runs, it returns its results of the file's functions in the Functional Call Summary section of the threat score report.

Cerberus Stage 2 Report Data in Threat Scan Report



Cerberus Stage 2 Function Call Data

Stage 2 analysis data is generated for the following function call categories:

- File Access
- Networking functionality
- Process Manipulation
- Security Access
- Windows Registry
- Surveillance
- Uses Cryptography
- Low-level Access
- Loads a driver
- Subverts API
- Misc

File Access Call Categories

Cerberus Stage 2 File Access Function Call Categories

Category		Description
File Access	Functions that manipulate (read, write, delete, modify) files on the local file system.	
	Filesystem.File.Read. ExecutableExtension	This is triggered by functionality which reads executable files from disk. The executable code can then be executed, obfuscated, stored elsewhere, transmitted, or otherwise manipulated.
	FileSystem.Physical. Read	This application may attempt to read data directly from disk, bypassing the filesystem layer. This is very uncommon in normal applications, and may indicate subversive activity.
	FileSystem.Physical. Write	This application may attempt to write data directly to disk, bypassing the filesystem layer in the operating system. This is very uncommon in normal applications, and may indicate subversive activity. It is also easy to do incorrectly, so this may help explain any system instability seen on the host.
	FileSystem.Directory. Create:	This indicates the application may attempt to create directory. Modifications to the file system are useful for diagnosing how an application persists, where its code and data are stored, and other useful information.
	FileSystem.Directory. Create.Windows:	This indicates an application may try to create a directory in the \Windows directory. This directory contains important operating system files, and legitimate applications rarely need to access it.
	FileSystem.Directory. Recursion:	This indicates the application may attempt to recurse through the file system, perhaps as part of a search functionality.
	FileSystem.Delete:	This indicates the application may delete files. With sufficient permissions, the application may be able to delete files which it did not write or even system files which could affect system stability.
	FileSystem.File.Delete .Windows:	This indicates the application may try to delete files in the \Windows directory, where important system files are stored. This is rarely necessary for legitimate applications, so this is a strong indicator of suspicious activity.
	FileSystem.File.Delete . System32:	This indicates the application may try to delete files in the \Windows\System32 directory, where important system files are stored. This is rarely necessary for legitimate applications, so this is a strong indicator of suspicious activity.
	FileSystem.File.Read. Windows:	This indicates the application may attempt to read from the \Windows directory, which is very uncommon for legitimate applications. \Windows is where many important system files are stored.
	FileSystem.File.Write. Windows:	This indicates the application may attempt to write to the \Windows directory, which is very uncommon for legitimate applications. \Windows is where many important system files are stored.

Cerberus Stage 2 File Access Function Call Categories (Continued)

Category		Description
	FileSystem.File.Read.System32:	This indicates the application may attempt to read from the \Windows\System32 directory, which is very uncommon for legitimate applications. \Windows\System32 is where many important system files are stored.
	FileSystem.File.Write.System32:	This indicates the application may attempt to write to the \Windows\System32 directory, which is very uncommon for legitimate applications. \Windows\System32 is where many important system files are stored.
	FileSystem.File.Write.ExecutableExtension:	This indicates the application may attempt to write an executable file to disk. This could indicate malicious software that has multiple 'stages', or it could indicate a persistence mechanism used by malware (i.e. write an executable file into the startup folder so it is run when the system starts up).
	FileSystem.File.Filename.Compression:	This indicates the program may write compressed files to disk. Compression can be useful to obfuscate strings or other data from quick, automated searches of every file on a filesystem.
	FileSystem.File.Filename.Autorun:	This indicates the application may write a program to a directory so that it will run every time the system starts up. This is a useful persistence mechanism.

Networking Functionality Call Categories

Cerberus Stage 2 Networking Functionality Function Call Categories

Category		Description
Networking functionality	Functions that enable sending and receiving data over the or other networks.	
	Network.FTP.Get:	Describes the use of FTP to retrieve files. This could indicate the vector a malware application uses to retrieve data from a C&C server.
	Network.Raw:	Functions in this category indicate use of the basic networking commands used to establish TCP, UDP, or other types of connections to other machines. Programmers who use these build their own communication protocol over TCP (or UDP or other protocol below the application layer) rather than using an application-layer protocol such as HTTP or FTP.
	Network.Raw.Listen:	Functionality in this category indicates the application accepts incoming connections over tcp, udp, or other lower-level protocol.
	Network.Raw. Receive:	Functionality in this bucket indicates that the application receives data using a socket communicating over a lower-level protocol such as TCP, UDP, or a custom protocol.
	Network.DNS.Lookup. Country.XX:	This indicates the application may attempt to resolve the address of machines in one of several countries. “XX” will be replaced by the ‘top level domain’, or TLD associated with the lookup, indicating the application may attempt to establish contact with a host in one of these countries.
	Network.HTTP.Read:	The application may attempt to read data over the network using the HTTP protocol. This protocol is commonly used by malware so that its malicious traffic appears to ‘blend in’ with legitimate web traffic.
	Network.HTTP. Connect.Nonstandard. Request:	This indicates the application may make an HTTP request which is not a head, get, or post request. The vast majority of web applications use one or more of these 3 kinds of requests, so this category indicates anomalous behavior.
	Network.HTTP. Connect.Nonstandard. Port:	Port: Most HTTP connections occur over either port 80 or 443. This indicates the application is communicating with the server over a non-standard port, which may be a sign that the server is not a normal, legitimate web server.
	Network.HTTP. Connect.Nonstandard. Header:	HTTP messages are partially composed of key-value pairs of strings which the receiver will need to properly handle the message. This indicates the application includes non-standard or very unusual header key-value pairs.
	Network.HTTP.Post:	This indicates the application makes a ‘post’ http request. ‘post’ messages are normally used to push data to a server, but malware may not honor this convention.

Cerberus Stage 2 Networking Functionality Function Call Categories (Continued)

Category		Description
	Network.HTTP.Head:	This indicates the application makes a ‘head http request. ‘head’ messages are normally used to determine information about a server’s state before sending a huge amount of data across the network, but malware may not honor this convention.
	Network.Connect. Country.XX:	This indicates the application may attempt to connect to a machines in one of several countries. “XX” will be replaced by the ‘top level domain’, or TLD associated with the lookup.
	FTP.Put:	The application may attempt to send files over the network using FTP. This may indicate an exfiltration mechanism used by malware.

Process Manipulation Call Categories

Cerberus Stage 2 Process Manipulation Function Call Categories

Category		Description
Process Manipulation	May contain functions to manipulate processes.	
	ProcessManagement.Enumeration:	This functionality indicates the application enumerates all processes. This could be part of a system survey or other attempt to contain information about the host.
	ProcessManagement.Thread.Create:	This indicates the target application may create multiple threads of execution. This can give insight into how the application operates, operating multiple pieces of functionality in parallel.
	ProcessManagement.Thread.Create.Suspended:	This indicates the application may create threads in a suspended state. Similar to suspended processes, this may indicate that the threads are only executed some time after they're created or that some properties are modified after they are created.
	ProcessManagement.Thread.Create:	This indicates the application may attempt to create a thread in another process. This is a common malware mechanism for 'hijacking' other legitimate processes, disguising the fact that malware is on the machine.
	ProcessManagement.Thread.Create.Remote:	This indicates that the application may create threads in other processes such that they start in a suspended state. Thus their functionality or other properties can be modified before they begin executing.
	ProcessManagement.Thread.Open:	The application may try to gain access to observe or modify a thread. This behavior can give insight into how threads interact to affect the host.
	ProcessManagement.Process.Open:	This application may attempt to gain access to observe or modify other processes. This can give strong insight into how the application interacts with system and what other processes it may try to subvert.
	ProcessManagement.Process.Create:	This application may attempt to create one or more other processes. Similar to threads, multiple processes can be used to parallelize an application's functionality. Understanding that processes are used rather than threads can shed insight on how an application accomplishes its goals.
	ProcessManagement.Process.Create.Suspended:	Describes functionality to create new processes in a suspended state. Processes can be created in a 'suspended' state so that none of the threads execute until it is resumed. While a process is suspended, the creating process may be able to substantially modify its behavior or other properties.

Security Access Call Categories

Cerberus Stage 2 Security Access Function Call Categories

Category		Description
Security Access	Functions that allow the program to change its security settings or impersonate other logged on users.	
	Security:	This category indicates use of any of a large number of security-related functions, including those manipulating security tokens, Access Control Entries, and other items. Even without using an exploit, modification of security settings can enable a malicious application to gain more privileges on a system than it would otherwise have.

Windows Registry Call Categories

Cerberus Stage 2 Windows Registry Function Call Categories

Category		Description
Windows Registry	Functions that manipulate (read, write, delete, modify) the local Windows registry. This also includes the ability to modify autoruns to persist a binary across boots.	
	Registry.Key.Create:	The application may attempt to create a new key in the registry. Keys are commonly used to persist settings and other configuration information, but other data can be stored as well.
	Registry.Key.Delete:	Registry.Key.Delete: This application may attempt to delete a key from the registry. While it is common to delete only keys that the application itself created, with sufficient permissions, Windows may not prevent an application from deleting other applications' keys as well.
	Registry.Key.Autorun:	This indicates the application may use the registry to try to ensure it or another application is run automatically on system startup. This is a common way to ensure that a program continues to run even after a machine is restarted.
	Registry.Value.Delete:	This indicates the application may attempt to delete the value associated with a particular key. As with the deletion of a key, this may not represent malicious activity so long as the application only deletes its own keys' values.
	Registry.Value.Set:	The application may attempt to set a value in the registry. This may represent malicious behavior if the value is set in a system key or the key of another application.
	Registry.Value.Set.Binary:	This indicates the application may store binary data in the registry. This data could be encrypted, compressed, or otherwise is not plain text.

Cerberus Stage 2 Windows Registry Function Call Categories (Continued)

Category		Description
	Registry.Value.Set.Text:	This indicates the application may write plain text to the registry. While the 'text' flag may be set, this does not mandate that the application write human-readable text to the registry.
	Registry.Value.Set.Autorun:	The application may set a value indicating it will use the registry to persist on the machine even after it restarts.

Surveillance Call Categories

Cerberus Stage 2 Surveillance Function Call Categories

Category		Description
Surveillance	Usage of functions that provide audio/video monitoring, keylogging, etc.	
	Driver.Setup:	Functionality in this category involves manipulation of INF files, logging, and other driver-related tasks. Drivers are used to gain complete control over a system, potentially even gaining control of other security products.
	Driver.DirectLoad:	Functionality in this category involves loading drivers. As noted in 'driver.setup', drivers represent ultimate control over a host system and should be extremely trustworthy.

Uses Cryptography Call Categories

Cerberus Stage 2 Uses Cryptography Function Call Categories

Category		Description
Uses Cryptography	Usage of the Microsoft CryptoAPI functions.	
	Crypto.Hash.Compute:	This indicates a hash function may be used by the target application. Hash functions are used to verify the integrity of communications or files to ensure they were not tampered with.
	Crypto.Algorithm.XX:	The "XX" could be any of several values, including 'md5', 'sha-1', or 'sha-256'. These represent particular kinds of hashes which the target application may use.
	Crypto.MagicValue:	This indicates that the target contains strings associated with cryptographic functionality. Even if the application does not use Windows OS functionality to use cryptography, the 'magic values' will exist so long as the target uses standard cryptographic algorithms.

Low-level Access Call Categories

Cerberus Stage 2 Low-level Access Function Call Categories

Category		Description
Low-level Access	Functions that access low-level operating system resources, for example reading sectors directly from disk.	
	Driver.Setup:	Functionality in this category involves manipulation of INF files, logging, and other driver-related tasks. Drivers are used to gain complete control over a system, potentially even gaining control of other security products.
	Driver.DirectLoad:	Functionality in this category involves loading drivers. As noted in 'driver.setup', drivers represent ultimate control over a host system and should be extremely trustworthy.
	Debugging.dbghelp:	This indicates use of functionality included in the dbghelp.dll module from the "Debugging Tools for Windows" package from Microsoft. With the proper permissions, the functionality in this library represents a power mechanism for disguising activity from investigators or for gaining control of other processes.
	Misc.SystemRestore:	Describes functionality involved in the System Restore feature, including removing and adding restore points. Restore points are often used as part of a malware-removal strategy, so removal of arbitrary restore points, especially without user interaction, may represent malicious activity.
	Debugging. ChecksForDebugger:	This is triggered if the application tries to determine whether it is being debugged. Malicious applications commonly try to determine whether they're being analyzed so that they can modify the behavior seen by analysts, making it difficult to discover their true functionality.

Loads a driver Call Categories

Cerberus Stage 2 Loads a driver Function Call Categories

Category	Description
Loads a driver	Functions that load drivers into a running system.

Subverts API Call Categories

Cerberus Stage 2 Subverts API Function Call Categories

Category	Description
Subverts API	Undocumented API functions, or unsanctioned usage of Windows APIs (for example, using native API calls).

Chapter 15

Running Cerberus Malware Analysis

This chapter includes the following topics about running Cerberus in FTK-based products.

- About Reviewing Results of Cerberus (page 221)
- Using Index Search with Cerberus (page 224)
- Exporting a Cerberus Report (page 224)

Running Cerberus Analysis

Cerberus Analysis consists of two stages of analysis that help you to locate potentially malicious files. You can enable this analysis when creating a case or using *Additional Analysis*.

See About Cerberus Malware Analysis on page 201.

Stage 1 is called a threat analysis and quickly examines an executable binary file for common attributes it may possess. Stage 2 is called static analysis. Static analysis is a disassembly analysis that takes more time to examine the details of the code within the file.

For more information see About Cerberus Malware Analysis (page 201)

Cerberus first runs a threat analysis. After it completes Stage 1 analysis, it can then automatically run a static analysis against binaries with a threat score that is higher than a certain threshold.

Cerberus analysis may slow down the speed of your overall processing. Depending on the size of your data set and the amount of executable binaries that you must examine, it may be advisable to run Cerberus analysis in two steps after you complete initial case processing. In this case, you can first only run Cerberus analysis stage 1 and then after stage 1 is completed, you can then choose to run Cerberus Analysis stage 2.

By default, you must be a *Case Manager* to run Cerberus analysis.

To run a Cerberus Analysis

1. Do one of the following:

When creating a new case	In the *Case Manager*, in the *New Case Options* dialog, click **Detailed Options**. Select *Evidence Processing*, then click **Cerberus Analysis**.
If working an existing case	in the *Examiner*, go to *Evidence* > *Additional Analysis*. In the *Additional Analysis* dialog, under the section *Indexing* / *Tools*, click **Cerberus Analysis**.

2. Next to *Cerberus Analysis*, click **Cerberus Options**.
3. In the *Cerberus Analysis dialog*, you can define the weight assigned to each Cerberus stage 1 score. These Stage 1 scores are designed to identify and score specific malware properties and traits. The user-defined weights can be saved per case as well as globally in the Evidence Processing templates.
4. In the *Cerberus Analysis dialog*, you can choose the option *Perform Cerberus Analysis stage 2 if stage 1 threshold is greater than n.* This option lets you choose to automatically run stage 2 analysis after stage 1 analysis completes. Do one of the following:

To run stage 1 analysis only	Deselect the option to *Perform Cerberus Analysis stage 2 if stage 1 threshold is greater than,* then only Cerberus Analysis stage 1 is run.
To run both stage 1 and stage 2 analysis	Select the option to *Perform Cerberus Analysis stage 2 if stage 1 threshold is greater than n.* Specify a threshold for a minimum threat score against which you want to run the stage 2 analysis. If a file's threat score is higher than the threshold value that you set, then stage 2 is run.If a file's threat score is lower than the threshold value, then stage 2 analysis is not run. By default, the threshold automatically runs stage 2 analysis against files with a threat score greater than +20.

5. Click **OK**.
6. In the *Additional Analysis* dialog, click **OK**.

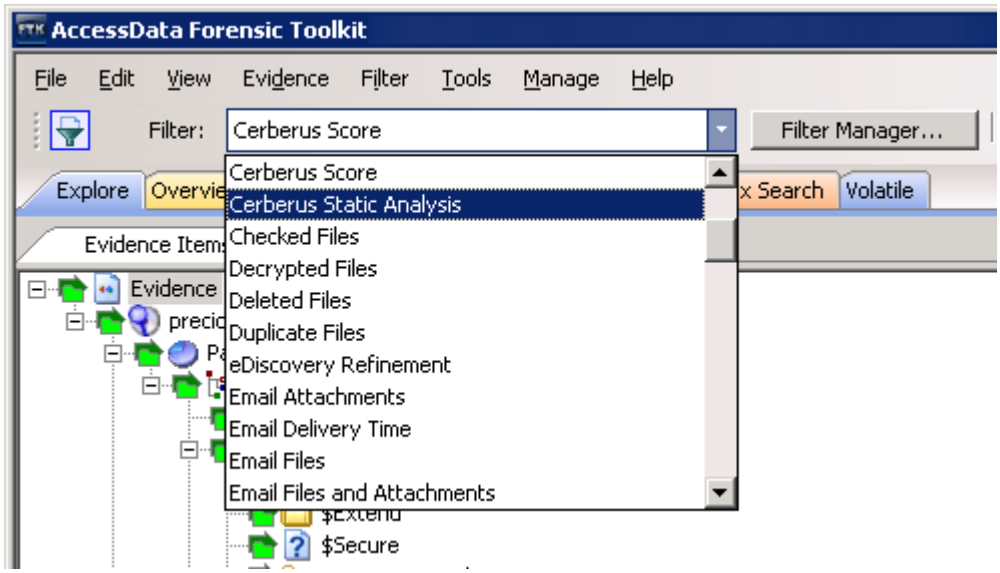
About Reviewing Results of Cerberus

You can use the *Examiner* to locate executable binaries that have had Cerberus analysis run against them. For executable binaries to have a Cerberus Score, a Case Administrator must first run a Cerberus Analysis.

The *Examiner* includes the following Cerberus filters that let you display only files that have had Cerberus run against them.

- *Cerberus Score*: Lets you limit the results that are displayed in the File List pane to only files that have had Cerberus Stage 1 analysis run against them.
- *Cerberus Static Analysis*: Lets you limit the results that are displayed in the File List pane to only files that have had both Cerberus Stage 1 analysis and Cerberus Stage 2 analysis.

Cerberus Filter View



Cerberus Columns

In the *File List* pane, there are Cerberus columns that display Cerberus results data.

See About Cerberus Stage 1 Threat Analysis on page 202.

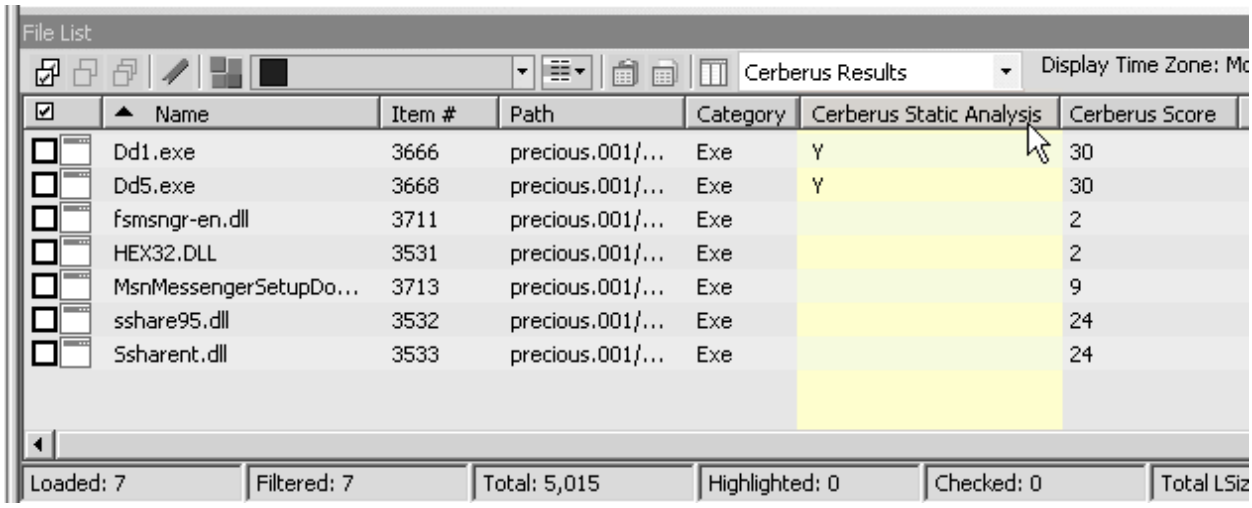
The data that the Cerberus filter uses to render the information is also available in columns in the *Item List*. These columns can be sorted and filtered.

There is a Column template that is pre-configured with columns for each of the Cerberus Threat Score Attributes.

See Icons of the File List Tool Bar on page 301.

You can you sort the list of files to see if they have had Cerberus Stage two Static Analysis run, see their threat score, or to see if they have attributes from a Cerberus stage 1 analysis.

Cerberus Columns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Reviewing Results of Cerberus

To view files with a Cerberus score

1. In the *Examiner*, open the *Explore* tab.
2. In the *Evidence Items* pane, use *Quick Picks* to select the evidence.
3. In the *Filter* drop-down menu, select one of the following:
   - *Cerberus Score*: Lets you limit the results that are displayed in the File List pane to only files that have had Cerberus Stage 1 analysis run against them.
   - *Cerberus Static Analysis*: Lets you limit the results that are displayed in the File List pane to only files that have had both Cerberus Stage 1 analysis and Cerberus Stage 2 analysis.
4. In the *File List* pane, in the *Column Setting* drop-down, select **Cerberus Results**.

   The *File List* pane shows all files that have been analyzed by Cerberus. It displays columns for each attribute that Cerberus 1 analyzes. If a file contained an attribute, the column cell displays a *Y*. If the file did not contain an attribute, the column cell displays an *N*. You can sort the files by clicking on a column heading. You can sort the displayed results by clicking a column header.
5. To view more details about the file, select it in the *File List* pane.

   Additional details about the Cerberus analysis are displayed in the *File Content* viewer in the *Natural* tab.

Using Index Search with Cerberus

The results of Cerberus analysis can be indexed so that you can run a search for them. The indexed information is an un-tagged version of the Cerberus HTML report. It is appended to the end of the content that is displayed in the File Content Pane's Filtered view.

See also Searching Evidence with Index Search (page 411).

To search for a Cerberus result

1. In the *Examiner*, click **Evidence > Additional Analysis**.
2. In the *Search Indexes* section, select **k® Text Index**.
3. In the *Miscellaneous* section, select **Cerberus Analysis**.
4. Click **Cerberus Options**.
5. Enter a Cerberus stage 2 Threshold and click **OK**.
6. In the *Additional Analysis* dialog, click **OK**.
7. In the *Examiner* click the **Index Search** tab.
8. In the *Terms* field, enter a value from the Cerberus report to search for and click **Add**. For example "Uses Cryptography."
9. Click **Search Now**.
10. (Optional) In the *Indexed Search FIlter Option* dialog, you can apply a filter. For example *Cerberus Score*.
11. Click **OK**.
12. In the *Indexed Results* pane, you can select a search result. The search hit is highlighted and displayed in the *File Content* pane.

Exporting a Cerberus Report

You can export Cerberus results to an HTML file.

To export a Cerberus Report

1. In the *File List* pane, right click a file that has Cerberus results.
2. Click **Export**.
3. In the *Export* dialog, under *File Options*, select **Save HTML view (if available)**.
4. In the *Destination base path* field, browse to the location where you want to save the export.
5. Click **OK**.

Chapter 16

Getting Started with KFF (Known File Filter)

Introducing KFF

This document contains the following information about understanding and getting started using KFF (Known File Filter) with products 6.3 and later. If you are using products version 6.2 and earlier, refer to that version's documentation.

Important: AccessData applications versions 6.3 and later use a new KFF architecture. If you are using one of the following applications version 6.3 or later, you must install and implement the new KFF architecture:

- Forensics products (FTK, FTK Pro, AD Lab, AD Enterprise)
- Summation
- eDiscovery

See What has Changed in Version 6.3 and Later on page 256.

See What Changed in Version 7.0 on page 258.

The following sections explain how to install and configure the KFF Server and KFF environment.

- About KFF (page 227)
- Installing the KFF Server (page 231)
- Configuring the Location of the KFF Server (page 237)
- Migrating Legacy KFF Data from Previous Versions (page 240)
- Importing KFF Data (page 243)
- Installing KFF Updates (page 253)
- Uninstalling KFF (page 252)
- KFF Library Reference Information (page 254)
- What has Changed in Version 6.3 and Later (page 256)
- What Changed in FTK and Lab Version 6.4 (page 257)
- What Changed in March of 2018 (page 257)

After you have installed and configured the KFF Server and KFF environment refer to the following chapter on how to use KFF.

In the FTK, Lab, and Enterprise User Guides: See Using the Known File Filter (KFF) on page 259.

In the eDiscovery Admin Guide: See Using KFF (Known File Filter) on page 147.

In the Summation Admin Guide: See Using D-NIST (Known File Filter) on page 122.

About the KFF Server and Geolocation

Geolocation (GeoIP) data is used for the Geolocation Visualization feature of several AccessData products.

Important: In versions 6.3 and later, Geolocation data is installed automatically and independently and is no longer tied to KFF.

About KFF

KFF (Known File Filter) is a utility that compares the file hash values of known files against the files in your project. The known files that you compare against may be the following:

- Files that you want to ignore, such as operating system or application files
- Files that you want to be alerted about, such as malware or other contraband files

The hash values of files, such as MD5, are based on the file's content, not on the file name or extension. This helps you identify files even if they are renamed.

Using KFF during your analysis can provide the following benefits:

- Immediately identify and ignore 40-70% of files irrelevant to the project.
- Immediately identify known contraband files.

Introduction to the KFF Architecture

There are two distinct components of the KFF architecture:

- KFF Server - The KFF Server is the component that is used to store and process the KFF data against your evidence. After you install the KFF Server, you import your KFF data into it.

  See Installing the KFF Server on page 231.
- KFF Data - The KFF data are the hashes of the known files that are compared against the files in your project. The KFF data is organized in KFF Hash Sets and KFF Groups. The KFF data can be comprised of hashes obtained from pre-configured libraries (such as NSRL) or custom hashes that you configure yourself.

  See Components of KFF Data on page 227.

Components of KFF Data

Item	Description
Hash	The unique MD5 or SHA-1 hash value of a file. This is the value that is compared between known files and the files in your project.
Hash Set	A collection of hashes that are related somehow. The hash set has an ID, status, name, vendor, package, and version. In most cases, a set corresponds to a collection of hashes from a single source that have the same status.
Group	KFF Groups are containers that are used for managing the Hash Sets that are used in a project. KFF Groups can contains Hash Sets as well as other groups. Projects can only use a single KFF Group. However, when configuring your project you can select a single KFF Group which can contains nested groups.
Status	The specified status of a hash set of the known files which can be either Ignore or Alert. When a file in a project matches a known file, this is the reported status of the file in the project.

Item	Description
Library	A pre-defined collection of hashes that you can import into the KFF Server. You can use the following pre-defined libraries: ● NSRL ● For law enforcement users, you can also use Project Vic libraries. See About Pre-defined KFF Hash Libraries on page 228.

About the Organization of Hashes, Hash Sets, and KFF Groups

Hashes, such as MD5, SHA-1, etc., are based on the file's content, not on the file name or extension.

You can also import hashes into the KFF Server in **.CSV** format.

For FTK-based products, you can also import hashes into the KFF Server that are contained in **.TSV**, **.HKE**, **.HKE.TXT**, .HDI, .HDB, **.hash, .NSRL,** or **.KFF** file formats.

You can also manually add hashes.

Hashes are organized into Hash Sets. Hash Sets usually include hashes that have a common status, such as Alert or Ignore.

Hash Sets must be organized into to KFF Groups before they can be utilized in a case or project.

About Pre-defined KFF Hash Libraries

There are pre-configured hash sets currently available for KFF that come from federal government agencies and are available in KFF libraries.

See About KFF Pre-Defined Hash Libraries on page 254.

You can use the following KFF libraries:

- NIST NSRL
  See Importing the NIST NSRL Library on page 248.
- For law enforcement users using forensic products, you can also use Project Vic libraries.
  See Using Project VIC on page 275.

It is not required to use a pre-configured KFF library in order to use KFF. You can configure or import custom hash sets. See your application's *Admin Guide* for more information.

How KFF Works

The Known File Filter (KFF) is a body of MD5 and SHA1 hash values computed from electronic files. Some pre-defined data is gathered and cataloged by several US federal government agencies or you can configure you own. KFF is used to locate files residing within project evidence that have been previously encountered by other investigators or archivists. Identifying previously cataloged (known) files within a project can expedite its investigation.

When evidence is processed with the MD5 Hash (and/or SHA-1 Hash) and KFF options, a hash value for each file item within the evidence is computed, and that newly computed hash value is searched for within the KFF data. Every file item whose hash value is found in the KFF is considered to be a known file.

Note: If two hash sets in the same group have the same MD5 hash value, they must have the same metadata. If you change the metadata of one hash set, all hash sets in the group with the same MD5 hash file will be updated to the same metadata.

The KFF data is organized into Groups and stored in the KFF Server. The KFF Server service performs lookup functions.

Status Values

In order to accelerate an investigation, each known file can labeled as either Alert or Ignore, meaning that the file is likely to be forensically interesting (Alert) or uninteresting (Ignore). Other files have a status of Unknown.

The Alert/Ignore designation can assist the investigator to hone in on files that are relevant, and avoid spending inordinate time on files that are not relevant. Known files are presented in the Overview Tab's File Status Container, under "KFF Alert files" and "KFF Ignorable."

Hash Sets

The hash values comprising the KFF are organized into hash sets. Each hash set has a name, a status, and a listing of hash values. Consider two examples. The hash set "ZZ00001 Suspected child porn" has a status of Alert and contains 12 hash values. The hash set "BitDefender Total Security 2008 9843" has a status of Ignore and contains 69 hash values. If, during the course of evidence processing, a file item's hash value were found to belong to the "ZZ00001 Suspected child porn" set, then that file item would be presented in the KFF Alert files list. Likewise, if another file item's hash value were found to belong to the "BitDefender Total Security 2008 9843" set, then that file would be presented in the KFF Ignorable list.

In order to determine whether any Alert file is truly relevant to a given project, and whether any Ignore file is truly irrelevant to a project, the investigator must understand the origins of the KFF's hash sets, and the methods used to determine their Alert and Ignore status assignments.

You can install libraries of pre-defined hash sets or you can import custom hash sets. The pre-defined hash sets contain a body of MD5 and SHA1 hash values computed from electronic files that are gathered and cataloged by several US federal government agencies.

See About KFF Pre-Defined Hash Libraries on page 254.

Higher Level Structure and Usage

Because hash set groups have the properties just described, and because custom hash sets and groups can be defined by the investigator, the KFF mechanism can be leveraged in creative ways. For example, the investigator may define a group of hash sets created from encryption software and another group of hash sets created from child pornography files and then apply only those groups while processing.

About KFF Data Formats

When importing KFF data, you can import the following file formats:

- CSV file format
- Forensics products: .HDB, .HKE, .KFF, .XML, .HASH file formats
- Forensics products used by law enforcement: Project VIC JSON file format

About the CSV Format

When you import or export KFF data, you can import from or export to a CSV format. When you use the .CSV format, you use a single .CSV file at a time. The .CSV file can contain hashes, Hash Sets and KFF Groups that you import or export.

See Components of KFF Data on page 227.

Using the CSV format	
Exporting to CSV format	When you export KFF data using the CSV format, you can export specific pieces of KFF data, such as one or more Hash Sets or one or more KFF Groups. The exported CSV contains the hashes as well as all of the information about any associated Hash Sets and KFF Groups. Each export is contained in one .CSV file. CSV files can be easily viewed and can be manually edited.
Importing from CSV format	When you import a CSV file, the data in the file is data is added to your existing KFF data. The CSV file can be a simple file containing only the hashes of files, or it can contain additional information about Hash Sets and KFF Groups. For example, suppose you manually created four Hash Sets and one KFF Group. That would be the only contents in your *KFF Server*. Suppose you import a .CSV file that contains five hash sets and two KFF Groups. They will be added together for a total of nine Hash Sets and three KFF Groups. To import .CSV files, you can do either of the following: • Use the KFF Import feature in your application. See *Using the Known File Feature* chapter. • Use the stand-alone KFF Import Utility. See Importing KFF Data on page 243.

To view a sample of a .CSV file that contains binaries and Hash Sets and KFF Groups, perform a CSV export and view the file in Excel. You can also use the format of CSV files that were exported in previous versions.

Installing the KFF Server

About Installing the KFF Server

In order to use KFF, you must first install and configure a KFF Server.

- For product versions 6.3 and later, you install a KFF Server by installing Apache Cassandra.
- For product versions 5.6 - 6.2, you install a KFF Server by installing the AccessData Elasticsearch.

Where you install the KFF Server depends on the product you are using with KFF.

See Determining Where to Install the KFF Server on page 233.

About KFF Server Versions

The KFF Server (AccessData Elasticsearch Windows Service) may be updated from time to time. It is best to use the latest version.

Product Version	KFF Server	Released	Installation Instructions
6.3, 6.4, 6.5, 7.0	Apache Cassandra Version 3.11.2	• March 2018 (stand-alone update)	See Determining Where to Install the KFF Server on page 233. See Downloading the Latest KFF Installation Files on page 232. This 3.11.2 version should be installed over the 3.11.0 version (do not uninstall 3.11.0). This will maintain your KFF data.
6.3	Apache Cassandra Version 3.11.0	• October 2017 with 6.3 versions of ▪ FTK-based products ▪ Summation ▪ eDiscovery	**Note:** This version is not compatible with the Java version 8 update 161. This was fixed with Cassandra database 3.11.2

About Upgrading from Earlier Versions

If you have used KFF with applications with a previous KFF Server architecture (products 6.2 and earlier), you can migrate your legacy KFF data to the new architecture.

See Migrating Legacy KFF Data from Previous Versions on page 240.

Process for Installing KFF

The process for installing KFF is as follows:

1. Downloading the Latest KFF Installation Files (page 232)
2. Determining Where to Install the KFF Server (page 233)
3. Installing the KFF Server (page 235)
4. Configuring the KFF Server location:
   - Configuring the KFF Server Location on AD Lab and AD Enterprise (page 237)
   - Configuring the KFF Server Location on Summation or eDiscovery (page 238)
5. (Optional) Upgrading or importing KFF data.
   - See Migrating Legacy KFF Data from versions 5.5 and earlier on page 241.
   - About Importing KFF Data (page 243)
   - Importing Pre-defined KFF Data Libraries (page 247)

Downloading the Latest KFF Installation Files

You can download ISO files which has the latest KFF files. Files may be updated from time to time.

To download the latest KFF Installation Files

1. Go to the AccessData Current Releases - Digital Forensics product download page.
   You can also download the file from the FTK or AD Lab product download pages.
2. Expand the following:
   - **Known File Filter (KFF) Compatible with 5.6 and up**
3. Click the following:
   - **DOWNLOAD Page** for *Known File Filter (KFF) Compatible with 6.4 and Newer Versions*.
4. Click **Download Now.**

Determining Where to Install the KFF Server

Where you install the KFF Server depends on the application and environment you are running.

- For FTK and FTK Pro applications, the KFF Server **must** be installed on the same computer that runs the FTK Examiner application.
- For AD Lab and AD Enterprise, applications, the KFF Server can be installed on the same computer that runs the FTK Examiner application or on a different computer. For performance purposes, it is generally installed on a different computer.

  See AD Lab and AD Enterprise on page 233.
- For Summation or eDiscovery, the KFF Server may be installed on either the same computer as the application or on a different computer. For large environments, it is recommended that the KFF Server be installed on a dedicated computer.

  See Summation or eDiscovery on page 234.
- After installing the KFF Server, you configure the application with the location of the KFF Server.

See Configuring the Location of the KFF Server on page 237.

AD Lab and AD Enterprise

With AD Lab and Enterprise, you generally install the KFF Server on a different computer than the application.

Special Configuration Steps for KFF

When you install the KFF Server on a different computer than the application you perform special configuration steps by doing the following:

- Configure the KFF Sever location.

  See Configuring the KFF Server Location on AD Lab and AD Enterprise on page 237.
- Application version 6.3 and later:
  - During the installation of Cassandra, you must enable and configure Remote Access.

    See Installing the KFF Server on page 235.
  - If you installed Cassandra without enabling remote access, you can manually configure Cassandra.

    See Manually Configuring Remote Setting for Cassandra on page 239.

Summation or eDiscovery

With Summation or eDiscovery, you may have one of the following environments. The type of environment determines where and how to configure the KFF Server.

Environment	KFF Server Location and Configuration
Single Server	All components of the application are installed on a single server. ● You can install the KFF Server on this server or a different remote computer. ● If you install the KFF Server on the same server, no special configuration for KFF is needed. ● If you install the KFF Server on a remote computer, you must perform special configuration steps for KFF.
Distributed Components with Local Processing	Components of the application are installed on multiple servers. For example, the MAP component is on one server and other application components, such as WCF Services and Local Processing are installed on a separate computer. ● You can install the KFF Server on the same server as WCF Services and Local Processing or on a different remote computer. ● If you install the KFF Server on the same server, no special configuration for KFF is needed. ● If you install the KFF Server on a remote computer, you must perform special configuration steps for KFF.
Distributed Processing Manager and Engines	You have installed the Distributed Processing Manager and Distributed Processing Engines. ● You can install the KFF Server on any computer. ● You must perform special configuration steps for KFF.
Dedicated KFF Server	For performance, you can install the KFF Server on a dedicated computer. ● You must perform special configuration steps for KFF.

If you do not need to perform special configuration steps, you can use default settings.

Special Configuration Steps for KFF

If needed, when you perform special configuration steps, you must do the following:

- Configure the KFF Sever location by editing two application configuration files.
  See Configuring the KFF Server Location on Summation or eDiscovery on page 238.
- Application version 6.3 and later:
  - During the installation of Cassandra, you must enable and configure remote access.
    See Installing the KFF Server on page 235.
  - If you installed Cassandra without enabling remote access, you can manually configure Cassandra.
    See Manually Configuring Remote Setting for Cassandra on page 239.

Installing the KFF Server

How you install the KFF Server depends on version of the product you are running.

For product versions 6.3 and later, you install the KFF Server by installing Apache Cassandra 3.11.2.

Cassandra Prerequisites

Python 2.7	When you install Cassandra, it will also automatically install Python 2.7.13 if needed.
Java 8 (64-bit)	**Important:** In order to install Cassandra, you must have 64-bit Java for Windows version 8. No other version of Java (7 or 9) is currently supported. The latest version of Java that has been tested with KFF is Java 8 update 192 (64-bit). Before installing Cassandra, you must install Java 8. To install Java 8, go to: https://java.com/en/download/windows-64bit.jsp If you are using a 32-bit browser, your browser may automatically download the 32-bit version. You must use the 64-bit version. **Important:** A previous release of the Cassandra database (3.11.0) that was released with 6.3 is not compatible with the Java version 8 update 161 or higher. If using Cassandra database 3.11.0, update to 3.11.2. See About KFF Server Versions on page 231.

Cassandra and Firewalls

During the installation, if you check the box to *Enable Remote Access*, the installer creates an inbound exception rule for the port entered in the Cassandra installer (if the rule has not already been created).

The rule has the following attributes:

- name = AccessData Cassandra Remote Access Port
- direction = in
- program = “<install directory>\Cassandra\bin\daemon\prunsrv.exe”
- local port = 9042 (or whatever the user entered)
- protocol = tcp

If you uninstall Cassandra, the installer checks to see if Enable Remote Access was checked during install, and if it was, the installer looks for the above firewall rule using the 5 listed attributes, and if it finds the rule, it removes it from the firewall.

Installing Cassandra

To install Cassandra

1. Select the computer that you want to install Cassandra on.
   See Determining Where to Install the KFF Server on page 233.
2. If needed, install 64-bit Java 8.
   See Cassandra Prerequisites on page 235.
3. Use one of the following to access AccessData_Cassandra_Installer.exe:
   - Installation Disk
   - Download ISO
     See Downloading the Latest KFF Installation Files on page 232.
4. Launch Cassandra\AccessData_Cassandra_Installer.exe.
5. If needed, click **Install** to install Python 2.7 (x64).
6. On the Cassandra installer *Welcome* page, click **Next**.
7. Accept the license terms and click **Next**.
8. Verify or change the the *Destination Folder* and click **Next**.
9. If needed, configure Remote Access.
   See Determining Where to Install the KFF Server on page 233.

Important: If installing for FTK, do not enable Remote Access. FTK requires a setting of localhost.

9a. Select *Enable Remote Access*.

9b. In the *RPC_Address* field, enter the IP address of the computer you are installing on. For example, 10.10.10.10.

9c. In the *Native Transport Port Number* field, leave the default 9042.

9d. Click **Next**.

If you do not enable Remote Access during installation, you can manually configure it later.
See Manually Configuring Remote Setting for Cassandra on page 239.

10. If you enabled Remote Access, set the User Credentials for the service and click **Next**.
11. Click **Install** to perform the installation.
12. Click **Finish**.
13. If your AccessData application is already open, restart it.

Configuring the Location of the KFF Server

After installing the KFF Server, on the computer running the application, such as Summation, eDiscovery, FTK, or AD Lab, you configure the location of the KFF Server.

Do one of the following:

- Configuring the KFF Server Location on AD Lab and AD Enterprise (page 237)
- Configuring the KFF Server Location on Summation or eDiscovery (page 238)
- Manually Configuring Remote Setting for Cassandra (page 239)

Configuring the KFF Server Location on AD Lab and AD Enterprise

If running FTK, you use default settings.

If running with AD Lab or AD Enterprise, and if not using default settings, before using KFF, you must configure the location of the KFF Server.

Important: To configure KFF, you must be logged in with Admin privileges.

To view or edit KFF configuration settings

1. In the *Case Manager*, click **Tools > Preferences > Configure KFF**.
2. You can set or view the address of the KFF Server.
   - If you installed the KFF Server on the same computer as the application, this value will be localhost.
   - If you installed the KFF Server on a different computer, identify the KFF server.
3. Click **Test** to validate communication with the KFF Server.
4. Click **Save**.
5. Click **OK**.

Configuring the KFF Server Location on Summation or eDiscovery

When using the KFF Server with Summation or eDiscovery, two configuration files must point to the KFF Server location.

Important: If you are upgrading to 6.3 or later from 6.2 or earlier, the syntax of and the port values for the KFF Server have changed. If the KFF Server is not being recognized, make sure that the two config files are correct.

See What has Changed in Version 6.3 and Later on page 256.

KFF Server Location scenarios
If one of the following is true, you can use the default settings and the KFF Server location is configured as "localhost". ● Your Summation or eDiscovery installation is on a single server ● Your Summation or eDiscovery installation is on multiple servers, and you install the KFF Server on the same server that is running WorkManager If needed, you can verify the settings without changing them.
If one of the following is true, you must manually specify the location of the KFF Server: ● If you change the location of your KFF Server ● If you install the KFF Server on a different computer than is running WorkManager ● If you are using distributed processing For KFF processing to work correctly in this situation, change the the **KFFServerURL** setting from "localhost" to the actual IP address.

Manually Verifying or Configuring the KFF Server Location on products 6.3 and later

1. Configure **AdgWindowsServiceHost.exe.config:**
   - 1a. On the computer running the work manger service, go to **C:\Program Files\AccessData\Common\FTK Business Services**.
   - 1b. Open **AdgWindowsServiceHost.exe.config**.
   - 1c. Find the line **<add key="KFFServerUrl" value="localhost:9042" />**.
     Note: 9042 is the default port for Cassandra.
   - 1d. If needed, change *localhost* to be the location IP address of your KFF server.
     For example, value="10.10.10.10:9042"
     Otherwise, leave as localhost.
   - 1e. Leave the following line unchanged:
     <add key="KFFServerDBType" value="Cassandra" />
   - 1f. Save and close the file.
   - 1g. If you changed the file, restart the *AccessData Business Services Common* service.

2. Configure **Infrastructure.WorkExecutionServices.Host.exe.config**:
   2a. On the computer running the work manger service, go to **C:\Program Files\AccessData\eDiscovery\WorkManager**.
   2b. Open **Infrastructure.WorkExecutionServices.Host.exe.config**.
   2c. Find the line **<add key="KFFServerUrl" value="localhost:9042" />**.
   Note: 9042 is the default port for Cassandra.
   2d. If needed, change *localhost* to be the location IP address of your KFF server.
   For example, value="10.10.10.10:9042"
   Otherwise, leave as localhost.
   2e. Leave the following line unchanged:
   <add key="KFFServerDBType" value="Cassandra" />
   2f. Save and close the file.
   2g. If you changed the file, restart the *AccessData Work Manager* service.
3. Migrate or Import your KFF Hash Data.
   See About Importing KFF Data on page 243.

Manually Configuring Remote Setting for Cassandra

In some situations Cassandra needs be to configured to enable Remote Access.

See Determining Where to Install the KFF Server on page 233.

During the installation of Cassandra there is the option to *Enable Remote Access* and then set the *RPC_Address* (the IP address of the computer that Cassandra is installed on).

If you set these settings correctly during the installation, no further configuration is needed.

However, if you did not enable remote access or make a change, you can manually configure the remote settings for Cassandra.

Note: Use an editor that supports YAML files.

To manually configuring remote settings for Cassandra

1. Go to the location that you installed Cassandra.
   By default, it is C:\Program Files\AccessData\Cassandra.
2. Open the \conf folder.
3. Edit the cassandra.yaml file.
4. Search for rpc_address:
5. Change the address from local host to the IP or DNS name of the computer running Cassandra.
   For example change **rpc_address: localhost** to **rpc_address: 10.10.10.10**
6. Search for native_transport_port:
7. Verify that the setting is:
   native_transport_port: 9042 (or the port you are using)
8. Save and exit the file.
9. Restart the AccessData Cassandra service.

Migrating Legacy KFF Data from Previous Versions

You can migrate KFF Data from a previous KFF Server architecture to a newer one.

- See Migrating Legacy KFF Data from versions 5.6 - 6.2 to 6.4 on page 240.
- See Migrating Legacy KFF Data from versions 5.5 and earlier on page 241.

Migrating Legacy KFF Data from versions 5.6 - 6.2 to 6.4

If you have are using applications version 6.3 and later and you previously used KFF with applications versions 5.5 - 6.2, you can migrate the older data from the Elasticsearch KFF Server to the new KFF Server architecture used in 6.3 and later. To migrate the KFF data, you use the *AccessData Has Manager Migration Tool*. This tool is a separate Windows-based application.

Important: Please note the following:

- Applications version 6.3 and later can only use the new KFF architecture that was introduced in versions 6.3. If you want to use KFF data from previous versions, you must migrate the data.
- If you have NSRL, NDIC, or DHS data in your legacy data, those sets will not be migrated. You must re-import them using the 6.3 versions or later of those libraries. Only legacy custom KFF data will be migrated.
- You must use the same version of the KFF Migration as the product you are using. If you are using 6.4, you must use the 6.4 version of the KFF Migration Tool.
- You cannot migrate data from 5.5 and earlier directly to 6.3 or later. You must do a two-step migration process and migrate first to the 5.6-6.2 format.
- If you already have data in Cassandra and you migrate from Elasticsearch, if the same hash exists on bother servers, and one if either one of them has an Alert status, it will be given an Alert status. Otherwise, data will be migrated with the same values.

Legacy KFF data is migrated to KFF Groups and Hash Sets on the new KFF Server.

You migrate data using the KFF Migration Tool. To use the KFF Migration Tool, you identify the following:

- The server where the legacy Elasticsearch KFF data is located.
- The server where the legacy Elasticsearch KFF data will be located to (the Cassandra location).

To install the KFF Migration Tool

1. You can install the KFF Migration Tool onto any computer as long as it can access the servers running Elasticsearch and Cassandra.
2. Use one of the following to access the KFF_Migration_Tool.exe installer:
   - Installation Disk:
     Run the autorun.exe
     Click the **Hash Manager Migration Tool**.
   - Download ISO:
     See Downloading the Latest KFF Installation Files on page 232.
     Run KFF_Migration\KFF_Migration_Tool.exe
3. Complete the installation wizard.
   The default path is Program Files (x86)\AccessData\HashManagerMigration.
   You can use the default or enter a new path.
4. The tool is automatically opened after installation.

To migrate legacy KFF data

1. Launch the KFF Hash Manager Migration Tool.
2. Enter the location and port of the legacy ElasticSearch KFF data.
   For example, if ElasticSearch is on the same computer, you can use the default location of http://localhost:9200.
   If it is on a different computer, enter the IP address and port of the computer. For example, http://10.10.10.10:9200.
3. Enter the location of the new KFF server (Cassandra database).
   For example, if Cassandra is on the same computer, you can use the default location of localhost. If it is on a different computer, enter the IP address, for example, 10.10.10.10.
4. Click **Start Migration**.

Migrating Legacy KFF Data from versions 5.5 and earlier

If you have used KFF with applications versions 5.5 and earlier, you can migrate that data from the legacy KFF Server to the Elasticsearch KFF Server architecture that was used in version 5.6 - 6.2. You cannot migrate data from 5.5 directly to 6.3 or later. Instead, you must upgrade the legacy to a 5.6 - 6.2 format, then migrate that to 6.3.

Important: Applications version 5.6 - 6.2 can only use the Elasticsearch KFF architecture. If you want to use KFF data from previous versions, you must migrate the data.

Important: If you have NSRL, NDIC, or DHS data in your legacy data, those sets will not be migrated. You must re-import them using the 5.6 - 6.2 versions of those libraries. Only legacy custom KFF data will be migrated.

Legacy KFF data is migrated to KFF Groups and Hash Sets on the new KFF Server.

Because KFF Templates are no longer used, they will be migrated as KFF Groups, and the groups that were under the template will be added as sub-groups.

You migrate data using the KFF Migration Tool. To use the KFF Migration Tool, you identify the following:

- The Storage Directory folder where the legacy KFF data is located.
  This was folder was configured using the KFF Server Configuration utility when you installed the legacy KFF Server. If needed, you can use this utility to view the KFF Storage Directory. The default location of the KFF_Config.exe file is Program Files\AccessData\KFF.
- The URL of the new KFF Server (the computer running the AccessData Elastic Search Windows Service)
  This is populated automatically if the new KFF Server has been installed.

To install the KFF Migration Tool

1. On the computer where you have installed the KFF Server, access the KFF Installation disc, and run the `autorun.exe`.
2. Click the *64 bit* or *32 bit* **Install KFF Migration Utility**.
3. Complete the installation wizard.

To migrate legacy KFF data

1. On the legacy KFF Server, you must stop the KFF Service.
   You can stop the service manually or use the legacy KFF Config.exe utility.
2. On the new KFF Server, launch the KFF Migration Tool.
3. Enter the directory of the legacy KFF data.

4. The URL of Elasticsearch should be listed.
5. Click **Start**.
6. When completed, review the summary data.

Importing KFF Data

About Importing KFF Data

You can import hashes and KFF Groups that have been previous configured.

You can import KFF data in one of the following formats:

KFF Data sources that you can import

Source	Description
Pre-configured KFF libraries	You can import KFF data from the following pre-configured libraries ● NIST NSRL ● Law enforcement users: Project VIC To import large KFF libraries, use the KFF Import Utility. See About KFF Data Import Tools on page 243. See Importing Pre-defined KFF Data Libraries on page 247. See KFF Library Reference Information on page 254.
Custom Hash Sets and KFF Groups	You can import custom hashes from CSV and other file types. See About the CSV Format on page 230. You can import custom CSV files either through the application or the KFF Import Utility. Other files types can be imported in FTK. See About KFF Data Import Tools on page 243.

About KFF Data Import Tools

When you import KFF data, you can use one of two tools:

KFF Data Import Tools

The application's Import feature	The KFF management feature in the application lets you import .CSV files (especially files that only have one KFF status). For FTK-based forensics products, you can also import custom hashes from the following file types: ● Delimited files (CSV or TSV) ● Hash Database files (HDB) ● FTK Exported KFF files (KFF) ● FTK Supported XML files (XML) ● FTK Exported Hash files (HASH) ● Project VIC JSON files To import these kinds of files, use the KFF Import feature in your application. See *Using the Known File Feature* chapter. You can also manually create your own KFF hash set data.

KFF Data Import Tools

KFF Import Utility	You can import files using the KFF Import Utility. It is recommended that you use the KFF Import Utility to import files in the following situations: ● A CSV file that has a mixture of Alert and Ignore statuses. ● Large pre-configured libraries: ■ NIST NSRL See Using the KFF Import Utility on page 245. **Important:** You must use the same version of the KFF Import Utility as the product you are using. If you are using 6.4, you must use the 6.4 version of the KFF Import Utility to import the NSRL library into the KFF Server.

About Default Status Values

When you import KFF data, you configure a default status value of Alert or Ignore. When adding Hash Sets to KFF Groups, you can configure the KFF Groups to use the default status values of the Hash Set or you can configure the KFF Group with a status that will override the default Hash Set values.

See Components of KFF Data on page 227.

About Duplicate Hashes

If multiple Hash Set files containing the same Hash identifier are imported into a single KFF Group, the group keeps the last Hash Set's metadata information, overwriting the previous Hash Sets' metadata. This only happens within an individual group and not across multiple groups.

Using the KFF Import Utility

It is important that you use the correct version of the KFF Import Utility with the version of the application you are using. The KFF Import Utility was modified significantly for 6.3.

Important: You must use the same version of the KFF Import Utility as the product you are using.

- If you are using 6.4, you must use the 6.4 version of the KFF Import Utility to import the NSRL library into the KFF Server.
- If you are using 6.3, you must use the 6.3 version of the KFF Import Utility to import the NSRL library into the KFF Server.

Using the KFF Import Utility versions 6.3 and later

About the KFF Import Utility

Due to the large size of some KFF data, a stand-alone KFF Import utility is available to use to import the data. This KFF Import utility can import large amounts of data faster then using the import feature in the application.

It is recommend that you install and use the KFF Import utility to import the following pre-configured libraries:

- NIST NSRL

After importing NSRL libraries, these libraries are displayed in the *Currently Installed Sets* list.

See Components of KFF Data on page 227.

You can also use the KFF Import Utility to remove the NSRL, NDIC, or DHS indexes that you have imported.

Installing the KFF Import Utility versions 6.3, 6.4, and later

You must use the matching version of the KFF Import Utility with your application, for example, 6.3 or 6.4.

To install the KFF Import Utility

1. On the computer where you have installed the KFF Server, access the KFF Installation disc, and run the **autorun.exe**.
2. Use one of the following to access the KFF_Import_Utility.exe installer:
   - Installation Disk:
     Run the autorun.exe
     Click the **Install KFF Import Utility**.
   - Download ISO:
     See Downloading the Latest KFF Installation Files on page 232.
     Run KFFImportUtil\KFF_Migration_Tool.exe
3. Complete the installation wizard.
4. To import libraries, see See About Importing Pre-defined KFF Data Libraries on page 247.

Importing a CSV Using the KFF Import Utility versions 6.3 and later

You can import Hash Sets and KFF Groups by importing a custom CSV file.

See About the CSV Format on page 230.

To import a CSV using the KFF Import Utility

1. Open the KFF Import Utility.
2. Click the *Browse ..* button and locate the CSV that you want to import.
3. Click **Open**.
4. (Optional) - Enter package, vendor, version, etc.
5. If you installed Cassandra enabling Remote Access, in the *Server address* field, you must enter the computer's IP that has Cassandra installed on it, even if it is on the same computer as the import utility. Otherwise, leave it as localhost.
6. Click **Import**.
7. When complete, click **OK**.

Verifying a File Using the KFF Import Utility versions 6.3 and later

You can verify imported Hash Sets and KFF Groups to ensure the correct file is being imported.

To verify a file using the KFF Import Utility

1. Open the KFF Import Utility.
2. Click the Browse .. button and locate the file that you want to import.
3. (Optional) - Enter set name, package, vendor, version, and set status.
4. If you installed Cassandra enabling Remote Access, in the Server address field, you must enter the computer's IP that has Cassandra installed on it, even if it is on the same computer as the import utility. Otherwise, leave it as localhost.
5. Click **Verify**.
6. When complete, the Success window will appear, showing the following details:
   Group Count, Set Count, Hash Count, Photo DNA Count
7. If you would like to open the log for further examination of the data, select **Yes**. If not, select **No** and the window will close.

Removing Pre-defined KFF Libraries Using the KFF Import Utility version 6.3 and later

You can remove a pre-defined KFF Library that you have previously imported.

You cannot see or remove existing custom KFF data (your own CSVs or manually entered data).

To remove pre-defined KFF Libraries

1. On the KFF Server, open the KFF Import Utility.
2. Select the library that you want to remove.
3. Click **Remove**.

Importing Pre-defined KFF Data Libraries

About Importing Pre-defined KFF Data Libraries

After you install the KFF Server, you can import pre-defined NIST NSRL libraries.

See About KFF Pre-Defined Hash Libraries on page 254.

Important: In versions 6.3, you must import specific files for these versions. It is recommend that you use the KFF Import Utility.

After importing pre-defined KFF Libraries, you can remove them from the KFF Server.

- Removing Pre-defined KFF Libraries Using the KFF Import Utility version 6.3 and later (page 246)

See the following sections:

- Importing the NIST NSRL Library (page 248)

Importing the NIST NSRL Library

To import NSRL data in applications version 6.3, 6.4, 7.0, and later, you can do one of the following:

- Download version 2.58 or later RDS files from nist.gov and import them.
  See Downloading and Importing the NIST NSRL Files from NIST.ORG on page 248.
- Download version 2.54 files from AccessData and import them.
  See Downloading and Importing the NIST NSRL Files from NIST.ORG on page 248.

Important: The NSRL library is very large. It can take several hours to import it.

Downloading and Importing the NIST NSRL Files from NIST.ORG

You can download the latest ISO files directly from the NIST.GOV.

After you have downloaded the files, you import them into the KFF Server.

Before importing NSRL data, we recommend that you verify the hashes of the iso files that you downloaded from NIST. This assures that the data has not been corrupted.

Important: Please note the following:

- The complete NSRL library data is contained in a large (3 GB) .ZIP file in the image file. When expanded, the data is about 14 GB.
- You must not have a previous version version of the NSRL library installed. If needed, uninstall the previous version first.

To download NSRL files from NIST.ORG

1. Go to https://www.nist.gov/software-quality-group/national-software-reference-library-nsrl
2. Click **NSRL Download**.
3. Click **Current RDS Hash Sets**.
4. Click and download **Modern RDS**.
5. Compare and the hashes of your downloaded iso files with the hashes listed at:
   https://s3.amazonaws.com/rds.nsrl.nist.gov/RDS/current/version.txt
   (This address is case-sensitive)

To prepare NSRL files for importing

1. Mount the RDS ISO file.
2. Create a folder that you can browse to from the Import Utility (for example, **RDS_258_modern**).
3. Extract the NSRLFile.txt.zip file into that RDS folder.
4. Copy the following files from the ISO image to that same RDS folder:
   - NSRLProd.txt
   - NSRLOS.txt
   - NSRLMfg.txt
5. Create an **AppTypes.txt** file.

   In this file, you can specify application files that you may want to flag as Alert rather than Ignore.

   5a. In the same folder as the NSRLFile.txt.zip file, create a text file named **AppTypes.txt**.

   5b. In the file, include the following text:

   This is a text file listing the application types (one per line) which should have "Alert" status set:

   Anti-KeyLogger

   Computer Investigation

   Data Encryption

   Disk Wiper

   Encryption

   Forensic

   Forensic Toolkit

   Hacker Tool

   Keyboard Logger

   Steganography

   5c. Save and exit the file.
6. Verify that the folder has the following files:
   - NSRLProd.txt
   - NSRLOS.txt
   - NSRLMfg.txt
   - NSRLFile.txt
   - AppTypes.txt

To import the NIST NSRL library (2.58 or later)

1. On the KFF Server, launch the 6.3 or later version of the *KFF Import Utility*.

   See About Importing KFF Data on page 243.
2. Do the following:

   2a. In the *File to Import* field, browse to and select the **NSRLFile.txt** file that you previously extracted.

   2b. If you installed Cassandra enabling Remote Access, in the *Server address* field, you must enter the computer's IP that has Cassandra installed on it, even if it is on the same computer as the import utility. Otherwise, use localhost.

   2c. Click **Import**.

   2d. When the import is complete, click **OK**.

   2e. The NSRL library will be listed in the *Currently Installed Sets*.

Importing the NIST NSRL Library Files from AccessData (v2.54)

You can download version 2.54 files from AccessData and import them.

See About NSRL Library Files Provided by AccessData on page 250.

Important: The NSRL library data is contained in a large (3.75 GB) .ZIP file. When expanded, the data is about 21.7 GB. Make sure that your file system can support files of this size.

About NSRL Library Files Provided by AccessData

You can import the NSRL library into your KFF Server. During the import, two KFF Groups are created: NSRL_Alert and NSRL_Ignore. In FTK-based products, these two groups are automatically added to the Default KFF Group.

The NSRL libraries are updated from time to time. The NSRL import feature supports appending new data and updating existing data when importing a newer version. To import and maintain the NSRL data, you do the following:

Process for Importing and Maintaining the NIST NSRL Library

1. Import the complete NSRL library.	You must first install the most current complete NSRL library. You can later add updates to it. To access and import the complete NSRL library, see Importing the NIST NSRL Library (page 248)
2. Import updates to the library	When updates are made available, import the updates to bring the data up-to date. See Installing KFF Updates on page 253. **Important:** In order to use the NSRL updates, you must first import the complete library. When you install an NSRL update, you must keep the previous NSRL versions installed in order to maintain the complete set of NSRL data.

Available NRSL library files (new format)

NSRL Library Release	Released	Information
Complete library version 2.54 (source .ZIP file)	Mar 2017	For use only with applications version 5.6 and later. Contains the full NSRL library up through update 2.54.
Complete library version 2.45 (source .ZIP file)	Nov 2014	For use only with applications version 5.6 and later. Contains the full NSRL library up through update 2.45.

To install the v 2.54 NSRL library

1. On the computer that you want to be the KFF Server, extract the nsrlsource_2.54.zip file that is at the root of the ISO.
2. On the computer that you want to be the KFF Server, install the AccessData Cassandra Service.
3. Install the *KFF Import Utility* version 6.3.
4. Use the *KFF Import Utility* to import the NSRL library by doing the following:

4a. Launch the *KFF Import Utility*.

4b. Browse to the NSRLFile.txt that is contained in the nsrlsource_2.54 folder.

4c. Click **Open**.

4d. Click **Import**.

4e. When the import is complete, a finished window pops up, click OK.

Uninstalling KFF

You can uninstall KFF application components independently of the KFF Data.

Main version	Description
Applications 5.6 to 6.2	For applications version 5.6 and later, you uninstall the following components: ● *AccessData Elasticsearch Windows Service* (KFF Server) v1.2.7 and later Note: Elasticsearch is used by multiple features in various applications, use caution when uninstalling this service or the related data. ● *AccessData KFF Import Utility* (v5.6 and later) ● *AccessData KFF Migration Tool* (v1.0 and later) ● *AccessData Geo Location Data* (v2014.10 and later) Note: This component is not used by the KFF feature, but with the KFF Server for the geolocation visualization feature. The location of the KFF data is configured when the *AccessData Elasticsearch Windows Service* was installed. By default, it is located at C:\Program Files\AccessData\Elacticsearch\Data.
Applications 5.5 and earlier	For applications version 5.5 and earlier, you can uninstall the following components: ● KFF Server (v1.2.7 and earlier) Note: The KFF Server is also used by the geolocation visualization feature. ● AccessData Geo Location Data (1.0.1 and earlier) This component is not used by the KFF feature, but with the KFF Server for the geolocation visualization feature. The location of the KFF data was configured when the *KFF Server* was installed. You can view the location of the data by running the *KFF.Config.exe* on the KFF Server. If you are upgrading from 5.5 to 5.6, you can migrate your KFF data before uninstalling the KFF Server.

Installing KFF Updates

From time to time, AccessData will release updates to the KFF Server and the KFF data libraries.

Some of the KFF data updates may require you to update the version of the KFF Server.

To check for updates, do the following:

1. Go to the KFF product download page.
   See Downloading the Latest KFF Installation Files on page 232.
2. Check for updates.
   - See About KFF Server Versions on page 231.
   - See Importing the NIST NSRL Library on page 248.
3. If there are updates, download them.
4. Install or import the updates.

KFF Library Reference Information

About KFF Pre-Defined Hash Libraries

This section includes a description of pre-defined hash collections that can be added as AccessData KFF data.

The following pre-defined libraries are currently available for KFF and come from federal government agencies:

- NIST NSRL (The default library installed with KFF)

For law enforcement users, you can also use Project Vic libraries.

See Using Project VIC on page 275.

Use the following information to help identify the origin of any hash set within the KFF

- The NSRL hash sets do not begin with “ZZN” or “ZN”. In addition, in the AD Lab KFF, all the NSRL hash set names are appended (post-fixed) with multi-digit numeric identifier. For example: “Password Manager & Form Filler 9722.”

Once an investigator has identified the vendor from which a hash set has come, he/she may need to consider the vendor’s philosophy on collecting and categorizing hash sets, and the methods used by the vendor to gather hash values into sets, in order to determine the relevance of Alert (and Ignore) hits to his/her project. The following descriptions may be useful in assessing hits.

NIST NSRL

The NIST NSRL collection is described at: http://www.nsrl.nist.gov/index.html. It is composed entirely of hash sets being generated from application software. So, all of its hash sets are given Ignore status by AccessData staff except for those whose names make them sound as though they could be used for illicit purposes.

The NSRL collection divides itself into many sub-collections of hash sets with similar names. In addition, many of these hash sets are “empty”, that is, they are not accompanied by any hash values. The size of the NSRL collection, combined with the similarity in set naming and the problem of empty sets, allows AccessData to modify (or selectively alter) NSRL’s own set names to remove ambiguity and redundancy.

Find contact info at http://www.nsrl.nist.gov/Contacts.htm.

Higher Level KFF Structure and Usage

Since hash set groups have the properties just described (and because custom hash sets and groups can be defined by the investigator) the KFF mechanism can be leveraged in creative ways. For example:

- You could define a group of hash sets created from encryption software and another group of hash sets created from child pornography files. Then, you would apply only those groups while processing.
- You could also use the Ignore status. You are about to process a hard drive image, but your search warrant does not allow inspection of certain files within the image that have been previously identified. You could do the following and still observe the warrant:

  4a. Open the image in Imager, navigate to each of the prohibited files, and cause an MD5 hash value to be computed for each.

  4b. Import these hash values into custom hash sets (one or more), add those sets to a custom group, and give the group Ignore status.

4c. Process the image with the MD5 and KFF options, and with AD_Alert, AD_Ignore, and the new, custom group selected.

4d. During post-processing analysis, filter file lists to eliminate rows representing files with Ignore status.

Hash Set Categories

The highest level of the KFF's logical structure is the categorizing of hash sets by owner and scope. The categories are AccessData, Project Specific, and Shared.

Hash Set Categories

Category	Description
AccessData	The sets shipped with as the Library. Custom groups can be created from these sets, but the sets and their status values are read only.
Project Specific	Sets and groups created by the investigator to be applied only within an individual project.
Shared	Sets and groups created by the investigator for use within multiple projects all stored in the same database, and within the same application schema.

Important: Coordination among other investigators is essential when altering Shared groups in a lab deployment. Each investigator must consider how other investigators will be affected when Shared groups are modified.

What has Changed in Version 6.3 and Later

- See What Changed in Version 6.3 on page 256.
- See What Changed in FTK and Lab Version 6.4 on page 257.
- See What Changed in March of 2018 on page 257.
- See What Changed in Enterprise Version 6.5 on page 258.
- See What Changed in Version 7.0 on page 258.

What Changed in Version 6.3

With the 6.3 release of eDiscovery, Summation, and FTK-based forensics products, the KFF architecture and features have been updated. This architecture is used in versions 6.3 and later.

If you used KFF with applications version 6.2 or earlier, be aware of the following changes in the KFF functionality.

KFF Changes from version 6.2 to 6.3

Item	Description
KFF Server	KFF Server now runs as a different service. • In versions 5.6 through 6.2, the KFF Server ran as the *AccessData Elastic-search Windows Service*. • In 6.3 and later, the KFF Server uses the *AccessData Cassandra* service. **Important:** If you are upgrading from 6.2 or earlier, all KFF data must be created in or migrated into the new KFF Server. See Migrating Legacy KFF Data from versions 5.6 - 6.2 to 6.4 on page 240.

eDiscovery or Summation KFF Server Configuration Files	In eDiscovery or Summation, there are two configuration files that configure the location of the KFF server.
	See Configuring the KFF Server Location on Summation or eDiscovery on page 238.
	The location format and port value in those files have changed.
	In 5.6 - 6.2, the following was used:
	`<add key="KffElasticSearchUrl" value="http://localhost:9200" />`
	In 6.3 it was changed to:
	`<add key="KFFServerUrl" value="localhost:9042" />`
	Note: The "http://" text is no longer used and Cassandra uses port 9042 instead of 9200.
	There is also a new line:
	`<add key="KFFServerDBType" value="Cassandra" />`

KFF Changes from version 6.2 to 6.3

Item	Description
Hash Manager Migration Tool	If you are upgrading from 5.6 through 6.2, there is a new tool that lets you migrate custom KFF data to the new KFF Server on 6.3. See Migrating Legacy KFF Data from versions 5.6 - 6.2 to 6.4 on page 240. **Important:** NIST NSRL, NDIC HashKeeper, or DHS library data from 6.2 and earlier will not be migrated when using the Migration Tool. You must re-import those using the 6.3 KFF Import Tool. See About Importing Pre-defined KFF Data Libraries on page 247.
KFF Import Utility	This utility has been updated to use the new KFF Server. If you are upgrading from 5.6 - 6.2, make sure to install and use the new 6.3 version. See Using the KFF Import Utility on page 245.
NIST NSRL	To import NSRL data, you can do either of the following: ● Download version 2.54 files from AccessData and import them. ● Download version 2.58 or later RDS files from nist.gov and import them. See Importing the NIST NSRL Library on page 248.
Export/Import	When you export and import KFF data, the Binary format (Entire Library) is no longer available. CSV is the only export format supported.
Geolocation data	Geolocation data is installed independently and is no longer linked to KFF.

What Changed in FTK and Lab Version 6.4

- There is a new verification functionality within the KFF import tool that allows users to verify that all of the hashes in a given import file are contained in the KFF database. The file types supported for verification include: CSV, TSV, .Hash, HDB, HKE, .KFF, VIC, XML, NSRL. (12839)
- The KFF migration utility allows users to migrate edited 6.3 KFF data to an empty 6.4 KFF database. (13029)

> **Note:** Locked/Protected sets will not be migrated from 6.3 to 6.4 in KFF. These will need to be imported.

- Only the Project VIC and NSRL sets are locked/protected. All other sets in the KFF can be modified and archived.
- NDIC or DHS sets cannot be migrated into the 6.4 version of KFF.

See the FTK and LAB 6.4 Release Notes.

What Changed in March of 2018

A new version Cassandra was released for use as the KFF Server: Version 3.11.2

See About KFF Server Versions on page 231.

See the *KFF Release Notes* from March 2018 for details.

What Changed in Enterprise Version 6.5

No changes were made and you still use the same KFF Server: Version 3.11.2

What Changed in Version 7.0

No changes were made and you still use the same KFF Server: Version 3.11.2

However, AccessData is no longer distributing NDIC Hashkeeper and DHS libraries.

Chapter 17

Using the Known File Filter (KFF)

This chapter explains how to configure and use KFF and has the following sections:

- See Process for Using KFF on page 259.
- See About the KFF Admin page on page 260.
- See Adding Hashes to the KFF Server on page 262.
- See Using KFF Groups to Organize Hash Sets on page 266.
- See Enabling a Case to Use KFF on page 269.
- See Reviewing KFF Results in the Examiner on page 271.
- See Exporting KFF Data on page 274.

Process for Using KFF

To use the KFF feature, you perform the following steps:

Process for using KFF

Step 1.	Install and configure the KFF Server. See Installing the KFF Server on page 231.
Step 2.	Add and manage KFF hashes on the KFF Server. See Adding Hashes to the KFF Server on page 262.
Step 3.	Add and manage KFF Groups to organize KFF Hash Sets. Using KFF Groups to Organize Hash Sets (page 266)
Step 4.	Enable KFF for a case. See Enabling a Case to Use KFF on page 269.
Step 5.	Review KFF results in the Examiner. See Reviewing KFF Results in the Examiner on page 271.
Step 6.	(Optional) Re-process the KFF data using different hashes. See Re-Processing KFF Using Additional Analysis on page 273.
Step 7.	(Optional) Archive or export KFF data to share with other KFF Servers. See Exporting KFF Data on page 274.

About the KFF Admin page

You use the *KFF Admin* page to configure KFF Data by doing the following:

- Import Hashes
- Manually manage Hash Sets
- Create and manage KFF Groups
- Export KFF data

To open the KFF Admin page

❖ From the *Case Manager* or the *Examiner*, click **Manage** > **KFF..**.
The *KFF Admin* page opens.

If the *Configure KFF* dialog appears instead, check the following:

- The KFF Server is installed.
  See Installing the KFF Server on page 231.
- The application has been configured for the KFF Server.
  See Configuring the Location of the KFF Server on page 237.
- The KFF Service is running.
  In the Windows Services manager, make sure that the *AccessData Elasticsearch* service is started.

Elements of the KFF Admin page

Pane	Element	Description
Groups pane		Lets you create and manage KFF groups. See Using KFF Groups to Organize Hash Sets on page 266.
	New	Lets you create a KFF Group. See Creating a KFF Group on page 267.
	Edit	Lets you edit a KFF Group. See Managing KFF Groups on page 267.
	Delete	Lets you delete a KFF Group. See Managing KFF Groups on page 267.
	Export	You can share KFF hashes by exporting KFF groups. See Exporting KFF Data on page 274.
Hash Sets Pane		Displays the sets that you have imported or created. For example, if you import the NSRL KFF library, those sets are displayed here. Once you select a KFF Group in the Groups pane, only the Hash Sets and Groups that are in that selected group are listed.

Elements of the KFF Admin page

Pane	Element	Description
	Edit	Lets you edit the hashes in a custom Hash Set. See Using KFF Groups to Organize Hash Sets on page 266.
Import		Lets you import KFF data. See Importing KFF Data on page 262.
Archive Server		Lets you archive all of the custom KFF Groups and Hash Sets stored in this KFF Server. See Enabling a Case to Use KFF on page 269.

Adding Hashes to the KFF Server

You must add the hashes of the files that you want to compare against your evidence data. When adding hashes to the KFF Server, you add them in KFF Hash Sets.

You can use the following methods to add hashes to the KFF Library:

Migrate legacy KFF Server data	You can migrate legacy KFF data that is in a KFF Server in applications versions 5.5 and earlier. See Migrating Legacy KFF Data from versions 5.5 and earlier on page 241.
Import hashes	You can import previously configured KFF hashes, for example, from .CSV, .HDB, .HKE, or .HASH files. See Importing KFF Data on page 262.
Manually create and manage Hash Sets	You can manually add hashes to a Hash Set. See Manually Managing Hashes in a Hash Set on page 263.
Add hashes from files in your case	You can add hashes from files in your case. See Adding Hashes From Files in Cases on page 264.

Importing KFF Data

Before Importing KFF Data

To understand the methods and formats for importing KFF data, first see About Importing KFF Data (page 243).

This chapter explains how to import KFF data using the KFF Admin page.

Importing KFF Hashes

You can import KFF data from the following:

- KFF export files, such as CSV, TSV, HDB, HKE, KFF, HASH
  See About the CSV Format on page 230.
- KFF export files, such as TSV, HDB, HKE, KFF, HASH

When importing KFF data, you must enter values for the following fields:

- Name
- Source Vendor
- Version
- Package

While the values are required, you can enter whatever values you may want to use to help you organize your hashes.

To import KFF hashes from files

1. Open the *Case Manager* or the *Examiner*.
2. Click **Manage** > **KFF**.
3. In *KFF Admin*, click **Import**.
4. Click **Add File**.
5. Set the Status: *Alert* or *Ignore*.
6. To browse to a file, for the *Path*, click **...**
7. Browse to the path of the file.
8. Use the file type selector to view the types of files that you are looking for (.CSV, HKE, KFF, etc.)
9. Select a file.
10. Click **Open**.
11. Enter information for the hash set:
12. Click **OK**.
13. (Optional) Add other files that you want to import.
14. Click **Import**.

Manually Managing Hashes in a Hash Set

You can manually add, edit, and delete hash values within a custom hash set.

Important: You can manually delete hash values that were imported from NSRL, NDIC HashKeeper, and DHS libraries. However, this can take one to several hours. Instead of deleting them using the application, we recommend that you delete them using the KFF Import Utility. See Removing Pre-defined KFF Libraries Using the KFF Import Utility version 6.3 and later on page 246.

Searching For, Viewing, and Managing Hashes in a Hash Set

Due to the large number of hashes that may be in a Hash Set, a list of hashes is not displayed. (However, you can export a KFF Group that contains the Hash Set and view the hashes in the export file.)

You can use the KFF Hash Finder to search for hash values within a hash set. You search by entering a complete hash value. You can only search for one hash within one hash set at a time.

To search for and manage hashes in a hash set

1. Click **Manage > KFF**.
2. Select a Hash Set.
3. Click **Edit**.
4. To search for a hash, do the following:
   4a. In the *Hash* field, enter the complete hash value that you want to search for.
   4b. Click **Search**.
5. To manually add a hash to a hash set, do the following:
   5a. In the *Hash* field, enter the complete hash value that you want to add.
   5b. Click **Search** to verify if the hash already exists.
   5c. If the hash was not found, click **Add**.

5d. Select the status of the hash:
- Alert
- Ignore
- None

5e. Enter the File Name of the file for the hash.

5f. (Optional) Enter other information about the hash.

5g. Click **Save**.

6. To manually edit a hash in a hash set, do the following:
   6a. In the *Hash* field, enter the complete hash value that you want to edit.
   6b. Click **Search** to verify that the hash already exists.
   6c. If the hash was found, click **Edit**.
   6d. Edit any settings and click **Save**.
7. To manually delete a hash from a hash set, do the following:
   7a. In the *Hash* field, enter the complete hash value that you want to delete.
   7b. Click **Search** to verify that the hash already exists.
   7c. If the hash was found, click **Delete**.
8. Click **Done**.

Adding Hashes From Files in Cases

You may identify files that in exist in a case as files that you want to add to your KFF hashes. For example, you may find a graphics file that you want to either alert for or ignore in this or other cases. Using *Examiner*, you can select files, export their file information to CSV, and then Import them as new KFF Hash Sets.

To add hashes from files in a case

1. Open a case in the Examiner.
2. Check one or more files that you want to have an Alert status for. (Only do similar statuses at a time.)
3. Export the file information you want to add hashes for by doing the following:
   3a. Click **File** > **Export File List Info**.
   3b. Browse to a folder and provide a name, such Files_for_KFF_Alerts.
   3c. Select a CSV format.
   3d. Choose *All checked*.
   3e. Click **Save.**
   3f. (Optional) Repeat the export for files that you want to have an Ignore status for.
4. Import one or more exported File List Info CSV files by doing the following:
   4a. Click **Manage** > **KFF**.
   4b. Click **Import**.
   4c. On the *KFF Import Tool,* click **Add File**.
   4d. Select the status: *Alert* or *Ignore* for the hashes.
   4e. Click **...** to browse to the file that you exported with the File List Info.
   4f. Enter the Source Vendor, Version, and Package.
   4g. Click **OK**.

4h. (Optional) Click **Add file** and repeat for other files.

4i. Click **Import**.

5. Add the new Hash Sets to one or more KFF Groups.

Using KFF Groups to Organize Hash Sets

About KFF Groups

KFF groups are containers for one or more Hash Sets. When you create a group, you then add Hash Sets to the group. KFF Groups can also contain other KFF Groups.

When you enable KFF for a case, you select which KFF Group to use during processing.

Within a KFF group, you can manually edit custom Hash Sets.

About KFF Groups Status Override Settings

When you create a KFF Group, you can choose to use the default status of the Hash Set (*Alert* or Ignore) or override it. You do this by setting one of the following Status Override settings:

- *Alert* - All Hash Sets within the KFF Group will be set to *Alert* regardless of the status of the individual Hash Sets.
- *Ignore* - All Hash Sets within the KFF Group will be set to *Ignore* regardless of the status of the individual Hash Sets.
- No Override - All Hash Sets will maintain their default status.

For example, if you have a Hash Set with a status of *Alert*, if you set the KFF Group to No Override, then the default status of *Alert* is used. If you set the KFF Group with a status of *Ignore*, the Hash Set *Alert* status is overridden and *Ignore* is used.

As a result, use caution when setting the Status Override for a KFF Group.

About Nesting KFF Groups

KFF Groups can contain Hash Sets or they can contain other KFF Groups. When one KFF Group includes another KFF Group, it is called nesting.

The reason that you may want to nest KFF Groups is that you can use multiple KFF Groups when processing your data. When you enable KFF for a case, you can only select one KFF Group. By nesting, you can use multiple KFF Groups.

For example, you may have one KFF Group that contains Hash Sets with an *Alert* status. You may have a second KFF Group that contains Hash Sets with an *Ignore* status. When processing a case, you may want to use both of those KFF Groups. To accomplish this, you can create another KFF Group as a parent and then add the other two KFF Groups to it. When processing, you would select the parent KFF Group.

When nesting KFF Groups you must be mindful of the Status Override of the parent KFF Group. When nesting KFF Groups, the Status Override the highest KFF Group in the hierarchy is used. In most cases, you will want to set the parent KFF Group with a status of *None*. That way, the status of each child KFF Group (or their Hash Sets) is used. If you select an *Alert* or *Ignore* status for the parent KFF Group, then all child KFF Groups and their Hash Sets will use that status.

About the Default KFF Group

A *Default* KFF Group is automatically created, but by default, has no Hash Sets in it. You cannot rename or delete the Default KFF Group however, you can add and remove Hash Sets.

The purpose of the *Default* KFF Group is that you can add the Hash Sets that you most regularly use, and when you enable the processing of KFF data for a case, you can simply select the *Default* KFF Group.

See Enabling a Case to Use KFF on page 269.

If you install NSRL, NDIC HashKeeper, and DHS libraries, they are automatically added to the *Default* KFF Group. You can remove them from the *Default* KFF Group if you wish.

Creating a KFF Group

You create KFF groups to organize your Hash Sets. When you create a KFF Group, you add one or more Hash Sets to it. You can later edit the KFF Group to add or remove Hash Sets.

To create and configure a KFF group

1. Open the *Case Manager* or the *Examiner*.
2. Click **Manage** > **KFF**.
3. In the *Groups* pane, click **New**.
4. Enter a *Name*.
5. Set the *Status Override*.
   See About KFF Groups Status Override Settings on page 266.
6. In the *Available Hash Sets* pane, select any hash sets to include in the KFF Group and click **<<** .
7. To nest another KFF Group within it, in the *Available Groups* pane, select any child KFF Groups and click **<<** .
8. Click **OK**.

Viewing the Contents of a KFF Group

In KFF Admin, you can select a KFF Group and in the right *Hash Sets* pane, view the Hash Sets and child KFF Groups that are contained in that KFF Group.

Managing KFF Groups

You can edit KFF Groups and do the following:

- Rename the group
- Change the Override Status
- Add or remove Hash Sets and KFF Groups

You can also do the following:

- Delete the group
- Export the group
  See Exporting KFF Data on page 274.

To manage a KFF Group

1. Open the *Case Manager* or the *Examiner*.
2. Click **Manage** > **KFF**.
3. Select a group or right-click a KFF Group.
4. Do one of the following:
   - Click **Edit**.
   - Click **Delete**.
   - Click **Export**.

Enabling a Case to Use KFF

About Enabling and Configuring KFF

To use KFF in a case, you do the following when you either create a case, add evidence to a case, or run *Additional Analysis*:

Process for enabling and configuring KFF

1. (Optional) Create a new case or add evidence to a case.	You can enable KFF when you create a case or add evidence to a case. You can also enable KFF for an existing case using Additional Analysis. See Re-Processing KFF Using Additional Analysis on page 273.
2. Configure how to process KFF Ignorable files	When you create a case or or add evidence to a case, you can choose how to process KFF Ignorable files: ● Exclude KFF Ignorable Files - By default, KFF will not include Ignorable files in the processed evidence. They will not be visible in the Examiner nor will they be in any file counts. ● Enable *Include KFF Ignorable Files* - You can enable a processing option to include KFF Ignorable files. Any files that are KFF Ignorable will be included and visible in the project. However, Ignorable files can be hidden using filters. See Enabling and Configuring KFF on page 269. See Using KFF Filters on page 272. When you process KFF using *Additional Analysis*, KFF Ignorable files are still included in the case's evidence files.
3. Enable KFF	Enable the *KFF* processing option. See Enabling and Configuring KFF on page 269.
4. Select a KFF Group	When you enable KFF, you select one KFF group to use. You can select an existing group or create a new group. A KFF Group can include other KFF Groups. You can select a parent KFF Group that contains other groups with the sets that you want to use See Using KFF Groups to Organize Hash Sets on page 266.

Enabling and Configuring KFF

To enable and configure KFF for a new case or new evidence

1. Create a new case or add evidence to a case and open the Evidence Processing options.
   See Evidence Processing Options on page 67.
   (In an existing case, open the *Additional Analysis* page.)
   See Using Additional Analysis on page 128.
   See Re-Processing KFF Using Additional Analysis on page 273.
2. Choose whether or not to include KFF Ignorable files.
   By default, KFF Ignorable files will not be included.
   To include KFF Ignorable files, do the following:
   2a. In the *Detailed Options* dialog, click the **Evidence Refinement (Advanced)** tab.
   2b. Select *Include KFF Ignorable Files*.

2c. Click the **Evidence Processing** tab.

3. In the *Evidence Processing* options, select *KFF*.
4. Do one of the following to select a KFF Group:
   - In the *KFF* drop-down menu, select and existing KFF Group that you want to use.
   - Click ... to open KFF Admin and configure a KFF Group to use and then select it.

   See About KFF Groups on page 266.

   You can use a KFF Group that you created or use the Default group.

   See About the Default KFF Group on page 267.
5. Configure any other processing options.
6. Click **OK**.

Reviewing KFF Results in the Examiner

You can view the KFF results in the Examiner. You can use the following tools to view KFF results:

- KFF Information in Columns
- KFF Filters
- KFF file status in the *Overview* tab.

About KFF Data Shown in the Item List

Depending on the KFF configuration options, you can identify and view files based on their KFF status and group.

Note: KFF Ignorable files will not be displayed in the File List unless you enabled the *Include KFF Ignorable Files* processing option.
See Enabling a Case to Use KFF on page 269.

There are three possible KFF statuses in the Examiner:

- *Alert* - Files that matched hashes in the template with an Alert status
- *Ignore* - Files that matched hashes in the template with an Ignore status (not shown in the *Item List* by default)
  See About Enabling and Configuring KFF on page 269.
- Unknown - Files that did not match hashes in the template (designated by a blank KFF Status)

Using the KFF Information Columns

You can add the following columns to display KFF data about each file in the File List.

KFF Columns

Column	Description
KFF Status	Displays the status of the file as it pertains to KFF. The three status options are *Alert, Ignore*, or Unknown (blank).
KFF Group	Displays the name of the KFF Group that has the matched hash.
Not KFF Ignore...	Displays a True status it if is not a KFF Ignorable file or a False status if it is a KFF Ignorable file.

Using KFF Filters

You can use filters to filter your evidence based on KFF data. You can use the Filter Manager to build a Compound filters.

To use the KFF Filters

1. In the *Examiner*, click the *Filter* drop-down menu.
2. Select one of the KFF Filters:
   - *KFF Alert Files* - Shows all files with an Alert status.
   - *KFF Ignore Files* - Shows all files with a KFF Ignore status.
     KFF Ignorable files will not be displayed unless you enabled the *Include KFF Ignorable Files* processing option.
     See Enabling a Case to Use KFF on page 269.
   - *No KFF Ignore Files* - Shows all files except those with a KFF Ignore status.

Using the Overview Tab

You can use the File Status nodes in the *Overview* tab to filter your evidence based on KFF data.

To use the Overview tab to filter KFF status

1. In the *Examiner*, click the **Overview** tab.
2. Expand *File Status*.
3. Click one of the following KFF nodes:
   - *KFF Alert Files* - Shows all files with an Alert status.
   - *KFF Ignorable Files* - Shows all files with a KFF Ignore status.
     KFF Ignorable files will not be displayed unless you enabled the *Include KFF Ignorable Files* processing option.
     See Enabling a Case to Use KFF on page 269.

Re-Processing KFF Using Additional Analysis

You can process an existing case with KFF using Additional Analysis in the following situations:

- After you have processed a case with KFF enabled, you can re-process your data using an updated or different KFF Group. This is useful in re-examining a project after adding or editing hash sets.

  See Adding Hashes From Files in Cases on page 264.
- Enabling KFF for a case that was not previously processed using KFF.

To re-process a case using KFF

1. In the *Examiner*, click **Evidence** > **Additional Analysis**.
2. Enable *KFF*.
3. Do one of the following:
   - In the the drop-down menu, select a KFF Group.
   - Configure a KFF Group by clicking the **...**.
4. You can either process files new files in the case or process files that have been processed previously against KFF.

   Mark **Recheck previously processed items** if you want to processes all existing files with the KFF Group that you have selected.
5. Click **OK**.
6. Review the KFF results.

   See Reviewing KFF Results in the Examiner on page 271.

Exporting KFF Data

About Exporting KFF Data

You can share KFF Hash Sets and KFF Groups with other KFF Servers by exporting KFF data on one KFF Server and importing it on another. You can also use export as a way of archiving your KFF data.

You can export data in one of the following way:

- Exporting KFF Groups - This exports the selected KFF Groups with any included sub-groups and any included Hash Sets and hashes to a CSV file.
  See About the CSV Format on page 230.

Exporting KFF Groups

You can share KFF hashes by exporting one or more KFF Groups. Exports are saved in a CSV file.

To export a KFF group

1. Open the *Case Manager* or the *Examiner*.
2. Click **Manage** > **KFF**.
3. Select one or more groups.
4. Click **Export**.
5. Select the location to which you want to save the exported CSV file.
6. Enter a name for the exported file.
7. Click **Save**.

Chapter 18

Using Project VIC

This chapter contains information on how to integrate with and use Project VIC.

About Project VIC

Project VIC is a global partnership that uses advanced technology to fight child sexual exploitation and trafficking. In order to use this feature, you must have an account set up with Project VIC.

Project VIC has compiled information about known online child abuse images. Known image or video files have unique identifier known as a “hash value.” When you process your evidence data, it is compared to the known hash values. If a match is found, the file in your evidence is flagged. You can easily see flagged files in the examiner.

You can also provide information to Project VIC about images that were previously unknown.

About PhotoDNA

Project VIC includes a component called PhotoDNA. This tool compiles a digital signature or fingerprint of images (known as a “hash”), which can be matched against a database of known child pornography images. This significantly reduces the time law enforcement officers must spend viewing images, speeding their determination of whether child victims have already been identified or are currently at risk.

Note: This PhotoDNA feature requires a special law enforcement license. Contact sales for more information. Without the license, the feature is not enabled.

About Project VIC and KFF

To process and flag Project VIC data, you use the KFF (Known File Filter) Architecture.

The KFF architecture lets you import Project VIC hash values and compare your evidence data against those hash sets. Files that match hits in Project Vic are flagged so you you can easily identify them.

For general information about KFF, see the following:

- Getting Started with KFF (Known File Filter) (page 225)
- Using the Known File Filter (KFF) (page 259)

About Project VIC and File Categories

When evidence files are flagged by the KFF Server, they are given a VIC category as well as a KFF Status of Alert.

The categories can vary depending on the country or region in which you are.

For example, in the United States of America, the following categories are used:

- Child Abuse Material = 1
- Child Exploitive = 2
- CGI Animation = 3
- Comparison Image = 4
- Uncategorized = 5

Overview of Using Project VIC

To use Project VIC feature, you perform the following steps:

Process for using KFF

Step 1.	Download Project VIC hash data. See Downloading Project VIC Hash Data on page 277.
Step 2.	Install and configure the KFF Server. See Installing the KFF Server on page 231.
Step 3.	Import Project VIC hash data in the KFF Server. Importing Project VIC Data (page 278)
Step 4.	Create a case, enable Project VIC for the case, and process the case. See Creating a Case and Enabling Project VIC on page 279.
Step 5.	Review the Project VIC results in the Examiner. See Viewing Project VIC Results in the Examiner on page 280.
Step 6.	(Optional) Bookmark your own files to export to Project VIC. See Bookmarking Files to Export to Project VIC on page 282.
Step 7.	(Optional) Export your own files to Project VIC. See Exporting Bookmarked Files to Project VIC on page 283.

Downloading Project VIC Hash Data

Project VIC data is imported as JSON files. You can use pre-configured data files from Project VIC and you can also create or use custom JSON files.

If you want to use data from Project VIC, you must contact them and have an account with them in order to download hash data.

Installing and Configuring the KFF Server

In order to work with Project VIC, you use the KFF infrastructure.

If you have not done so, you must install a KFF Server.

See Installing the KFF Server on page 231.

For other information on how to use the KFF infrastructure, see Using the Known File Filter (KFF) (page 259).

Importing Project VIC Data

You import JSON files into the KFF infrastructure.

Importing KFF Hashes

To import Project VIC hashes from JSON files

1. Open the *Case Manager* or the *Examiner*.
2. Click **Manage** > **KFF**.
3. In *KFF Admin*, click **Import**.
4. Click **Add File**.
5. To browse to a file, for the *Path*, click **...**
6. Browse to the path of the file.
7. Use the file type selector to view the *.json file type.
8. Select a file.
9. Click **Open**.
10. (Optional) Enter the version of the hash set.
    For example, 1.2 or 1.3
11. (Optional) In the Package field enter any information you would like to describe.
12. Select the region of the hash set.

Important: You must select the same region that matches the data that you downloaded from Project VIC. Otherwise, data may be incorrect.

Important: In this release, only the United States region is supported.

13. Click **OK**.
14. (Optional) Add other files that you want to import.
15. Click **Import**.
16. You can view the hash sets and groups to verify that data that you will use in a project.

About Project VIC KFF Groups

Project VIC hash sets must be included in a KFF Group.

If you import Project VIC data, they are imported as KFF Hash Sets. The imported Project VIC hash sets are automatically placed in a KFF Group named *Project VIC - Region* which is nested inside a parent group named *Project VIC*. When you process a case, you select one, and only one KFF Group to use. The *Project VIC* KFF group is the one to generally use unless you use some custom sets.

If you have custom hash sets, you must manually associate them with a KFF Group.

See About KFF Groups on page 266.

Creating a Case and Enabling Project VIC

To use Project VIC in a case, you do the following when you either create a case, add evidence to a case, or run *Additional Analysis*:

Process for enabling and configuring Project VIC

1. Create a new case or add evidence to a case.	You can enable Project VIC when you create a case or add evidence to a case. You can also enable Project VIC for an existing case using Additional Analysis.
2. Enable Project VIC	You enable Project VIC by enabling the following processing options: • *KFF* • *Photo DNA* A law enforcement licence is required for the PhotoDNA option to be available. See About PhotoDNA on page 275. See Enabling and Configuring Project VIC on page 279.
4. Select a KFF Group	When you enable Project VIC, you can select the *Project VIC* KFF group to use or you can select a custom group if you created one.

Enabling and Configuring Project VIC

To enable and configure Project VIC for a new case or new evidence

1. Create a new case or add evidence to a case and open the Evidence Processing options.
   See Evidence Processing Options on page 90.
   (In an existing case, open the *Additional Analysis* page.)
   See Using Additional Analysis on page 141.
2. Select the *Forensics Processing* profile.
3. In the *Evidence Processing* options, select *KFF*.
4. In the *KFF* drop-down menu, select the *Project VIC* group.
5. Select *PhotoDNA*.

   Note: A law enforcement licence is required for the PhotoDNA option to be available.

6. (Optional) Configure any other processing options.
7. Click **OK**.

Viewing Project VIC Results in the Examiner

You can view the Project VIC results in the Examiner. You can use the following tools to view Project VIC results:

- *Project VIC Matches* under *File Status* in the *Overview* tab.
- Project VIC Information in columns
- Project VIC information in the *Graphics* tab.
- Project VIC information in the *Video* tab.

Using the Overview Tab

You can use a *File Status* node in the *Overview* tab to filter your evidence based on Project VIC data.

To use the Overview tab to filter KFF status

1. In the *Examiner*, click the **Overview** tab.
2. Expand *File Status*.
3. Click *Project VIC Matches*
   This shows all files that were flagged as a Project Vic match.

Using the Project VIC and PhotoDNA Information Columns

In any view, you can add the following columns in the *File List* to display Project VIC data about each file in the list. You can sort by the columns to easily identify flagged files.

Note: A law enforcement licence is required for the PhotoDNA information to be available.

For general information, see Managing Columns (page 494).

Project VIC and PhotoDNA Columns

Column	Description
VIC Category	Depending on your region, this is the category as matched with Project VIC hash data.
VIC Hash Type	Identifies if the file was flagged through a SHA1 hash or through PhotoDNA.
PhotoDNA Hash	When a file is flagged and categorized, a hash is assigned to it. The hash value is based on difference from the known image. You can also use this column to find files that have a PhotoDNA hash but do not have a VIC category. You can bookmark these files and export them to Project VIC so that they can be reviewed and categorized. Bookmarking Files to Export to Project VIC (page 282)

Project VIC and PhotoDNA Columns

Column	Description
Photo DNA Distance	A *PhotoDNA Distance* value is generated that represents how closely it matches any of the files in Project VIC. (If the image matches more than one item, the closest score is used). The *PhotoDNA Distance* value can range from 0 to 49,000. A value of 0 means that there is no distance and the photo is a perfect match. Any score higher than the range means that there is no match and therefore no value is given.

To view the Project VIC data in columns

1. In the Examiner, use the *Overview* tab, *Graphics* tab, or *Video* tab to view the flagged files in your case.
2. Add columns to the File List that display the Project VIC data by doing the following:
   2a. Click the *Column Settings* icon.
   2b. Either create or edit a column settings template.
   2c. In the Available Columns list, expand *All Features*.
   2d. Select and *Add* the following columns:
   - File Status Features/VIC Category
   - File Status Features/VIC Hash Type
   - Common Features/PhotoDNA Hash
   - File Status Features/PhotoDNA Distance

   2e. Click **OK**.
   2f. Select the desired settings and click **Apply**.
3. You can sort by the columns to easily identify flagged or hashed files.

Using the Graphics Tab

You can use the *Graphics* tab to view thumbnails of graphics.

For general information, see Examining Graphics (page 324).

To use the Graphics tab to view Project VIC status

1. In the *Examiner*, click the **Graphics** tab.
2. Apply the Project VIC columns.
3. Sort the Project VIC and PhotoDNA information columns to easily identify flagged files.

Using the Video Tab

You can use the *Video* tab to view thumbnails of videos.

For general information, see Examining Videos (page 333).

To use the Video tab to view Project VIC status

1. In the *Examiner*, click the **Video** tab.
2. Apply the Project VIC columns.
3. Sort the Project VIC and PhotoDNA information columns to easily identify flagged files.

Bookmarking Files to Export to Project VIC

You may discover images in your evidence that are not categorized but could be.

Using the Project VIC and PhotoDNA Information Columns (page 280)

You can export the information about those files to Project VIC so that they can be analyzed and categorized.

You do this by creating and exporting bookmarks.

For general information about creating and using bookmarks, see Bookmarking Evidence (page 388).

To create a Project VIC bookmark

1. In the *File List* view, select the files that you want to add to a Project VIC bookmark.
   You can either highlight the files that you want to include, check the boxes of the files that you want to include, or do nothing to include all files.
2. Right-click on a selected file in the *File List* view and click the *Project VIC* icon .
3. Enter in the bookmark information.
   See Project VIC Bookmarks Dialog Options on page 282.
4. Click **OK**.

Project VIC Bookmarks Dialog Options

Options of the Bookmark Information Pane

Field	Description
Bookmark Name	The name you give the bookmark.
Project VIC Case Number	The name you give the bookmark.
Default Project VIC Category	You can select a default category for all of the items in the bookmark. Also, lower in the dialog, you can assign a category for an individual file. This will override the default for that file.
Contact information	Enter your contact information.
Files to Include	The files are limited to images and videos. Specify which files in the File List to include in this bookmark. You can select one of the following: ● Highlighted Media Files - Includes only the highlighted items. ● Checked Media Files - Includes only the checked items. ● All Listed Media Files- Includes all items in the File List.
Project VIC Category	(Optional) You can highlight and assign a category for an individual file. This will override the default for the bookmark if you set one.
Tags	(Optional) You can highlight and tag an individual file if they match a criteria. The available tags are: ● Infant/Toddler ● S&M/Violent This tag is included in the exported JSON file.

Options of the Bookmark Information Pane (Continued)

Field	Description
File Comments	(Optional) You can enter comments about a file.
Select Bookmark Parent	Select the parent bookmark under which you would like to save the bookmark. There are two default bookmark parents: ● A *Shared* tree that is available to all investigators ● A bookmark tree specific to the logged-in-user Administrators and Case Administrators can see and use all bookmarks in a case. If the bookmark is related to an older bookmark it can be added under the older bookmark, with the older bookmark being the parent, or it can be saved as a peer.

Exporting Bookmarked Files to Project VIC

You can export the files you bookmarked to a JSON file that can be shared with Project VIC.

To export a Project VIC bookmark

1. Click the *Bookmarks* tab.
2. Right-click VIC bookmark that you created.
3. Click **Export to Project VIC**.
4. Browser to a destination folder path.
5. (Optional) Include Media Files.
   If you select this option, that actual media files will be exported as well as the JSON file.
6. Click **Export**.
   The files and information are exported to a JSON file.

Part 4

Reviewing Cases

This part contains information about reviewing cases and contains the following chapters:

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- Exploring Evidence (page 297)
- Examining Evidence in the Overview Tab (page 315)
- Examining Email (page 320)
- Examining Graphics (page 324)
- Examining Videos (page 333)
- Examining Miscellaneous Evidence (page 339)
- Bookmarking Evidence (page 388)
- Searching Evidence with Live Search (page 400)
- Searching Evidence with Index Search (page 411)
- Using the Known File Filter (KFF) (page 259)
- Using Project VIC (page 275)
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- Using Visualization (page 443)
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Chapter 19

Using the FTK Examiner Interface

About the Examiner

You can use the examiner to locate, organize, and export data. The *Examiner* interface contains tabs, each with a specific focus. Most tabs also contain a common toolbar and file list with customizable columns. Additional tabs can be user-defined.

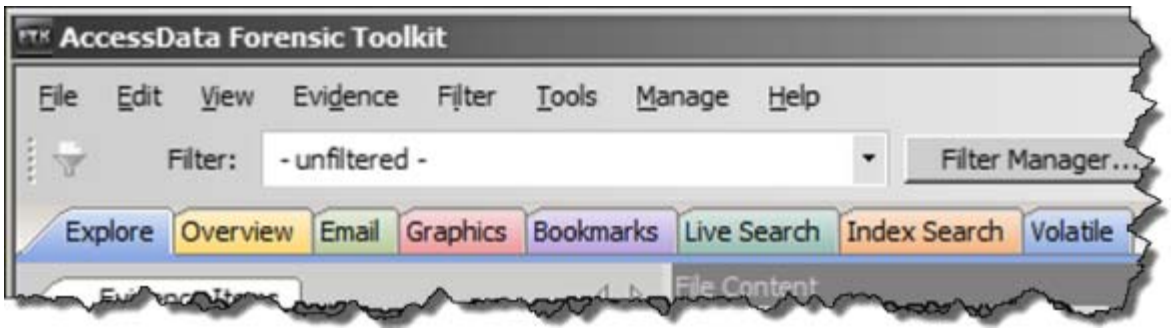
For example, you can use the following tabs to perform a specific task:

- The *Overview* tab lets you narrow your search to look through specific document types, or to look for items by status or file extension.
- The *Graphics* tab lets you quickly scan through thumbnails of the graphics in the case.
- The *Email* tab lets you view emails and attachments.

As you find items of interest, you can do the following

- Create, assign, and view labels in a sorted file list view.
- Use searches and filters to find relevant evidence.
- Create bookmarks to easily group the items by topic or keyword, find those items again, and make the bookmarked items easy to add to reports.
- Export files as necessary for password cracking or decryption, then add the decrypted files back as evidence.
- Add external, supplemental files to bookmarks that are not otherwise part of the case.

Tabs of the Examiner



Note: When entering the Examiner and clicking on a tab for the first time, if that tab uses the Thumbnail pane memory is allocated for displaying graphics and video thumbnails if they are present in the case.

Tabs of the Examiner

Option	Description
Explore Tab	See Explorer Tree Pane (page 297)
Overview Tab	See Using the Overview Tab (page 315)
Email Tab	See Using the Email Tab (page 320)
Graphics Tab	See Using the Graphics Tab (page 324)
Video Tab	See Examining Videos (page 333)
Internet/Chat	See Examining Internet Artifact Data (page 352)
Bookmarks Tab	See Using the Bookmarks Tab (page 395)
Live Search Tab	See Conducting a Live Search (page 400)
Index Tab	See Conducting an Index Search (page 412)
System Information	See Viewing System Information (page 427)

Also, see Menus of the Examiner (page 287)

Miscellaneous types of evidence

See Examining Miscellaneous Evidence on page 339.

Creating Screen Captures in the Examiner

You can capture screen shots within the Examiner interface. You can include the screen captures when creating reports. You can use screen captures to include information that is not easy to export or include in reports.

See Adding Screen Captures from Examiner on page 509.

Menus of the Examiner

When a case is created and assigned a user, the *Examiner* window opens with the following menus:

Examiner Menus

Menu	Description
File	See Options of the Examiner File Menu (page 288)
Edit	See Options of the Examiner Edit Menu (page 289)
View	See Options of the Examiner View Menu (page 290)
Evidence	See Options of the Examiner Evidence Menu (page 292)
Filter	See Options of the Examiner Filter Menu (page 293)
Tools	See Options of the Examiner Tools Menu (page 294)
Manage	See Options of the Examiner Manage Menu (page 295)
Help	See Options of the Examiner Help Menu (page 296)

Options of the Examiner File Menu

Options of the Examiner File Menu

Option	Description
Export	Exports selected files and associated evidence to a designated folder.
Export to Image	Exports one or more files as an AD1 image to a storage destination. When exporting to AD1 the image's file path is added under a root directory. This speeds the process of gathering data for the AD1, and for shortening the path to AD1 content.
Export File List Info	Exports selected file information to files formatted as the Column List in CSV, TSV, and TXT formats.
Export Word List	Exports the words from the cases index as a text file. You can use this word list to create a dictionary in the AccessData PRTK and DNA products. See Exporting a Word List (page 195)
Export System Information	Exports system information when populated in the *System Information* tab. This option is grayed out unless System Information has been added to the case. See Viewing System Information on page 427.
Report	Opens the *Report Options* dialog for creating a case report. See Creating a Case Report (page 500)
Timeline Report	Opens the Timeline Report dialog for creating a Timeline bookmark report. See Creating a Timeline Bookmark Report on page 395.
Job Summary Report	Opens an Evidence History.log report showing a job summary for all processing done within the case.
Close	Closes the *Examiner* and returns to the *Case Manager* window.
Exit	Closes both the *Examiner* and *Case Manager* windows.

Options of the Examiner Edit Menu

Options of the Examiner Edit Menu

Option	Description
Copy Special	Duplicates information about the object copied as well as the object itself, and places the copy in the clipboard. See Copying Information from the Examiner (page 186)

Options of the Examiner View Menu

Options of the Examiner View Menu

Option	Description
Refresh	Reloads the current view with the latest information.
Filter Bar	Inserts the filter toolbar into the current tab. These features are also available from the Filter menu.
Time Zone Display	Opens the *Time Zone Display* dialog.
Thumbnail Size	Selects the size of the thumbnails displayed from the Graphics tab. Select from the following: ● Large-default ● Medium ● Small ● Tiny
Tab Layout	Manages tab settings. The user can lock an existing setting, add and remove settings, and save settings one tab at a time or all at once. The user can also restore previous settings or reset them to the default settings. These options are in the following list: ● Save ● Restore ● Reset to Default ● Remove ● Save All Tab Layouts ● Lock Panes ● Add New Tab Layout
FIle List Columns	Specifies how to treat the current File List. Options are: ● Save As Default ● Save All as Default ● Reset to Factory Default ● Reset All To Factory Default
File Content Tabs Switching	Specifies the behavior of file content when a different tab is selected. Options are: ● Auto ● Manual
Explore Tree	Displays the Explore Tree in the upper-left pane.
Graphics Tree	Displays the Graphics Tree in the upper-left pane.
Overview Tree	Displays the Overview Tree in the upper-left pane.
Email Tree	Displays the Email Tree in the upper-left pane.
Bookmark Tree	Displays the Bookmark Tree in the upper-left pane.
Index Searches	Displays the Index Search Results pane in the upper-left pane.
Live Searches	Displays the Live Search Results pane in the upper-left pane.

Options of the Examiner View Menu (Continued)

Option	Description
Bookmark Information	Adds the Bookmark Information pane into the current tab.
File List	Adds the File List pane into the current tab.
File Content	Adds the File Content pane into the current tab.
Email Attachments	Displays the attachments to email objects found in the case. Available only in the Email and Overview tabs.
Properties	Inserts the Object Properties pane into the current tab view.
Hex Value Interpreter	Displays a pane that provides an interpretation of Hex values selected from the Hex View pane.
Thumbnails	Displays a pane containing thumbnails of all graphics found in the case.
Video View	Displays a pane containing thumbnails of all videos found in the case.
Progress Window	Opens the *Progress* dialog, from which you can monitor tasks and/or cancel them.

Options of the Examiner Evidence Menu

Options of the Examiner Evidence Menu

Option	Description
Add/Remove	Opens the *Manage Evidence* dialog, used to add and remove evidence. From Manage Evidence, choose from the following: Time Zone — Choose Time Zone for evidence item Refinement Options — Select Evidence Refinement Options Language Setting — Choose the language of the evidence item Define and Manage Evidence Groups Select Case KFF Options
Additional Analysis	Opens the *Additional Analysis* dialog with many of the same processing options available when the evidence was added. Allows the user to reprocess using available options not selected previously. See Using Additional Analysis (page 128).
Process Manually Carved Items	Initiates the processing of items that have been manually carved, using the selected options.
Manage Evidence Groups	Opens the dialog where you can create and manage Evidence Groups.
Import Custom Column File	When a Custom Column Settings file has been created, import it into your case using this tool.
Delete Custom Column Data	If you have imported or created a Custom Column Settings file, use this tool to delete the associated column and its data from the view.
Merge Case Index	The processing engine does this automatically and no longer needs user interaction to select the merge.

Options of the Examiner Filter Menu

Options of the Examiner Filter Menu

Option	Description
New	Opens the *Filter Definition* dialog to define a temporary filter.
Duplicate	Duplicates a selected filter. A duplicated filter serves as a starting point for customizing a new filter.
Delete	Deletes a selected filter.
On	Applies the selected filter globally in the application. The File List changes color to indicate that the filter is applied.
Import	Opens the Windows file manager allowing the user to import a pre-existing filter.
Export	Opens the Windows File Manager allowing the user to save a filter. The name of the filter cannot have any special or invalid characters or the export will not work.
Tab Filter	Allows the selection of a filter to apply in the current tab.

Options of the Examiner Tools Menu

Options of the Examiner Tools Menu

Option	Description
Decrypt Files	Decrypts EFS and Office files using passwords you enter. See Decrypting Files (page 165)
Dell Encryption Decryption	Opens the *Dell Encryption Decryption* dialog where you enter the decryption information. See Decrypting Dell Encryption Files (Dell Data Protection | Encryption Server) (page 178)
Send to DNA/PRTK for password recovery	Uses the integrated DNA/PRTK capabilities to decrypt several types of encrypted files. See Recovering Passwords using the PRTK/DNA Integrated Tool on page 172.
Verify Image Integrity	Generates hash values of the disk image file for comparison. See Verifying Drive Image Integrity (page 103)
Restore Image to Disk	Restores a physical image to a disk. If the original drive was on a bootable partition, the restored image may also be bootable. This feature is disabled for Case Reviewers.
Mount Image to Drive	Allows the mounting of a physical or logical image for read-only viewing. Logically mounting images allows them to be viewed as a drive-letter in Windows Explorer. Mounted logical drives now show the user the correct file, even when a deleted file with the same name exists in the same directory. See Mounting an Image to a Drive (page 104)
Disk Viewer	Opens a hex viewer that allows you to see and search contents of evidence items. Search Text for a term using Match Case, ANSI, Unicode, Regular Expression or Search Up instead of down; Search Hex using Search Up. Specify a logical sector or a cluster.
Other Applications	Opens other AccessData tools to complement the investigational analysis.
Recover Processing Jobs	Restarts processing so jobs that were interrupted can be completed.
Visualization	Lets you launch the Visualization add on module for the data that you currently have displayed in the File List Pane. Visualization is only available from the Explore, Overview, and Email Tabs. See Using Visualization on page 443.
Execute SQL	Executes a user-defined SQL script from within the interface.
Run Python Script	Allows you to run any Python script on selected evidence files within a case. See Python Scripting on page 378.

Options of the Examiner Manage Menu

Options of the Examiner Manage Menu

Tool Type	Description
KFF	Manage Known File Filter (KFF) Library, sets, and groups. See Using the Known File Filter (KFF) (page 259).
Labels	Manage Local and Shared Labels as well as Label Groups. See What You Can Do With Labels (page 161).
Carvers	Manage Local and Shared Custom Carvers. See Data Carving (page 78).
Filters	Manage Local and Shared Filters. See Filtering Data to Locate Evidence (page 141).
Columns	Manage Local and Shared Columns. See Customizing File List Columns (page 494).
Indexed Serch Term Weights	See Adjusting the Weighting Criteria for an Index Search Term on page 414.

Options of the Examiner Help Menu

Options of the Examiner Help Menu

Option	Description
User Guide	To access the latest documentation, download the zip file from www.accessdata.com/productdocs/ftk/ftk.zip.
Case Folder	Opens the folder that contains the case data.
About	Provides version and build information, copyright and trademark information, and other copyright and trade acknowledgements.

Chapter 20

Exploring Evidence

The Explore tab displays all the contents of the case evidence files and drives as the original user would have seen them.

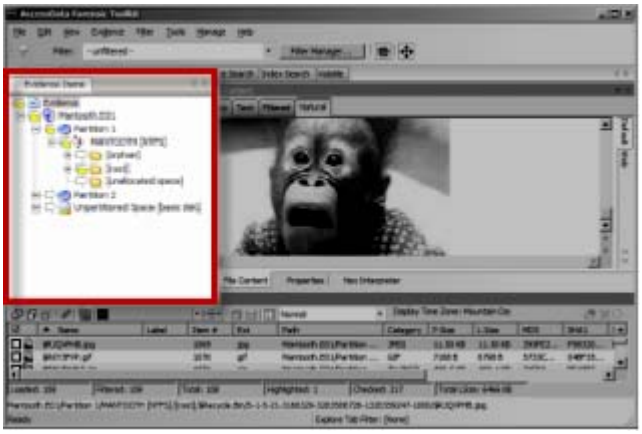
This chapter includes the following topics:

- Explorer Tree Pane (page 297)
- File List Pane (page 298)
- The File Content Viewer Pane (page 305)
- The Filter Toolbar (page 313)
- Using QuickPicks (page 314)

Explorer Tree Pane

Lists directory structure of each evidence item, similar to the way one would view directory structure in Windows Explorer. An evidence item is a physical drive, a logical drive or partition, or drive space not included in any partitioned drive, as well as any file, folder, or image of a drive, or mounted image.

The Explorer Tree Pane



File List Pane

About the File List

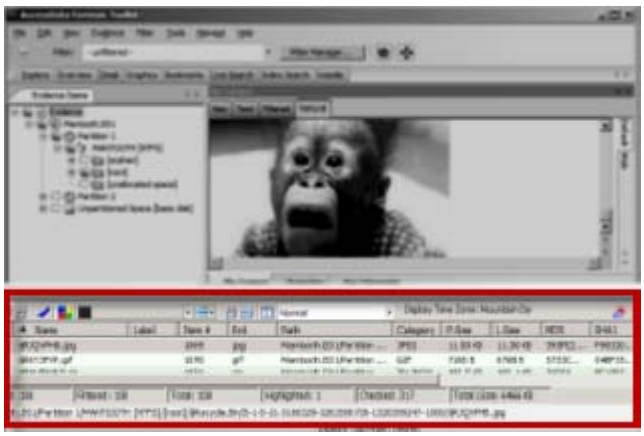
Displays case files and pertinent information about files, such as filename, file path, file type and many more properties as defined in the current filter. The files here may display in a variety of colors.

They are as follows:

- Black = Default
- Grey = Deleted
- Pink = Bookmarked or added to a task.
  See Bookmarking Evidence on page 388. See on page 94.
- Red = Encrypted
  See Identifying the Encrypted Files in a Case on page 169.

The File List view reflects the files available for the current tabbed view and the properties that meet selected Column templates, limited by any filters that may be applied. In this pane, you can choose which columns to display, as well as the order of those columns, create Bookmarks, create Labels, Copy or Export File Lists. The File List pane is included in all default tab views.

The File List Pane



Customizing the Colors of the File List

It is possible to customize the colors in the File List. In the File List, lines have alternating colors for ease of use. It is possible to change both the odd and even lines in the list separately.

Colors can be set for the following states:

Customizable Color Options for the File List

Name	Description	Entry
Color	The color of the odd lines in a default state	<BgColor>255, 255, 255</BgColor>
Alt Color	The color of the even lines in a default state	<BgAltColor>248, 248, 248</BgAltColor>
Color Filtered	The color of a filtered item in an odd numbered line	<BgColor_Filtered>255, 255, 200</BgColor_Filtered>
Alt Color Filtered	The color of a filtered item in an even numbered line	<BgAltColor_Filtered>248, 248, 200</ BgAltColor_Filtered>
Color Quick Pick	The color applied to a quick pick item in an odd numbered line	<BgColor_QuickPick>248, 255, 248</ BgColor_QuickPick>
Alt Color Quick Pick	The color applied to a quick pick item in an even numbered line	<BgAltColor_QuickPick>228, 244, 228</ BgAltColor_QuickPick>
Alt Color Filtered Quick Pick	The color applied to a filtered quick pick item	<BgAltColor_Filtered_QuickPick>240, 248, 216</ BgAltColor_Filtered_QuickPick>

In order to change the colors, you must add the Entry value to the Preferences.xml file. The colors are based on RGB values, with the three numbers representing the Red, Green, Blue values in that order.

Note: If you need help knowing what values equal which colors, you can search for RGB values online to find the information you need. There are over 16 million color combinations, so they are not listed here.

The Entries listed in the table above, once added to the Preferences.xml file, will allow you to customize the colors in the File List.

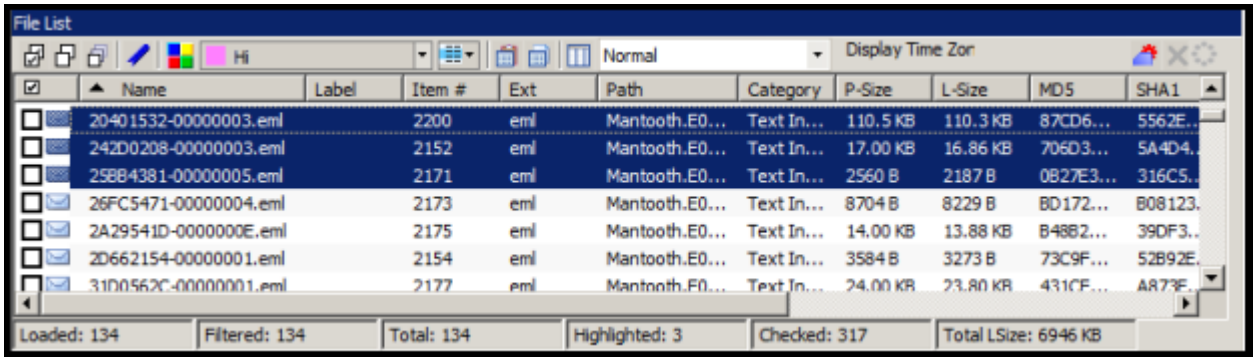
To customize the colors in the File List

1. Navigate to the *Preferences.xml* file at the following path:

   AccessData/Products/Forensic Toolkit/6.3/Preferences.xml
2. Type the desired Entry line from the table above into the *Preferences.xml* file, replacing the default RGB value (shown) with your desired RGB value.
3. Save and close the *Preferences.xml* file and restart the program. The *File List* will now display the customized color(s).

Using the File List's Columns

For each evidence item, you can display multiple columns of information about that item.



You can hover over a column's short name to display a tooltip that shows a more descriptive column long name.

You can sort the list using any column. Click on a column heading in the File List view to sort on that column. Hold down the Shift key while clicking a different column header to make the newly selected column the primary-sorted column, while the previous primary-sorted column becomes the secondary-sorted column. There are only two levels of column sorting, primary and secondary.

To undo a secondary sort, click on a different column header to make it the primary-sorted column.

Column widths in most view panes can be adjusted by hovering the cursor over the column heading borders, and dragging the column borders wider or narrower.

See Customizing File List Columns (page 494).

A data box displays in the lower-right of the File List View that indicates the total logical size of the currently listed files.

Using the File List's Type-Down Control Feature

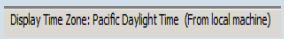
When you view data in the File List, use can use a type-down control feature to locate information. To use the type-down control feature, select any file in the file list and then type the first letters of a file. As you continue to type, the file selector moves to the file list to the closest match to what you type.

Icons of the File List Tool Bar

File List Tool Bar

Component	Description
	Checks all of the files in the current list.
	Unchecks all of the files in the current list.
	Unchecks all of the files in the current case.
	Opens the *Create New Bookmark* dialog.
	Opens the *Manage Labels* dialog.
	Apply Label drop-down allows you to select from the list of defined labels and apply it to a single selected file or a group of files as selected in the **Apply Label To** drop-down.
	Select Label Target drop-down allows you to specify currently Highlighted, Checked, or Listed files for the Label you choose from the Apply Label drop-down.
	Export File List lets you save selected files to another folder.
	Opens the *Copy Special* dialog.
	Opens the *Column Settings* dialog.

File List Tool Bar (Continued)

Component	Description
	Column Templates Sets the columns to a specific selection from the list of defined column sets. See Managing Columns on page 494. Some Default Column Templates are: • Cerberus Results See Cerberus Columns on page 221. • eDiscovery • eDiscovery Mail • Email • Explicit Image Detection (EID) • File Listing • GeoEXIF, GeoIP, Geolocation - Shows Geolocation-related columns See Using Geolocation Columns in the Item List on page 485. • Internet History See Examining Internet Artifact Data on page 352. • Normal (default) • Reports: File Path Section • Reports: Standard
	Displays the selected Time Zone from the local machine.
	Opens the Heatmap page. See Using Visualization Heatmap on page 476.
	Opens the Geolocation page. See Using Visualization Geolocation on page 478.
	Opens the Visualization page. See Using Visualization on page 443.
	Leave query running when switching tabs (this may affect the performance of other tabs).
	Cancel retrieving row data. This is not a pause button. To retrieve row data after clicking **Cancel**, you must begin again. There is no way to pause and restart the retrieval of row data.
	Active spinner indicates Processing activity.

Note: When checking files in a case, these two rules apply:

- Checked files are persistent and remain checked until the user unchecks them.
- Checked files are per-user; another user or an Administrator will not see your checked files as checked when viewing the same case.

File List View Right-Click Menu

When you right-click on any item in the File List view, a menu with the following options appears. Some options are enabled or disabled, depending on the tab you are in, the evidence that exists in the case, the item you have selected, or whether bookmarks have been created.

File List View Right-Click Menu Options

Option	Description
Open	Opens the selected file.
Launch in Content Viewer	Launches the file in the Content Viewer, formerly known as Detached Viewer.
Open With	Opens the file. Choose either Internet Explorer or an External Program.
Create Bookmark	Opens the *Create New Bookmark* dialog for creating a new bookmark. See Bookmarking Evidence on page 388.
Create Project VIC Bookmark.	See Using Project VIC on page 275.
Add to Bookmark	Opens the *Add to Bookmark* dialog for adding selected files to an existing bookmark. See Bookmarking Evidence on page 388.
Remove from Bookmark	Removes a file from a bookmark. From the Bookmarks tab, open the bookmark containing the file to be removed, then select the file. Right-click and select **Remove from Bookmark**. See Bookmarking Evidence on page 388.
Labels	Opens the *Labels* dialog. View assigned Labels, create or delete a Label, Apply a Labels to file, or Manage Local or Manage Global Labels. See Working with Labels on page 161.
Review Labels	Opens the *Label Information* dialog to display all labels assigned to the selected file or files. See Working with Labels on page 161.
Mount Image to Drive	Allows you to mount an image logically to see it in Windows Explorer, or physically to view. See Mounting an Image to a Drive on page 104.
Add Decrypted File	Right-click and select **Add Decrypted File**. Opens the *Add Decrypted File* dialog. Browse to and select the file to add to the case, click **Add**.
View File Sectors	Opens a hex view of the selected file. Type in the file sector to view and click **Go To**.
Find on Disk	Opens the Disk Viewer and shows where the file is found in the disk/file structure. **Note:** Find on disk feature won't find anything under 512 B physical size. Files smaller than 1500 bytes may reside in the MFT and do not have a start cluster. Find on disk depends on that to work.

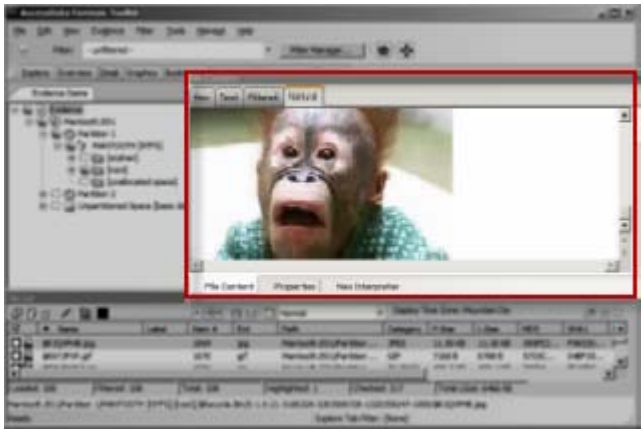
File List View Right-Click Menu Options (Continued)

Option	Description
Find Similar Files	Opens the *Search for Similar Files* dialog. The selected file's hash value is displayed. Click **From File** to see the filename the hash is from. The Evidence Items to Search box shows all evidence items in the case. Mark which ones to include in the search. Select the Minimum Match Similarity you prefer, and click **Search** or **Cancel**.
Open in Registry Viewer	Opens a registry file in AccessData's Registry Viewer. Choose SAM, SOFTWARE, SYSTEM, SECURITY, or NTUSER.dat.
Export	Opens the *Export* dialog with all options for file export, and a destination path selection. See Exporting Data from the Examiner on page 186.
Export to Image	Opens the *Create Custom Content* Image dialog. See Exporting Data from the Examiner on page 186.
Acquire to Disk Image	Allows you to create a new disk image (001, AFF, E01, or S01) from a disk image in the case.
Export File List Info	Opens the *Save As* dialog. Choose TXT, TSV, or CSV. The default name is FileList.TXT.
Copy Special	Opens the *Copy Special* dialog.
Check All Files in Current List	Check-marks all files in the current list.
Uncheck all Files in Current List	Unchecks all files in the current list.
Uncheck All Files in Case	Unchecks all files in the case.
Check/Uncheck All Highlighted	Checks or unchecks all files that are currently highlighted in the list. (Pressing the space bar does the same thing.)
Change "Flag as Ignorable" Status	Change Flag Status of all files as either Ignorable or Not Ignorable according to Selection Options.
Change "Flag as Privileged" Status	Change Flag Status of all files as either Privileged or Not Privileged according to Selection Options.
Re-assign File Category	Change File Category assignment.
View This Item In a Different List	Changes the File List view from the current tab to that of the selected tab from the pop-out.

The File Content Viewer Pane

Displays the contents of the currently selected file from the File List. The Viewer toolbar allows the choice of different view formats.

The File Content Viewer Pane



You can use CTRL+F to search within the File Content pane.

The File Content pane tab has a *Default* tab and a *Web* tab for each of the following tabbed views:

- Hex Tab
- Text Tab
- Filtered Tab
- Natural Tab
- Properties Tab
- Hex Interpreter Tab

Tabs of the File Content Pane

Note: The Find on Disk feature (in File List view, right-click an item) won't find anything under 512 Bytes physical size. Also, files smaller than 1500 bytes may reside in the MFT and thus do not have a start cluster. Find on Disk depends on the start cluster information to work.

Note: In the File List view of any tab, a much-greater-than symbol (>>) denotes that the path is not an actual path, but that the file came from another file or source, such as a zipped, compressed, or linked (OLE) file, or that it was carved.

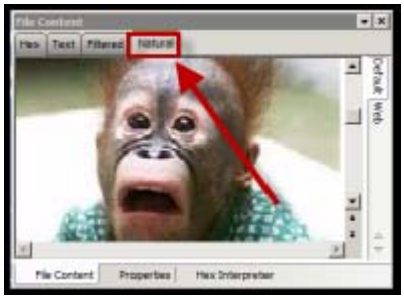
The File Content pane title changes depending on which tab is selected at the bottom of the window. The available tabs are File Content, Properties, and Hex Interpreter. These three tabs default to the bottom left of the File Content pane in any program tab where it is used.

The three tabs can be re-ordered by clicking on a tab and dragging-and-dropping it to the position in the linear list where you want it. Click any of these tabs to switch between them. The information displayed applies to the currently selected file in the Viewer pane.

The Natural Tab

The Natural tab displays a file's contents as it would appear normally. This viewer uses INSO filters for viewing hundreds of file formats without the native application being installed.

FIle Content Pane: Natural Tab

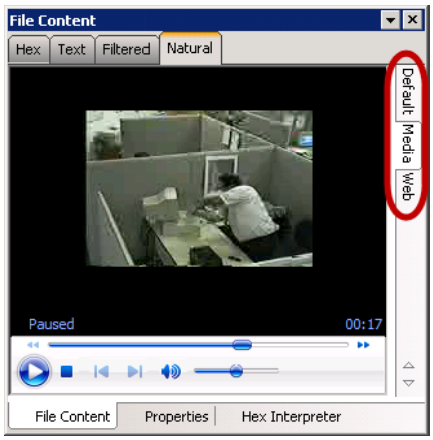


Note: When highlighting terms in Natural View, each term throughout the document is highlighted, one term at a time. When it reaches the limit of highlighting in that window, regardless of which term it is on (first, second, third, etc.) it stops highlighting. There is no workaround.

Note: Viewing large items in their native applications may be faster than waiting for them to be rendered in the *Examiner* viewer.

The Natural View top tab is the only one of the four that has additional tabs that provide for the viewing of Text, Media, and Web files, in their native application environment.

File Content Pane: Default, Media, and Web Tabs



- Natural Tab: Default

  The Default tab displays documents or files in a viewer that uses INSO (Inside-Out) Technology, according to their file type.

- Natural Tab: Media

  Case audio and video files play using an embedded Windows Media Player.

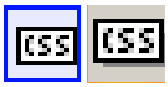
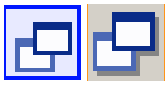
  The *Examiner* has the functionality to recognize popular mobile phone formats (found in many MPE images) such as M4A, MP4, AMR, and 3GP. These file types play inside the Media tab as long as the proper codecs are installed that would also allow those files to play in Windows Media Player.

- Natural Tab: Web

  The Web view uses an embedded Internet Explorer instance to display the contents of the selected file in a contained field.

  In the Web view, the top-left border of the pane holds two toggle buttons for enabling or disabling HTML content.

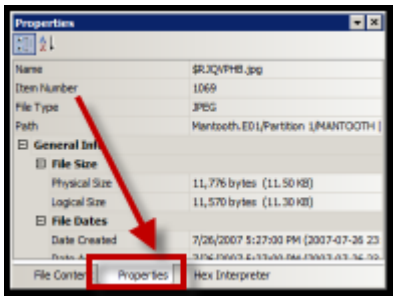
Natural Tab: Web Tab Toggle Buttons

	Enable or Disable CSS Formatting. CSS formatting displays any fonts, colors, and layout from cascading style sheets. HTML formatting not part of a cascading style sheet might remain. Enabled feature is indicated by a blue background; disabled feature is indicated by a gray background.
	Enable or Disable External Hyperlinks. Enabled hyperlinks in the file will link to active internet pages. This may not accurately provide data that was available using that link at the time the image was made, or the evidence was acquired. Enabled feature is indicated by a blue background; disabled feature is indicated by a gray background.

The Properties Tab

The Properties tab is found in the File Content View, and displays a pane, or window of information about a selected file. The following figure displays the information contained in the Properties pane. This information corresponds to the file selected in the *File List* pane.

The Properties Tab



Properties Pane Components

Option	Description
Name	The filename of the selected file.
Item Number	A number assigned to the item during evidence processing.
File Type	The type of a file, such as an HTML file or a Microsoft Word 98 document. The file header is used to identify each item's file type.
Path	The path from the evidence source down to the selected file.
General Info	General information about the selected file: *File Size*: Lists the size attributes of the selected file as follows: • Physical size of the file, including file slack • Logical size of the file, excluding file slack *File Dates*: Lists the Dates and Times of the following activities for that file on the imaged source: • Created • Last accessed • Last modified All dates with times are listed in UTC and local times.
File Attributes	The attributes of the file:
	General: • *Actual File*: True if an actual file. False if derived from an actual file. • *From Recycle Bin:* True if the file was found in the Recycle Bin. False otherwise. • *Start Cluster:* Start cluster of the file on the disk. • *Compressed*: True if compressed. False otherwise. • *Original Name*: Path and filename of the original file. • *Start Sector*: Start sector of the file on the disk. • *File has been examined for slack*: True if the file has been examined for slack. False otherwise.
	DOS Attributes: • *Hidden*: True if Hidden attribute was set on the file. False otherwise. • *System*: True if this is a DOS system file. False otherwise. • *Read Only*: True or False value. • *Archive*: True if Read Only attribute was set on the file. False otherwise. • *8.3 Name*: Name of the file in the DOS 8.3 naming convention, such as [filename.ext].

Properties Pane Components (Continued)

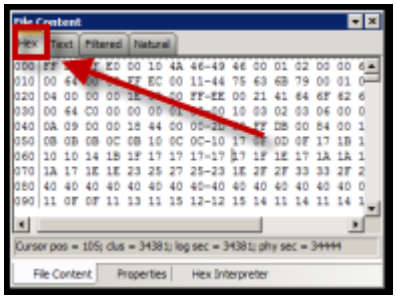
Option	Description
	Verification Hashes: True if verification hashes exist. False otherwise.
	NTFS Information: • *NTFS Record Number*: The number of the file in the NTFS MFT record. • *Record Date*: UTC time and date record was last modified. • *Resident*: True if the item was Resident, meaning it was stored in the MFT and the entire file fit in the available space. False otherwise. (If false, the file would be stored FAT fashion, and its record would be in the $I30 file in the folder where it was saved.) • *Offline*: True or False value. • *Sparse*: True or False value. • *Temporary*: True if the item was a temporary file. False otherwise. • *Owner SID*: The Windows-assigned security identifier of the owner of the object. • *Owner Name*: Name of the owner of that file on the source system. • *Group SID*: The Windows-assigned security identifier of the group that the owner of the object belongs to. • *Group Name*: The name of the group the owner of the file belongs to.
	NTFS ACL attributes. This is the same functionality that is currently found in Imager. When there are multiple sets of ACL attributes present, they are now distinguished by number.
File Content Info	The content information and verification information of the file: • *MD5 Hash*: The MD5 (16 bytes) hash of the file (default). • *SHA-1 Hash*: The SHA-1 (20 bytes) hash of the file (default). • *SHA-256 Hash*: the SHA-256 (32 bytes) hash of the file (default).

The information displayed in the Properties tab is file-type-dependent, so the selected file determines what displays.

The Hex Tab

The Hex tab shows the file content in hexadecimal. It is different from the Hex Interpreter tab at the bottom of the screen.

The Hex Tab



The bar symbol indicates that the character font is not available, or that an unassigned space is not filled.

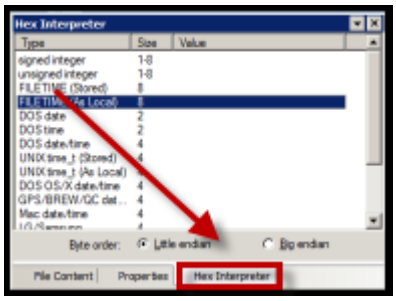
File Content Hex View Right-click Menu Options

Select all	*Show decimal offsets*
Copy text	*Show text only*
Copy hex	*Fit to window*
Copy Unicode	*Save current settings*
Copy raw data	*Go to Offset* takes you to a desired offset. You can select the Hex data to save as a separate file.
Save selection	*Save selection as carved file* lets you manually carve data from files.

The Hex Interpreter Tab

The Hex Interpreter tab shows interpreted hexadecimal values selected in the Hex tab viewer on the File Content tab in the Viewer pane into decimal integers and possible time and date values as well as Unicode strings.

The Hex Interpreter Tab



The Hex Value Interpreter reads date/time stamp values, including AOL date/time, GPS date/time, Mac date/time, BCD, BCD Hex, and BitDate.

The Hex tab displays file contents in hexadecimal format. Use this view together with the Hex Interpreter pane. The Hex View tab is also found in the File Content View. This feature helps if you are familiar with the internal code structure of different file types, and know where to look for specific data patterns or for time and date information.

To convert hexadecimal values

1. Highlight one to eight continuous bytes of hexadecimal code in the **File Content pane > File Content tab viewer > Hex tab**. (Select two or more bytes for the Unicode string, depending on the type of data you want to interpret and view.)
2. Switch to the Hex Interpreter tab at the bottom of the **File Content Viewer > Hex tab**, or open it next to, or below the **File Content tab > Hex tab** view to see both concurrently.
3. The possible valid representations, or interpretations, of the selected code automatically display in the Hex Value Interpreter.

Little-endian and big-endian refers to which bits are most significant in multi-byte data types, and describes the order in which a sequence of bytes is stored in a computer's memory. Microsoft Windows generally runs as Little Endian, because it was developed on and mostly runs on Intel-based, or Intel-compatible machines.

In a big-endian system, the most significant bit value in the sequence is stored first (at the lowest storage address). In a little-endian system, the least significant value in the sequence is stored first. These rules apply when reading from left to right, as we do in the English language.

As a rule, Intel based computers store data in a little-endian fashion, where RISC-based systems such as Macintosh, store data in a big-endian fashion. This would be fine, except that a) AccessData's products image and process data from both types of machines, and b) there are many applications that were developed on one type of system, and are now "ported" to the other system type. You can't necessarily apply one rule and automatically know which it is.

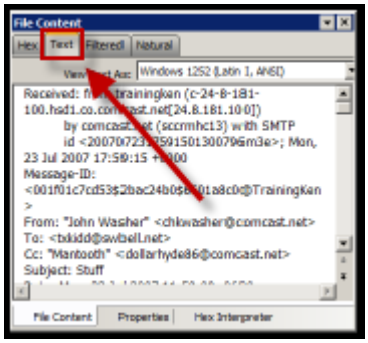
Little-endian is used as the default setting. If you view a data selection in the Hex Interpreter and it does not seem correct, you can try choosing the big-endian setting to see if the data displayed makes more sense.

The Text Tab

The Text tab displays the file's content as text using the code page selected from the *View Text As* drop-down menu.

The File Content pane currently provides many code pages from which to choose. When the desired code page is selected, the Text tab will present the view of the selected file in text using the selected code page language.

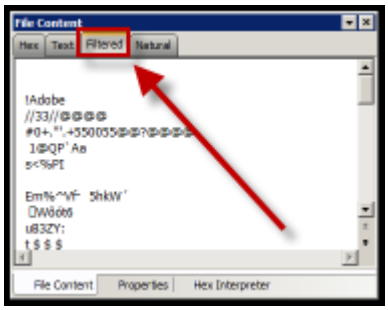
The Text Tab



The Filtered Tab

The Filtered tab shows the file's text created during indexing. The following figure represents content displayed in the filtered tab. The text is taken from an index created for the current session if indexing was not previously selected.

The Filtered Tab


File Content
Hex
Text
Filtered
Natural
!Adobe
File Content
Properties
Hex Interpreter

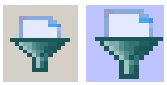
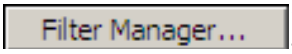
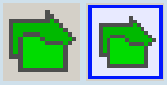
The Filter Toolbar

The interface provides a tool bar for applying QuickPicks and Filters to the case.

See also Filtering Data to Locate Evidence (page 141)

The Filter Toolbar

Filter Toolbar Components

Component	Description
	Turns the filter on or off. Filtered data is shown in a colored pane to indicate that it is filtered. In addition, if no filter is applied, the icon is grayed out. When active, or ON, the Filter button has a light blue background. When inactive, or OFF, the background is gray.
	Opens the drop-down menu listing defined filters. Applies the selected filter.
	Opens the Filter Manager. The Filter Manager allow multiple filters to be selected and applied concurrently. These are known as Compound filters.
	Turns the QuickPicks filter on or off. The QuickPicks filter is used in the Explore tab to populate the file list with only items the investigator wishes to analyze. When active, or ON, the QuickPicks button is light blue. When inactive, or OFF, the background is gray.
	Locks or unlocks the movable panes in the application. When the lock is applied, the box turns grey, and the panes are locked. When unlocked, the box has a light blue background and blue outline, indicating the panes can be moved.

Using QuickPicks

QuickPicks is a type of filter that allows the selection of multiple folders and files in order to focus analysis on specific content. The following figure represents the Explore Evidence Items tree with a partially selected set of folders and sub-folders using the QuickPicks feature.

The QuickPicks filter simultaneously displays open and unopened descendent containers of all selected tree branches in the File List at once. The colors of the compound icons indicate whether descendants are selected.

The icons are a combination of an arrow, representing the current tree level, and a folder, representing any descendants.

QuickPicks Icons

	A dark green arrow behind a bright green folder means all descendants are selected.
	A dark green arrow behind a yellow folder means that although the folder itself is not selected, some of its descendents are selected.
	A white arrow with no folder means neither that folder, nor any of its descendants is selected.
	A white arrow behind a bright green folder means that all descendants are selected, but the folder is not.

The File List view reflects the current QuickPicks selections. When QuickPicks is active, or on, if no folders are selected, the File List view shows the currently selected item in the Tree view, including first-level child objects. When any item is selected, that selection is reflected in the File List view. When QuickPicks is not active, or off, the File List view displays only items at the selected level in the tree view, with no children.

Chapter 21

Examining Evidence in the Overview Tab

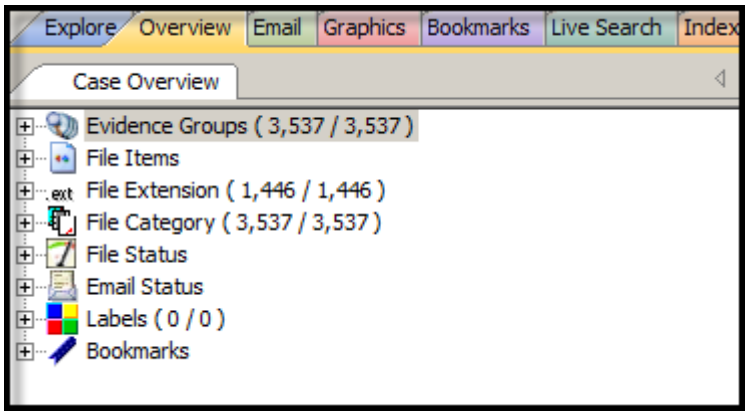
This chapter includes the following topics

- Using the Overview Tab (page 315)

Using the Overview Tab

The Overview tab provides a general view of a case. You can find the number of items in various categories, view lists of items and lists of individual files by category, status, and extension. Evidence categories are represented by trees in the upper-left Case Overview pane of the application.

The Overview Tab



Evidence Groups Container

Evidence items can be assigned to a group when they are added to a case. The Evidence Groups Container shows at-a-glance which Evidence Groups are in use in a case, and the number of items associated with each.

File Items Container

The File Items container itemizes files by whether they have been checked and lists in an expandable tree view the evidence files added to the case.

File Extension Container

The File Extension container itemizes files by their extensions, such as TXT, MAPIMAIL, and DOC and lists them in a tree view.

The File Extension Container content numbers do not synchronize or match up with the overall number of case items. This is because case items, such as file folders, do not have extensions and, therefore, are not listed in the File Extension Container.

File Category Container

File Category container itemizes files by type, such as a word processing document, graphic, email, executable (program file), or folder, and lists them in a tree view.

The statistics for each category are automatically listed. Expand the category tree view to see the file list associated with it.

BlackBerry IPD files (the files created on your PC when you back up your BlackBerry device) are recognized and categorized. Not every BlackBerry device has the same features as all the others, and everyone uses their device differently so there is no guarantee that every type of data will be available from every set of backup IPD files. You will most likely see HTML and XML files, Messages, and Pictures/Photos. Address Books, Tasks, and Calendars will be extracted if available.

File Categories

Archives	Archive files include email archive files, ZIP, STUFFIT, THUMBS.DB thumbnail graphics, and other archive formats.
Databases	Database files such as those from MS Access, Lotus Notes NSF, and other database programs.
Documents	Includes recognized word processing, HTML, WML, XML, TXT, or other document-type files.
Email	Includes email messages from Outlook, Outlook Express, AOL, Endoscope, Yahoo, Rethink, Udder, Hotmail, Lotus Notes, and MSN.
Executables	Includes Win32 executable files and DLLs, OS/2, Windows VxD, Windows NT, Java Script, and other executable formats.
Folders	Folders or directories that are located in the evidence.
Graphics	Lists files having the standard recognized graphic formats such as TIF, GIF, JPEG, and BMP, as found in the evidence.
Internet/Chat Files	Lists Microsoft Internet Explorer cache and history indexes.
Mobile Phone Data	Lists data acquired from recognized mobile phone devices.
Multimedia	Lists AIF, WAV, ASF, and other audio and video files as found in the evidence.
OS/File System Files	Lists partitions, file systems, registry files, and so forth.
Other Encryption Files	Lists found encrypted files, as well as files needed for decryption such as EFS search strings, Public Keys, Private Keys, and other RSA Keys. For more information on Decrypting Encrypted Files, See Decrypting Files (page 165).

File Categories (Continued)

Other Known Types	A miscellaneous category that includes audio files, help files, dictionaries, clipboard files, link files, and alternate data stream files such as those found in Word DOC files, etc. **Note:** Other Known Types includes NSF Misc. Note (Calendar, $profile data, and other miscellaneous files that in the past were shown as HTML), and NSF Stub Note (a link to the same email or calendar item in another view) sub categories.
Presentations	Lists multimedia file types such as MS PowerPoint or Corel Presentation files.
Slack/Free Space	Lists files, or fragments of files that are no longer seen by the file system, but that have not been completely overwritten.
Spreadsheets	Lists spreadsheets from Lotus, Microsoft Excel, Quattro Pro, and others, as found in the evidence.
Unknown Types	Lists files whose types are not identified.
User Types	Lists user-defined file types such as those defined in a Custom File Identification File.

File Status Container

File Status covers a number of file categories that can alert the investigator to problem files or help narrow down a search.

The statistics for each category are automatically listed. Click the category button to see the file list associated with it. The following table displays the file status categories.

File Status Categories

Bad Extensions	Files with an extension that does not match the file type identified in the file header, for example, a GIF image renamed as [graphic].txt.
Data Carved Files	The results of data carving when the option was chosen for preprocessing.
Decrypted Files	The files decrypted by applying the option in the Tools menu. **Note:** Decrypted status means the file was decrypted from evidence added to the case in its original form. The software has had control of the file and knows it was originally encrypted, that it was contained in the original evidence, and thus, is relevant to the case.
Deleted Files	Complete files or folders recovered from slack or free space that were deleted by the owner of the image, but not yet written over by new data.
Duplicate Items	Any items that have an identical hash. Because the hash is independent of the filename, identical files may actually have different filenames. The first instance of a file found during processing is the primary item. Any subsequently found files, whose hash is identical, is considered a secondary item, regardless of how many duplications of the same file are found.
Email Attachments	Files attached to the email in the evidence.
Email Related Items	All email-related files including email messages, archives, and attachments.

File Status Categories (Continued)

Encrypted Files	Files that are encrypted or have a password. This includes files that have a read-only password; that is, they may be opened and viewed, but not modified by the reader. If the files have been decrypted with EFS, and you have access to the user's login password, you can decrypt these files.
Flagged Ignore	Files that are flagged to be ignored are probably not important to the case.
Flagged Privileged	Files that are flagged as privileged cannot be viewed by the Case Reviewer.
From Recycle Bin	Files retrieved from the Windows Recycle Bin.
KFF Alert Files	Files identified as likely to be contraband or illicit in nature.
KFF Ignorable	Files identified as likely to be forensically benign.
OCR Graphics	Files with graphic text that have been interpreted by the Optical Character Recognition engine.
OLE Sub-items	Items or pieces of information that are embedded in a file, such as text, graphics, or an entire file. This includes file summary information (also known as metadata) included in documents, spreadsheets, and presentations.
User Decrypted	Files you've previously decrypted, and then added to the case. **Note:** A user can add any file using Add Decrypted File, and it will be set as decrypted by user. This status indicates that AccessData did not decrypt this file, and cannot guarantee its validity or that such a file has anything to do with the case.

Cluster Topic Container

Cluster Topic are groups of files created through Document Content Analysis. This feature allows you to group Email Threaded data and Near Duplicate data together for quicker review. After the application completes the analysis, the content appears in the *Cluster Topic* container. The content is organized by the keywords in which the documents were analyzed and grouped. Documents that do not fit into a *Content Topic* category are placed in the *UNCLUSTERED* category.

Using Document Content Analysis (page 439)

Processing and Displaying Evidence Counts

When you open the *Examiner* > *Overview* tab, queries are run to calculate the evidence counts in multiple categories: *Evidence Groups*, *File Extension*, *File Category*, and *Labels*. If you have a large case, you can speed up performance by calculating counts in only one category. You can restrict this in one of two ways:

- Through a registry setting
- In the Examiner interface

To Restrict Count Updates by Adding a Settings Entry in the Registry

1. Navigate to the following path in the registry to add the settings value:
   HKEY_CURRENT_USER/Software/AccessData/Products/Forensic Toolkit/5.3/Settings/Tabs/Tab7
2. Add the following value:
   OverviewUpdateType REG_DWORD *2*

Use the data values in the following table to select which category you would like to specify.

Registry Data Values	
FILE CATEGORY	2
FILE EXTENSION	3
LABELS	6
EVIDENCE GROUPS	7

To Restrict Count Updates in the Examiner Interface

1. Click on an item within one of the evidence categories that contain evidence counts.
2. Press the *Home* key on the keyboard.

   This will reduce the case overview tree to only the selected item and it's children. For example, if you select the *Documents* category, this will reduce the case overview tree to showing only *Documents*. This choice is stored in the settings for the Overview tab.

To Restore Full Count Updates in the Examiner Interface

- Click an item in the reduced tree and press the *End* key on the keyboard to restore the full case overview tree.

Disabling the Calculation and Display of the Total Logical Size

When viewing evidence in the Examiner, the Total Logical Size (Total LSize) is calculated for different categories of evidence. To speed up the interface for large cases, you can disable the calculation and display of this value by adding a registry value.

To Hide the Total Logical Size

1. Navigate to the following path in the registry:
   HKLM\SOFTWARE\AccessData\Products\Forensic Toolkit\version
2. Add the following value:
   hide_total_logical_size DWORD value *1*

To Restore the Total Logical Size

- Use the following value:
  hide_total_logical_size DWORD value *0*

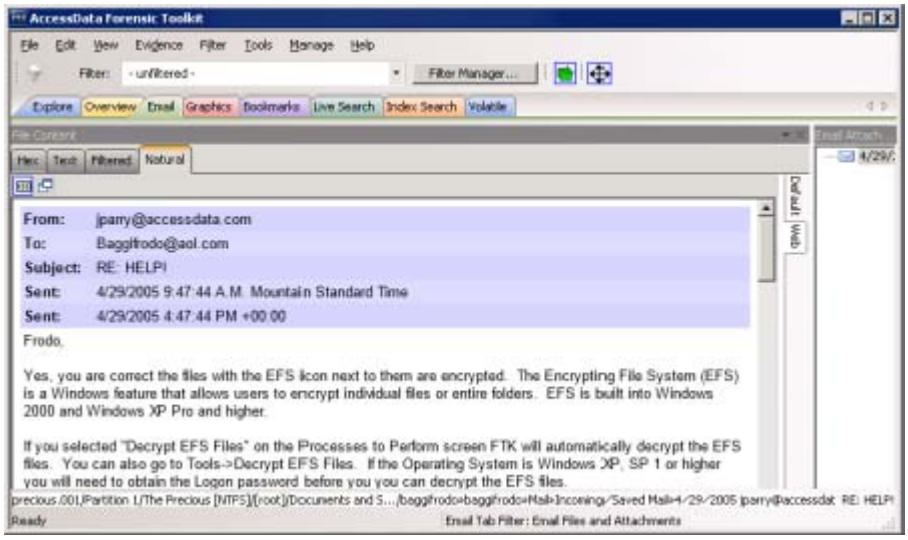
Chapter 22

Examining Email

Using the Email Tab

The Email tab displays email mailboxes and their associated messages and attachments. The display is a coded HTML format.

The Email Tab



Email Status Tree

The Email Status tree lists information such as the sender of the email, and whether an email has attachments. They are listed according to the groups they belong to.

Email Archives Tree

The *Email Archives* tree lists Email related files that are considered containers. Item types include DBX, MBX, PST/OST, Saved Mail, Sent Mail, Trash, and so forth. The tree is limited to archive types found within the evidence during processing.

Email Tree

The *Email* tree lists message counts, AOL DBX counts, PST counts, NSF counts, MBOX counts, and other such counts.

Exchange and PST Emails can be exported to MSG format. In addition, MSG files resulting from an export of internet email look the way they should.

The **Email Tab > Email** Items tree view contains two new groups: Email By Date (organized by Year, then by Month, then by Date, for both Submitted and Delivered); and Email Addresses (organized by Senders and Recipients, and subcategorized by Email Domain, Display Name, and Email Addresses).

You can also export Tasks, Contacts, Appointments, Sticky Notes, and Journal Entries to MSG files.

Important: If the Mozilla Firefox directory is added as evidence while in use, history, downloads, etc. are identified as zero-length files.

When an email-related item is selected in the File List, right-click and choose **View this item in a different list > Email** to see the file in Email context.

Note: Email data parsed into the new nodes in the Email tree view will only be populated in new cases. Converted cases will not have this data. To make this data available in older cases, re-process the case in the new version.

Examining Windows 10 Email

It is possible to process and view Email and Contacts for Windows 10 Email.

Note: This software does not parse anything other than Email and Contacts for Windows 10 Email at this time.

Processing Windows 10 Email and Contacts

To Process Windows 10 Email and Contacts:

1. In the *Evidence Processing* window, select **Expand Compound Files**.
2. Click on the **Expansion Options** button. Scroll down and select the **Unistore Database (Windows 10 Mail)** option.
3. Click **Ok** and process the evidence.

Viewing Windows 10 Email and Contacts

In the Windows File System, the ESE database is found in the store.vol file within the Unistore DB. This is where the logical structure for emails, contacts, and other important information is kept.

There are two ways to view Windows 10 Email and Contacts. If you choose to see the full file structure of the store.vol file, you will need to use the Explore Tab. If you only want to view emails, the Email Tab contains all emails in the case, including Windows 10 Email.

To View Windows 10 Contacts in the Explore Tab:

1. Process the evidence as described above.
2. Navigate to the *Explore Tab*.
3. In the *Evidence Items* pane, navigate to the user's **EmailComms > Comms > UnistoreDB > store.vol** file. Drill down until you see the email folders.
4. To view contacts, open the folder for the email program you are looking for. Expand the IPM.root folder, then select the Contacts folder. The Contacts will then populate in the File List pane. Select a Contact from the list to see the information associated with that contact in the File Content pane. Select the Properties tab to view the various properties associated with the selected contact in Cool HTML.

To View Windows 10 Email in the Explore Tab:

1. Process the evidence as described above.
2. Navigate to the *Explore Tab*.
3. In the *Evidence Items* pane, navigate to the user's **EmailComms > Comms > UnistoreDB > store.vol** file. Inside this file will be the various email folders.
4. To view emails, expand the IPM.root folder for the email program you are looking for and select the Inbox folder. The list of emails will then populate in the File List pane. Select an email to view it in the File Content pane. Select the Properties tab to view the various properties associated with the selected email.

Note: If you'd like to see an email in the Email Tab instead of the Explore Tab, right-click on the email and select View This Item In a Different List > Email.

To View Windows 10 Email in the Email Tab:

- ❖ Windows 10 Email is automatically populated in the existing folders in the email tab.

Exporting Windows 10 Email

Individual emails can be exported as MSG files. When exported, all existing attachments will be included.

Note: If the user has not downloaded the attachment, the content will not be available.

To Export a Windows 10 Email:

1. Right-click on the item you'd like to export and select **Export**.
2. In the *Export* window, select the **Export emails as MSG** option and set a Destination path.
3. Click **Ok**.
   Your email(s) will be exported to the selected destination folder.

Chapter 23

Examining Graphics

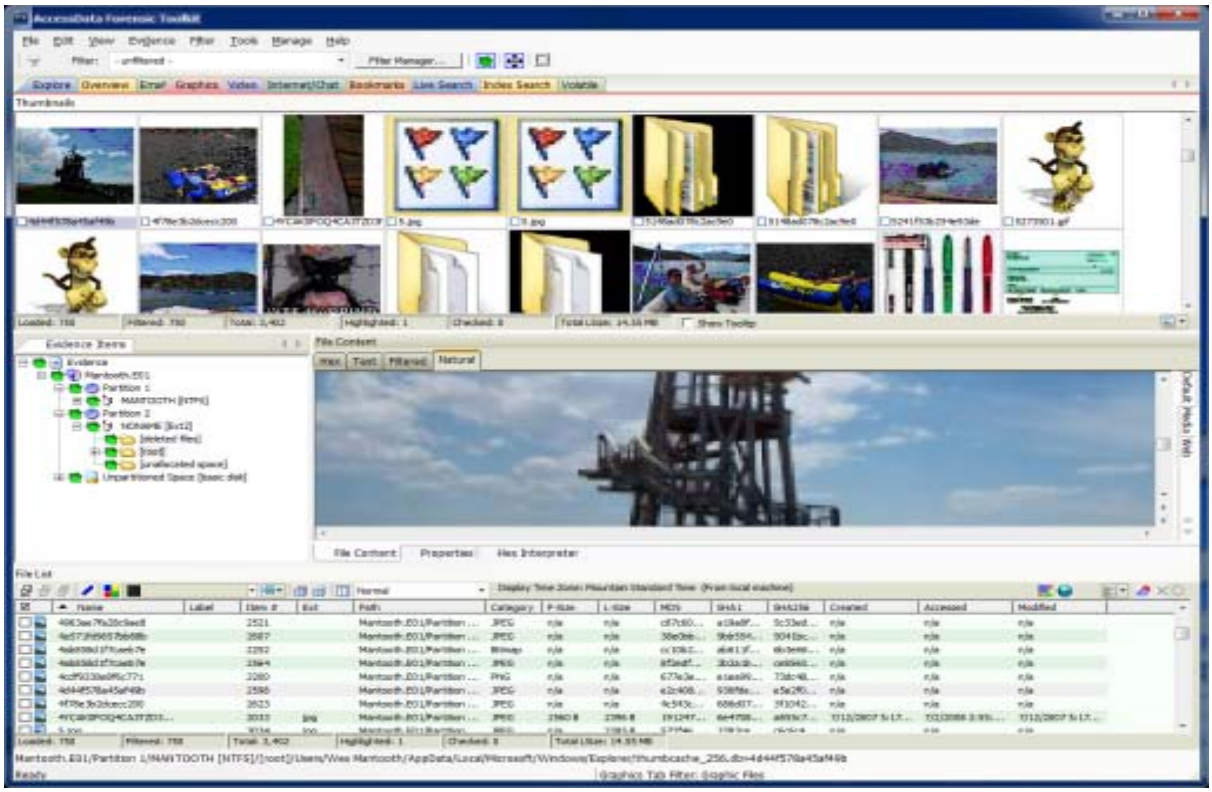
This chapter includes the following topics

- Using the Graphics Tab (page 324)
- Evaluating Explicit Material (page 330)

Using the Graphics Tab

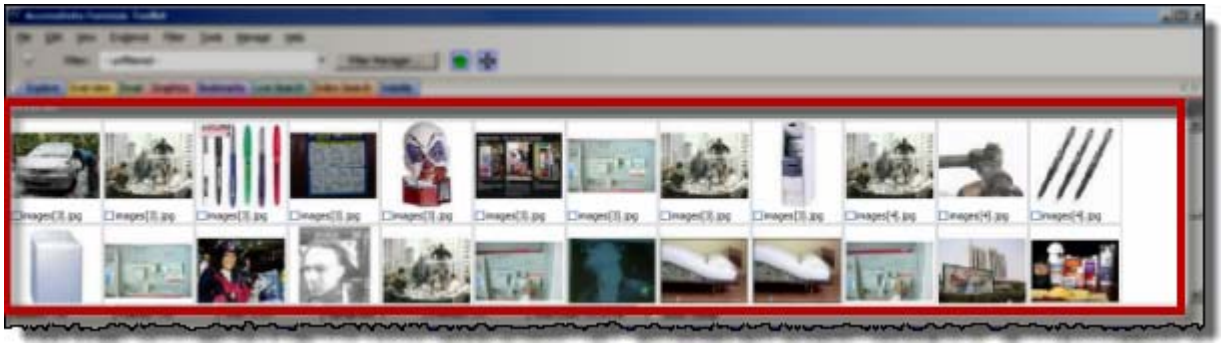
The *Graphics* tab displays the graphics in a case like a photo-album.

The Graphics Tab



Each graphic file is shown in a thumbnail view. A graphic displays in the *Thumbnail* view when its thumbnail is checked in the *File Contents* pane.

Graphics tab Thumbnails



In the thumbnail viewer, if a graphic is not fully loaded, the following icon is displayed:

In the thumbnail viewer, if a graphic cannot be displayed, the following icon is displayed:

Beneath each thumbnail image is a check box. When creating a report, choose to include all of the graphics in the case or only those graphics that are checked.

The Evidence Items pane shows the Overview tree by default. Use the View menu to change what displays here.

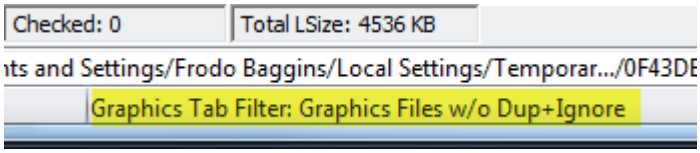
About the Graphics Tab Filter

The graphics files that appear on the Graphics Ta are the ones that meet the criteria of the Graphics tab filter that is applied. You can change the tab filter to view different sets of files.

The Graphics tab has its own tab filter.

See Using Tab Filters (page 145) for more information.

In a new installation, the Graphics tab filter is set to the *Graphic Files w/o Dup+Ignore* filter by default.



This eliminates the need to sort through a high volume of unrelated images. File types not shown when this filter is applied include duplicate items, flagged ignore, and KFF ignorable.

See Ignore Highlighted on page 329.

In an upgrade environment, the current tab filter will be the filter that was previously used. You can apply the *Graphics Files w/o Dup+Ignore* filter as the default Graphics Tab Filter.

To change the tab filter

1. In the Examiner, navigate to Filter > Tab Filter.
2. In the drop down menu, select a filter to apply to the current tab.

See Using Tab Filters (page 145) for more information.

Stacking Filters in the Graphics Tab

There is a default filter on the graphics tab that filters out duplicates and KFF ignorable files. This filter can be changed depending on what items you are searching for. See Using Simple Filtering (page 145) for instructions on how to change and apply tab filters.

You can also add standard filters (such as a Not Bookmarked filter) to pare down the images in the panel to view only things you haven't seen or that haven't been processed already. This can be ideal for investigating large batches of images. See Using Compound Filters (page 149) for instructions on how to create and apply multiple filters simultaneously.

See Filtering Data to Locate Evidence (page 141) for more information on using filters.

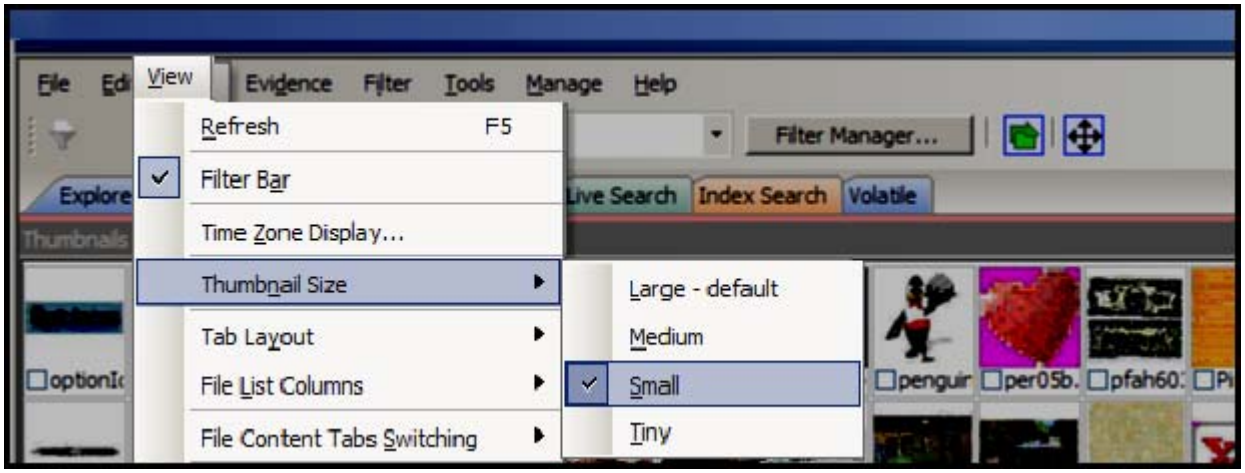
The Thumbnails Size Setting

The thumbnail settings allow large amounts of graphic data to be displayed for evidence investigation, or larger thumbnails to show more detail quickly. The investigator does not always need to see details to pick out evidence; scan the thumbnails for flesh tones, photographic-type graphics, and perhaps particular shapes. Once found, the graphics can be inspected more closely in the Content Viewer. There are two ways to change the thumbnails size setting, in the *Examiner* View menu or with the Thumbnail Size Selector ( ).

- To change the Thumbnail Size in the View menu, click **View > Thumbnail Size** and select a size.
- To change the Thumbnail Size with the Thumbnail Size Selector, click and select a size.

Note: The thumbnail pane needs to be sized at least one thumbnail in height for the scrolling feature to work properly.

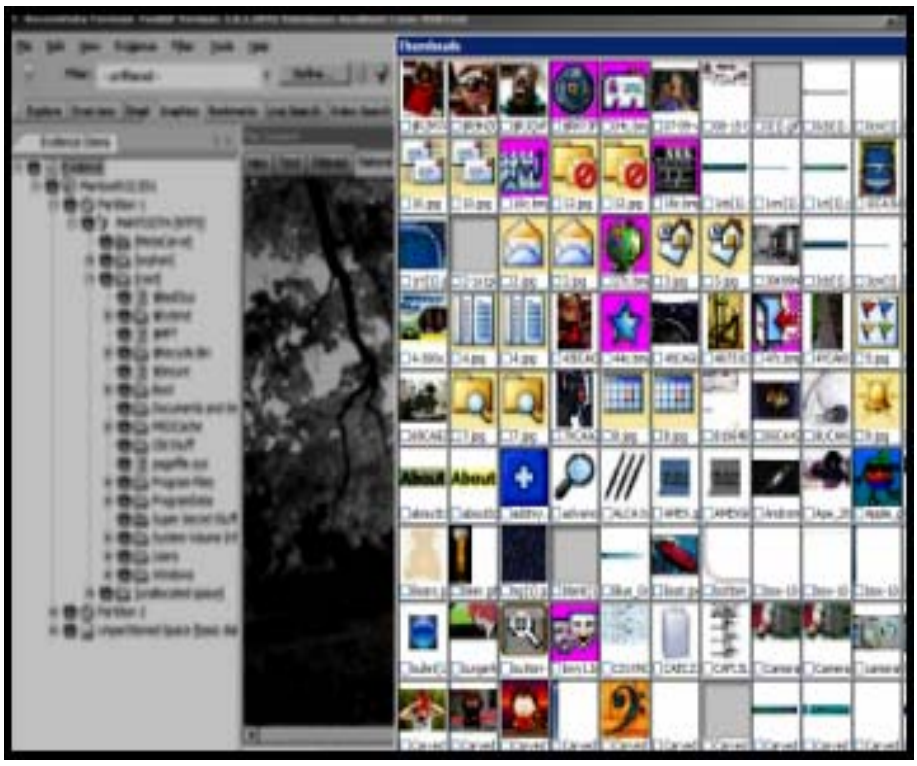
Changing the Thumbnail Size



Moving the Thumbnails Pane

The detachable pane feature is especially useful when you undock the thumbnails graphics pane and move it to a second monitor, thus freeing your first monitor to display the entire data set for the graphics files being analyzed. You can undock the *Thumbnails* pane, and expand it across the screen. Then you can open the Thumbnails Settings sub-menu, and scale the thumbnails down to fit as many as possible in the pane.

Moving the Thumbnails Pane



Using the Thumbnails Pane

The Graphics tab will automatically load all images in the case. It can load over ten million images for review.

There are three actions available within the Thumbnail pane:

- Show Tooltip checkbox
- Ignore Highlighted button
- Thumbnail Size Selector dropdown

Show Tooltip

When the Show Tooltip checkbox is selected, information about an image is displayed as the mouse hovers over it. The tooltip displays the following information for the image:

- Name
- Logical Size
- Physical Size
- Created

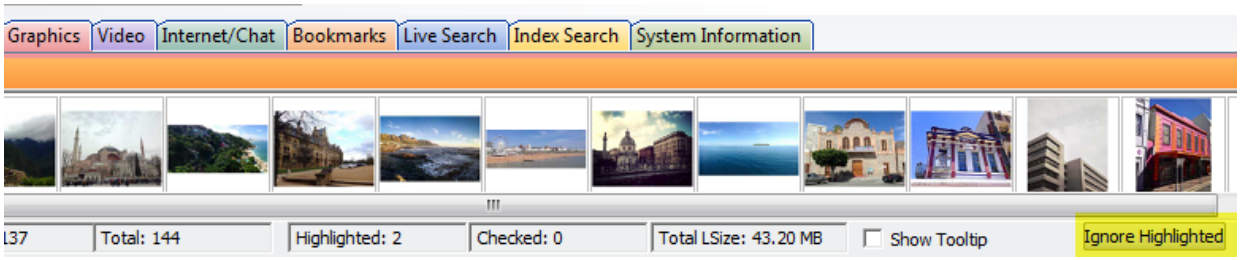
Ignore Highlighted

You can remove unrelated images from the Thumbnails Pane using the *Ignore Highlighted* button.

Selecting one or more files in the Thumbnails Pane and clicking the *Ignore Highlighted* button will give the file(s) a Flagged Ignore status. If the default *Graphic Files w/o Dup+Ignore filter* is applied, the selected files will no longer be visible in the Graphics tab. This allows graphics files that are not applicable to the case to be removed from the Thumbnail Pane.

See About the Graphics Tab Filter on page 326.

To review the files that have been flagged with an ignore marker, navigate to *Overview* > *File Status* > *Flagged Ignore*.



Thumbnail Size Selector

There is a dropdown box in the Thumbnail Pane that will quickly change the size of the displayed thumbnails.

The following size options are available:

- Extra Large
- Large
- Medium
- Small

Evaluating Explicit Material

When explicit material is suspected in a case, the Explicit Image Detection (AID) feature allows for easier location and identification of those files. When creating the case, there are options for identifying explicit material.

See Using Explicit Image Detection (page 83) for more information on setting the EID pre-processing options prior to case creation.

When the pre-processing options are set and applied to evidence as it is processed, in the case you can easily identify files that fit the criteria you set.

Note: You can also use the Project VIC feature to identify known explicit images. See Using Project VIC on page 275.

Filtering EID Material

The following tasks can help you use the EID feature.

Create an EID Tab Filter

A Tab Filter must be used here to filter the folders from the Explore tab, but not filter out the Folders' content from the Graphics Tab. However, the filter itself must be created first, then the filter must be applied as a Tab Filter.

To create a filter for the EID folders in your case

1. Click the **Explore** tab.
2. Ensure that Filters are turned off, and the Filter drop-down displays "-unfiltered-".
3. On the Menu bar, click **Filter >New**.
4. Create a Filter to include EID Folders that have high scores.
   4a. Give the Filter a name that reflects its purpose.
   4b. Provide a description with enough information to be helpful at a glance.
   4c. Set up rules. Check each rule to include it in the filter.
   4d. Mark **Live Preview** to see the effects of the filter on the current File List.
   4e. Choose **Match Any**, or **Match All**, to fit your needs, according to the preview.
   4f. Click **Save** > **Close**.
   If you choose to, repeat Steps 3 and 4 for Medium folders with a criteria of 40, then move to Step 5.
5. From the Filter Manager, copy the new filters to the **Include** list on the top-right side of the view.
6. At the bottom of the dialog, click **Apply** and **Close**.

To apply the new filter as a Tab filter

1. Click the **Explore** tab.
2. Ensure that Filters are turned off, and the Filter drop-down displays "-unfiltered-".
3. Click **Filter >Tab Filter**.

4. In the *Tab Filter Selection* dialog, click the drop-down to select **Explicit images folder (high score)** as created earlier.
5. Click **OK**.

Change the Column List Settings

To view the Explicit Image Detection (EID) statistics for your case in the File List, do the following:

1. Click the **Graphics** tab.
2. In the File List, select the default EID column template from the drop-down list, or add the EID columns to the column template you choose. To customize a Columns Template for EID content, do the following:
   2a. Click **Column Settings** in the File List toolbar.
   2b. In the *Manage Column Settings* dialog, click **New**, or highlight an existing template and click **Copy Selected**.
   2c. In the *Column Settings* dialog, select the EID-related column headings to add to the template, and click **Add**
   2d. Make your selections.
   2e. Move the selected columns up in the list to make them display closer to the left-most column in the view, as it best works for you.
3. Click **OK**
4. From the Manage Column Settings, select the New Column template, and click **Apply**.
   Later, to re-apply this column template, select it from the **Column Setting** drop-down.
   The resulting columns are displayed in the File List view
5. In the File List view, arrange the column headings so you can see the EID data.
6. Click any column heading to sort on that column, to more easily see and evaluate the relevant data.

EID Scoring

Each folder is given a score that indicates the percentage of files within the folder that have an EID score above 50. For example, if the folder contains 8 files and three of them score over 50, the folder score will be 38 (3 is 37.5% of 8). Now, a folder score of 38 does not mean there is no objectionable material in that folder, it only means that there is not a high concentration of objectionable material found there.

Explicit Image Detection filtering rates pictures according to the presence or absence of skin tones in graphic files. In addition, it not only looks for flesh tone colors, but it has been trained on a library of approximately 30,000 pornographic images. It assesses actual visual content. This capability increases the speed with which investigators can handle cases that involve pornography.

Successfully filtered pictures are issued a score between 0 and 100 (0 being complete absence of skin tones, and 100 being heavy presence of skin tones). A score above 100 indicates that no detection could be made. When you set filters for analyzing the scored data, you specify your own acceptance threshold limit for images

you may consider inappropriate. Negative scores indicate a black and white, or grayscale image where no determination can be made, or that some error occurred in processing the file.

Descriptions of EID Scoring Values

0 to 100	The amount of skin tones detected. 0 = few skin tones detected, 100 heavy skin tones detected
-1	File not found
-2	License error
-3	Wrong file format
-4	No match found
-5	Folder not found
-6	Unknown error
-7	Cannot load image (e.g., corrupt image)
-8	Not enough information
-9	Face detection profile path is null
-10	Can’t open face detection directory
-11	Face detection file not found
-12	Input classifier not initialized
-13	Init profile failed
-14	File path is empty
-16	Image data is empty
-17	Null matching handle
-18	Missing retrieval result
-100	An unsupported file format
-101	An unsupported black & white image
-102	An unsupported grayscale image
-103	An unsupported monochrome image
-1000	An unknown error
-1001	The EID score function threw an exception
-1002	The EID score function threw an exception

Chapter 24
Examining Videos

The *Video* tab lets you view detailed information about the video files in your cases.

You can generate thumbnails from video files and display them in the *Video Thumbnail* pane. This functionality lets you quickly examine a portion of the contents within video files without having to watch each media file individually.

See Generating Thumbnails for Video Files (page 334)

The *Video* tab also includes an embedded media player that lets you view the contents of video files. When you process the evidence in your case, you can choose to create a common video type for each of the various videos in your case. These common video types are not the actual video files from the evidence, but a copied conversion of the media that is generated by AccessData. These features let you view the contents of multiple video types, in a common resolution, and sampling rate, from within the *Examiner's* embedded media player.

See Creating Common Video Files (page 335)

When you process evidence, video thumbnails are created by default. To disable the creation of video thumbnails, turn off the *Create Thumbnails for Videos* option in the *Evidence Processing* options.

See Evidence Processing Options on page 67.

Generating Thumbnails for Video Files

You can generate thumbnail graphics based on the content that exists within video files in your case. Video thumbnail generation is accomplished during processing. You can either set up video thumbnail generation when you create a new case, or you can run the processing against an existing case by using the *Additional Analysis* dialog.

To generate thumbnails for video files

1. Do one of the following:
   - In the *Case Manager*, click **Case > New**. Then, click **Detailed Options**.
   - In the *Examiner*, click **Evidence > Additional Analysis > Hashing/Job Options**.
2. Check **Create Thumbnails for Videos**.
3. Click **Thumbnail Options**.
4. In the *Video Thumbnail Options* dialog, set from the following:

Percent	This option generates thumbnails against videos based on the percentage of a videos total content. For example if you set this value to 5, then at every 5% of the video a thumbnail is generated.
Interval	This option generates thumbnails against videos based on seconds. For example, if you set this value to 5, then at every 5 seconds within a video, a thumbnail is generated.

5. Click **OK**.

Generating Video Thumbnails from the Natural Viewer

You can also capture video thumbnails directly from a video viewed in the *Natural Viewer*. This feature allows you to find and capture specific information from video you are reviewing. After capturing a video thumbnail, you can then bookmark that thumbnail for future review.

To capture a video thumbnail from the Natural Viewer

1. From *Evidence Explorer*, click the *Video* tab.
2. Highlight the video and click the *Natural* tab in the *File Content* pane.
3. Click the **Play** button ( ).
4. Click the **Pause** button when you are ready to capture a video thumbnail.

   Note: You can navigate through the video using the Rewind and Fast Forward

5. Click **Add** in the bottom right corner of the *Video Thumbnails* pane.

   The application creates a video thumbnail of the paused frame and places that thumbnail in the *Video Thumbnail* pane.

Creating Common Video Files

When you process the evidence in your case or during Additional Analysis, you can choose to create a common video type for videos in your case. These common video types are not the actual video files from the evidence, but a copied conversion of the media that is generated and saved as an MP4 file that can be previewed on the video tab.

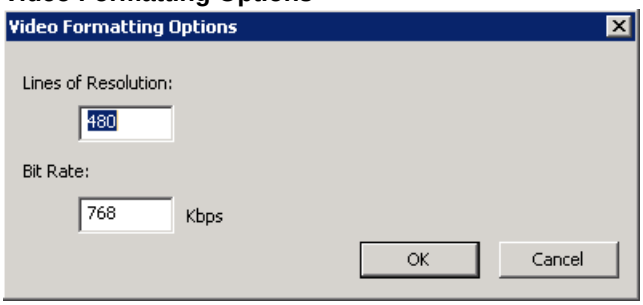
Common video files are not created by default.

See Evidence Processing Options on page 67.

To create common video files

1. Do one of the following:
   - In the *Case Manager*, Click **Case > New**. Then, click **Detailed Options**.
   - In the *Examiner*, click **Evidence > Additional Analysis**.
2. Check **Create Common Video Files**.
3. Process or analyze evidence.

Video Formatting Options



4. In the *Video Formatting Options* dialog, set the following:
   - **Lines of Resolution**: Sets the number of vertical lines in the video. The higher it is, the better the resolution.
   - **Bit Rate**: Sets the rate of bits in Kbps measurements. The higher it is, the better the resolution.
5. Click **OK**.

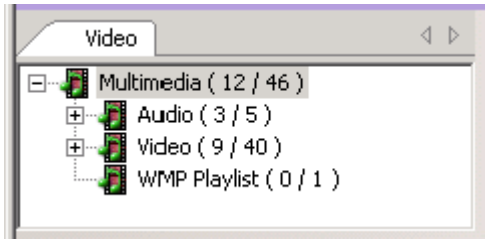
Using the Video Tree Pane

The *Video* tree pane lets you see the multimedia content in a tree view. The content that is displayed in the Video tab is dependent on a default *Tab Filter* called Video *Tab Filter: Video Thumbnails*.

The contents in the *Video* tree displays the multimedia contents in your case and information about the content that applies to the requirements of the Tab filter.

For example, in the graphic below, you can see that the case has 46 total multimedia files. 12 of those multimedia files meet the requirements of the Tab filter and therefore have had video thumbnails generated for them.

Video Tab: Video Tree Pane

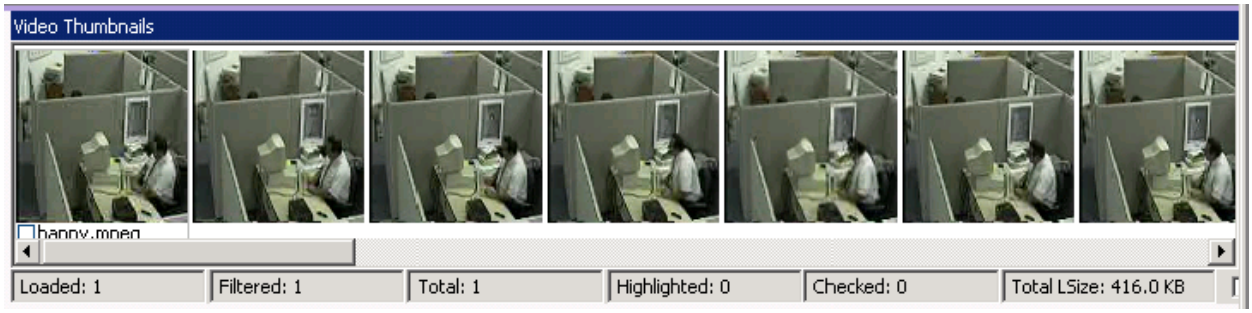


You can use the *Video* tree pane to navigate and drill down to specific multimedia containers and files. If you select a file in the tree pane, The Video Thumbnails pane and the File List pane display the content that is contained in your selection.

Using the Video Thumbnails Pane

The *Video Thumbnails* pane displays any video thumbnails that you have generated based on your selection in either the *Video* tree view or in the *File List* Pane.

Video Tab: Video Thumbnail Pane



You can use the *Video Thumbnail* pane to rapidly scan through the visual contents in a video file, without having to launch and watch the entire video.

In the *Video Thumbnails* pane, if a thumbnail could not be generated the following icon is displayed:

In the *Video Thumbnails* pane, beneath the first thumbnail image for a set of videos is a check box. You can select this check box to check the video file in the *Examiner*.

Playing a Video from a Video Thumbnail

You can play a video in the *File Content Viewer* starting from a selection in the *Video Thumbnail* pane.

For example, if you visually scan the contents of the video thumbnails pane and discover something you need to investigate in the *File Content* viewer, rather than watching the entirety of the video, you can select the location you want to start the video by selecting that thumbnail.

To Play a Video from the Location of a Video Thumbnail

1. In the *Video Thumbnails* pane, click the thumbnail from which you want to start the video.
2. In the *File Content Pane*, In the *Natural* tab, click the **Play** icon.
   The video begins to play from the location that you selected in the *Video Thumbnails* pane.

The Thumbnail Size Setting

You can change the size of the thumbnails that are displayed in the Video tab of the Examiner.

See The Thumbnails Size Setting (page 327) for information on how to do this.

Moving the Thumbnails Pane

You can move, float, and dock the thumbnails pane in the Video tab of the Examiner.

See Moving the Thumbnails Pane (page 328) for information on how to do this.

Chapter 25
Examining Miscellaneous Evidence

This chapter contains information on the following ways to view evidence:

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Identifying Processing-Generated Data

There are some files that get generated during processing. Examples of these files include data broken out from compound files, EXIF data from images, file metadata, and so on. There is a column called Actual File which can be used in the File List to designate if the file was in the original data (True) or if it was generated during processing (False).

See Managing Columns on page 494.

Also, when looking at the file name at the bottom of the File List, if the file was generated by FTK, there is an >> after the parent file name and before the generated file name.

For example, photo.jpg>>photo.exif.html, or mystuff.zip>>pass.doc

See File List Pane on page 298.

You can also use bookmarks to relate generated files with the actual source file in the evidence.

See Identifying Processing-Generated Data on page 340.

Relating Generated Files to Original Files

Some files in your evidence may not be original files but may have been generated during processing. Examples of these files include data broken out from compound files, EXIF data from images, file metadata, and so on.

You can use bookmarks to quickly relate generated files with the actual source filed in the evidence. By selecting the *Actual Source File* option, the source file will be listed and bookmarked as well. All parent items are recursively related within the bookmark from the generated item to the actual source file and not just a parent folder.

See Creating a Bookmark on page 389.

For example, during processing, a DOC file may be generated from a ZIP file. If you bookmark the DOC file and select the *Actual Source File* option, the original ZIP file is included in the bookmark as well.

The related items are also shown in the bookmark section of reports.

You can also view information in the File List to identify processing-generated files.

See Identifying Processing-Generated Data on page 340.

To relate generated files to the original files in bookmarks

1. Right-click a file that was generated during processing.
2. Click either **Create Bookmark** or **Add to Bookmark**.
3. On the bookmark dialog, select *Actual Source File*.

Viewing Windows Prefetch Data

You can easily view data about Windows prefetch (PF) files. When you select a prefetch file in the *File List*, the following application data is displayed in HTML format in the *Natural* tab of the *File Content* pane:

- The file path of the application executable file
- The number of times the application has been run
- The last time the application was run

Viewing Data in Windows XML Event Log (EVTX) Files

About Viewing EVTX Log Files

You can view Microsoft Windows XML event log data. You can view event data in HTML format in the *Natural* tab of the *File Content* pane.

You can view event data in one of two ways:

View event data that is contained in Microsoft Windows XML event log (EVTX) files	In the *File List*, you can see a list of all of the EVTX files. When you view an EVTX log file, in the *File Content* pane, you can view the information about all of the events that are contained in that one file. There can be a lot of data contained in one file.
Expand EVTX log files into separate objects for every event record	When you expand EVTX log files, each event is extracted as its own record. As a result, in the *File List*, each event is shown as its own item. Each item has a small amount of data in it but there can be many individual event records. For example, you may have 100 EVTX log files, and if you expand them, you can have over 100,000 individual event records. When you process evidence, you have the option of expanding EVTX log files. The options is turned off by default. See Evidence Processing Options on page 67. See Using Additional Analysis on page 128. If you expand EVTX files into separate event objects, you can also use the following columns in the *File List*: • EVTX Event Channel • EVTX Event Computer • EVTX Event Data • EVTX Event ID • EVTX Event Level • EVTX Event Source • EVTX Event Source Name • EVTX Event User ID

If you expand data, you will have files are are generated when the data was processed and was not part of the original data. There are tools to help you identify generated data.

See Identifying Processing-Generated Data on page 340.

See Relating Generated Files to Original Files on page 340.

To view EVTX log files

1. In the Examiner, click **Overview**.
2. In C*ase Overview*, do one of the following:
   - View by file extension:
     - Click **File Extension**.
     - If present, click **evtx**.
   - View by file category:
     - Click **File Category**.
     - If present, click **Windows EVTX Event Log**.
3. If your case has any EVTX files, they are displayed in the *File List*.
4. Click an EVTX file to view the data in the *Natural* tab.
   Some log files may not contain any events and you will only see the heading *EVTX Events*.

To expand EVTX log files into individual event records

1. In the Examiner, click **Evidence > Additional Analysis**.
   See Using Additional Analysis on page 128.
2. Under *Miscellany*, select **Expand Compound Files**.
3. Click **Expansion Options**.
4. Select **EVTX**.
5. Click **OK** to save the expansion settings.
6. Click **OK** to process the evidence to expand EVTX files.

To view individual event records

1. In the Examiner, click **Overview**.
2. In C*ase Overview*, Click **File Category**.
3. If present, click **Windows EVTX Event**.
4. If your case has any event records, they are displayed in the *File List*.
5. Click an event record to view the data in the *Natural* tab.

To add EVTX-related columns in the File List

❖ To add EVTX-related columns in the *File List*, add the EVTX-related columns to a new or existing column template.

See Managing Columns on page 494.

These columns will display data only for the expanded individual events, not for the EVTX log files.

Viewing IIS Log File Data

You can view data that is contained in IIS log files in HTML format in the *Natural* tab of the File Contents Pane.

You can also process IIS log files so that they are broken into individual records and interspersed with other items to support timeline analysis. To process IIS log files, there is a new *IIS LOG* check box in *Evidence Processing Options* > *Expansion Options*. This option is not enabled by default.

You can view IIS log data in one of two ways:

View the log file data	In the *File List*, you can see a list of IIS log files. When you view a log file, in the *File Content* pane, you can view the information that are contained in that one file. There can be a lot of data contained in one file.
Expand log file data out as individual records	When you expand IIS log files, each record is extracted. As a result, in the *File List*, each record is shown as its own item. When you process evidence, you have the option of expanding IIS log files. The options is turned off by default. See Evidence Processing Options on page 67. See Using Additional Analysis on page 128. If you expand IIS log files into separate records, you can also use the following columns in the *File List*: ● c-ip ● cs(Cookie) ● cs(Referer) ● cs(User-Agent) ● cs-bytes ● cs-host ● cs-method ● cs-uri-query ● cs-uri-stem ● cs-username ● s-computername ● s-ip ● s-port ● s-sitename ● sc-bytes ● sc-status

If you expand data, you will have files are are generated when the data was processed and was not part of the original data. There are tools to help you identify generated data.

See Identifying Processing-Generated Data on page 340.

See Relating Generated Files to Original Files on page 340.

To expand IIS log files into individual records

1. In the Examiner, click **Evidence > Additional Analysis**.
   See Using Additional Analysis on page 128.
2. Under *Miscellany*, select **Expand Compound Files**.
3. Click **Expansion Options**.
4. Select **IIS Log**.
5. Click **OK** to save the expansion settings.
6. Click **OK** to process the evidence to expand the files.

To add IIS log-related columns in the File List

- To add IIS log-related columns in the File List, add the IIS log-related columns to a new or existing column template.
  See Managing Columns on page 494.
  These columns will display data only for the expanded individual records, not for the IIS log files.

Viewing Registry Timeline Data

You can view registry additional data in HTML format in the *Natural* tab of the *File Contents Pane* to support timeline analysis.

You can process Registry data files so that they are broken into individual records so they are interspersed with other items to support timeline analysis. To process Registry data, there is a new *Registry* check box in *Evidence Processing Options* > *Expansion Options*. This option is not enabled by default.

The following registry areas are supported:

- SAM:
  - SAM\Domains\Account\Users
- NTUSER.DAT:
  - Software\Microsoft\Windows\CurrentVersion\Explorer\UserAssist\{75048700-EF1F-11D0-9888-006097DEACF9}\Count
  - Software\Microsoft\Windows\CurrentVersion\Explorer\UserAssist\{5E6AB780-7743-11CF-A12B-00AA004AE837}\Count
  - Software\Microsoft\Windows\CurrentVersion\Explorer\UserAssist\{CEBFF5CD-ACE2-4F4F-9178-9926F41749EA}\Count
  - Software\Microsoft\Windows\CurrentVersion\Explorer\UserAssist\{F4E57C4B-2036-45F0-A9AB-443BCFE33D9F}\Count
  - Software\Microsoft\Windows\CurrentVersion\Explorer\ComDlg32\CIDSizeMRU
  - Software\Microsoft\Windows\CurrentVersion\Explorer\ComDlg32\FirstFolder
  - Software\Microsoft\Windows\CurrentVersion\Explorer\ComDlg32\LastVisitedPidlMRU
  - Software\Microsoft\Windows\CurrentVersion\Explorer\ComDlg32\LastVisitedPidlMRULegacy
  - Software\Microsoft\Windows\CurrentVersion\Explorer\ComDlg32\OpenSavePidlMRU

You can view Registry data in one of two ways:

View the Registry data	In the *File List*, you can view Registry files.
Expand Registry data out as individual records	When you expand Registry data, each record is extracted. As a result, in the *File List*, each record is shown as its own item. When you process evidence, you have the option of expanding Registry data. The options is turned off by default. See Evidence Processing Options on page 67. See Using Additional Analysis on page 128. If you expand Registry data into separate records, you can also use the following columns in the *File List*: • Registry Action Description • Registry Action Name • Registry Action Type • Registry File

If you expand data, you will have files are are generated when the data was processed and was not part of the original data. There are tools to help you identify generated data.

See Identifying Processing-Generated Data on page 340.

See Relating Generated Files to Original Files on page 340.

To expand Registry data into individual records

1. In the Examiner, click **Evidence > Additional Analysis**.
   See Using Additional Analysis on page 128.
2. Under *Miscellany*, select **Expand Compound Files**.
3. Click **Expansion Options**.
4. Select **Registry**.
5. Click **OK** to save the expansion settings.
6. Click **OK** to process the evidence to expand the files.

To add Registry-related columns in the File List

- To add Registry-related columns in the File List, add the Registry-related columns to a new or existing column template.
  See Managing Columns on page 494.

These columns will display data only for the expanded individual records.

Viewing Log2Timeline CSV File Data

You can view data that is contained in CSV files that are in the Log2timeline format. You can view the data in the *Natural* view of the *File Content* pane.

The individual records from the CSV will be interspersed with other data, giving you the ability to perform more advanced timeline analysis across a very broad set of data. In addition you can leverage the visualization engine to perform more advanced timeline based visual analysis.

To process CSV files, there is a new *Log2tCSV* check box in *Evidence Processing Options* > *Expansion Options*. This option is not enabled by default.

You can view CSV data in one of two ways:

View the original CSV files	In the *File List*, you can see a list CSV files. When you select a file, you can view the information that is contained in each file in the *File Content* pane .
Expand log file data out as individual records	When you expand CSV files, each record is extracted. As a result, in the *File List*, each record is shown as its own item. When you process evidence, you have the option of expanding CSV files. The options is turned off by default. See Evidence Processing Options on page 67. See Using Additional Analysis on page 128. If you expand CSV files into separate records, you can also use columns to view each CSV field. See the table Log2timeline CSV fields (page 349)

If you expand data, you will have files are are generated when the data was processed and was not part of the original data. There are tools to help you identify generated data.

See Identifying Processing-Generated Data on page 340.

See Relating Generated Files to Original Files on page 340.

To view the un-expanded CSV files

1. In the Examiner, click the **Overview** tab.
2. Expand **File Category.**
3. If CSV files exist in your evidence, you can expand **Other Known Types** > **Log2t CSV logs**.
   A list of Log2t CSV files is displayed in the *File List*.
4. Click a file to view the un-expanded data.

To expand CSV files into individual records

1. In the Examiner, click **Evidence > Additional Analysis**.
   See Using Additional Analysis on page 128.
2. Click **Miscellaneous**
3. Under *Miscellany*, select **Expand Compound Files**.
4. Select **Expand Compound Files**.

5. Click **Expansion Options**.
6. Select **Log2t CSV**.
7. Click **OK** to save the expansion settings.
8. Click **OK** to process the evidence to expand the files.

To add CSV-related columns in the File List

1. In the Examiner, click the Column Settings icon.
   See Managing Columns on page 494.
2. Either create a new column template or edit an existing one.
3. In the **Available Columns** list, expand **Log2T**.
4. Add the desired columns to the template.
5. Click **OK.**
6. Select the template name you just configured.
7. Click **Apply.**
   This applies the template to the File List.
8. Click **Close.**
9. In the Overview tab, expand **File Category** > **Other Known Types** > **Log2t CSV log entry**.
   A list of Log2t entries is displayed in the *File List*.
   You will see the data in the columns for each record.
   These columns will display data only for the expanded individual records, not for the original CSV files.

Log2timeline CSV fields

Log2t Desc	A description field, this is where most of the information is stored. This field is the full description of the field, the interpreted results or the content of the actual log line..
Log2t Extra	Additional information parsed is joined together and put here. This 'extra' field may contain various information that further describe the event. Some input modules contain additional information about events, such as further divide the event into source IP's, etc. These fields may not fit directly into any other field in the CSV file and are thus combined into this 'extra' field.
Log2t Filename	The full path of the filename that contained the entry. In most input modules this is the name of the logfile or file being parsed, but in some cases it is a value extracted from it, in the instance of $MFT this field is populated as the name of the file in question, not the $MFT itself.
Log2t Format	The name of the input module that was used to parse the file. If this is a log2timeline input module that produced the output it should be of the format Log2t::input::NAME where name is the name of the module. However other tools that produce l2t_csv output may put their name here.
Log2t Host	The hostname associated with the entry, if one is available.
Log2t Inode	The inode number of the file being parsed, or in the case of $MFT parsing and possibly some other input modules the inode number of each file inside the $MFT file.
Log2t MACB	The MACB or legacy meaning of the fields, mostly for compatibility with the mactime format.
Log2t Notes	Some input modules insert additional information in the form of a note, which comes here. This might be some hints on analysis, indications that might be useful, etc. This field might also contain URL's that point to additional information, such as information about the meaning of events inside the EventLog, etc.
Log2t Short	The short description of the entry, usually contains less text than the full description field. This is created to assist with tools that try to visualize the event. In those output the short description is used as the default text, and further information or the full description can be seen by either hovering over the text or clicking on further details about the event.
Log2t Source	The short name for the source. This may be something like LOG, WEBHIST, REG, etc. This field name should correspond to the type field in the TLN output format and describes the nature of the log format on a high level (all log files are marked as LOG, all registry as REG, etc.)
Log2t SourceType	A more comprehensive description of the source. This field further describes the format, such as "Syslog" instead of simply "LOG", "NTUSER.DAT Registry" instead of "REG", etc.
Log2t User	The username associated with the entry, if one is available.
Log2t Version	The version number of the timestamp object.

Identifying Document Languages

When processing evidence, you can perform automatic language identification. This will analyze the first two pages of every document to identify the language that is contained within.

To identify languages, you enable the Language Identification processing option.

See Evidence Processing Options on page 67.

See Using Additional Analysis on page 128.

After processing is complete, you can add the *Language* column in the File List in the Examiner.

See Managing Columns on page 494.

You can filter by the Language field within review and determine who needs to review which documents based on the language contained within the document.

If there are multiple languages in a document, the first language will be identified.

This feature is enabled by selecting a new *Language Identification* processing option. When you enable Language Identification, you have the following options:

- Document Types to process - You can select to process the following file types:
  - Documents
  - Presentation
  - Spreadsheets
  - Email
- The languages to identify - You can select to identify the following:
  - Basic languages that include English, Chinese, Spanish, Japanese, Portuguese, Arabic, French, Russian, and Korean.
  - Extended languages. Performs language identification for 67 different languages. This is the slowest processing option.

Note: The Language Identification processing option is disabled by default. If you enable it, the basic language setting and all four document types are enabled by default.

Basic Languages

The system will perform language identification for the following languages:

- Arabic
- Chinese
- English
- French
- German
- Japanese
- Korean
- Portuguese
- Russian

- Spanish

If the language to identify is one of the ten basic languages (except for English), select Basic when choosing Language Identification. The Extended option also identifies the basic ten languages, but the processing time is significantly greater.

Extended Languages

The system will perform language identification for 67 different languages. This is the slowest processing option. The following languages can be identified:

- Afrikaans
- Albanian
- Amharic
- Arabic
- Armenian
- Basque
- Belarusian
- Bosnian
- Breton
- Bulgarian
- Catalan
- Chinese
- Croatian
- Czech
- Danish
- Dutch
- English
- Esperanto
- Estonian
- Finnish
- French
- Georgian
- German
- Greek
- Hawaiian
- Hebrew
- Hindi
- Hungarian
- Icelandic
- Indonesian
- Irish
- Italian
- Japanese
- Korean
- Latin
- Latvian
- Lithuanian
- Malay
- Manx
- Marathi
- Nepali
- Norwegian
- Persian
- Polish
- Portuguese
- Quechua
- Romanian
- Rumantsch
- Russian
- Sanskrit
- Scots
- Scottish Gaelic
- Serbian
- Slovak
- Slovenian
- Spanish
- Swahili
- Swedish
- Tagalong
- Tamil
- Thai
- Turkish
- Ukrainian
- Vietnamese
- Welsh
- Yiddish
- West Frisian

Examining Internet Artifact Data

You can examine detailed information about the internet artifact data in your case.

At a basic level, when evidence is processed, internet artifact files are categorized and organized so that you can easily see them. You can use either of the following to quickly see internet artifact files:

- The *Overview* tab > *File Category* > *Internet/Chat Files*
- The *Internet/Chat* tab

Both tabs display the same data.

For example, using these views, you can quickly see the following files:

- AOL:
  - AOL ABY files
  - AOL Buddy List
  - AOL User History
- Chrome Browser:
  - Bookmark files
  - Cookies files
  - History files
- Internet Explorer:
  - MSIE Cookie Index files
  - MSIE History files
- Microsoft Live Messenger Log files
- Mozilla
  - Address Book files
  - Cookie Index files
  - History files
  - Mozilla Thunderbird email files
- Skype
  - Skype Data
  - Skype Files
- Web-based email providers
  - Flashmail
  - Foxmail
- Yahoo IM conversation files
- mail.ru agent history files (Mra.dbs):
  - User account information and encrypted account password
    From the registry at HKCU\Software\Mail.Ru\Agent\magent_logins3*\
  - Parsed contacts and messages from mra.dbs files
    Each message contains a plain-text and an RTF version, both UTF16LE.
  - Contact list from the inbox.ru.xml.

For many of these files, you can view information from the files in the Natural view. For example, you can see an AOL Buddy List or the contents of a Yahoo IM conversation.

Some internet artifact information is stored in SQLite tables. Most of these tables are viewable in the Natural view.

About Extensible Storage Engine (ESE) Databases

Extensible Storage Engine (ESE) databases are used by many Microsoft components as well as other programs to store and retrieve data. Some of these components include:

- MS Exchange Server (2000/2003)
- MS Exchange Server (2007)
- MS Exchange Server (2010)
- Active Directory
- Windows Live Server
- Desktop Search (Vista and Windows 7)
- IE 10 Web Data (for example, history, cookies, cache, and so forth)
- SRS (Site Replication Service) Template
- Windows Help Center
- Windows Update
- Windows System Update
- Windows Server Security
- Windows Server WINS
- Windows Server DHCP
- NT File Replication Service

These ESE databases are expanded when processing evidence (if selected in the Expansion Options) and displayed in Evidence Groups. Most of the ESE databases appear in *File Category* > *Databases*. The exception is Exchange ESE databases, which appear in *File Category* > *Email*.

Internet Explorer version 10 or later also use ESE databases to store data like the internet history, cookies, cache, and so forth. (See About Expanding Data from Internet Explorer (IE) Version 10 or Later on page 355.)

To expand the ESE Databases into individual records

1. In the Examiner, click **Evidence > Additional Analysis**.
   See Using Additional Analysis on page 128.
2. Click **Miscellaneous**
3. Under *Miscellany*, select **Expand Compound Files**.
4. Select **Expand Compound Files**.
5. Click **Expansion Options**.
6. Verify that **ESE DB** is selected.
7. Click **OK** to save the expansion settings.
8. Click **OK** to process the evidence to expand the files.

About Expanding Google Chrome, Firefox, and IE 9 Data

There are advanced processing options that will expand the basic Google Chrome, Mozilla Firefox, and Internet Explorer data. You can do the following:

- Expand Google Chrome and Mozilla Firefox SQLite tables and IE 9 IE.DAT files to create individual records.

  This provides investigators the ability to bookmark specific records from within the tables. For example, if you are looking for a specific Top Site record, you can more easily find and bookmark the record you need.

- Reconstruct web pages .

  When viewing either Cache or History entries, if enough data is stored in the cache, you can see the reconstructed web page that was cached when the user was browsing the respective web site.

The following table lists the expanded data that you can view:

Internet Artifact Expanded Data

Chrome	• Cache Index Data • Cookies • Downloads • History • Top Sites • Key Words • Web Autofill Data
Firefox	• Bookmarks • Cache Index Data • Cookies • Favorites • Form History • History
Internet Explorer 9	• IE Cache Entries • IE Cookies Entries • IE History Entries • IE Download Entries • MSIE Recovery dat Entries

When viewing the expanded data, you can use the following columns in the File List to display detailed data.

Internet History Columns

- Action URL
- Autofill Name
- Autofill Value
- Bytes Downloaded
- Cookie Name
- Cookie Path
- Cookie Value
- Count
- Duration
- Encrypted Card Number
- End Time
- Expiration Month
- Expiration Time
- Expiration Year
- File Path
- Google Profile Address
- Google Profile City
- Google Profile Company Name
- Google Profile Country
- Google Profile Country Code
- Google Profile Email Address
- Google Profile First Name
- Google Profile Last Name
- Google Profile Middle Name
- Google Profile Phone Number
- Google Profile State
- Host Key
- Last Updated Time
- Last Visit Time
- Name on Card
- Offline User Email
- Opened
- Origin URL
- Password Element
- Password Value
- Rank
- Redirects to
- Start TIme
- Terms
- This Visit Time
- Types Times
- URL
- URL has HTML
- Username Element
- Username Value
- Visit TImes
- Zip Code

See Managing Columns on page 494.

See Icons of the File List Tool Bar on page 301.

If you expand internet artifact data, you will have files are are generated when the data was processed and was not part of the original data. There are tools to help you identify generated data.

See Identifying Processing-Generated Data on page 340.

See Relating Generated Files to Original Files on page 340.

About Expanding Data from Internet Explorer (IE) Version 10 or Later

Data from Internet Explorer (IE) 10 is stored in a database called WebCacheV01.dat. This file is an ESE (Extensible Storage Engine) database that points to IE 10's cached files. When expanded in Examiner, you can view the following data:

Internet Artifact Expanded Data

Internet Explorer 10	• IE Web Cache Compatibility Entries • IE Web Cache Content Entries • IE Web Cache Cookie Entries • IE Web Cache DOM Store Entries • IE Web Cache Download Entries • IE Web Cache RSS Feed Entries • IE Web Cache History Entries • Other Web Cache Entries

This data displays in the Overview tab under Internet/Chat Files or in the Internet/Chat tab.

IE 10 (and later) WebCache Data on a Live System

You cannot expand or display Internet Explorer 10 (or later) WebCache data from a live system. WebCache data is locked by the Windows operating system and does not display correctly in the Examiner.

About Internet Artifact Processing Options

To expand internet artifact data, you enable processing options either when you add the evidence or later by using Additional Analysis.

Note: The IE WebCache contains many files and can take additional time to expand. Therefore, IE WebCache is not selected by default.

Important: Expanding internet artifact data can add a significant amount of data to your evidence.

See Evidence Processing Options on page 67.

See Using Additional Analysis on page 128.

Internet Artifact Processing Options

Chrome	Expand Compound Files > Chrome Bookmarks	unselected by default
	Expand Compound Files > Chrome Cache	unselected by default
	Expand Compound Files > Chrome SQLite	unselected by default
Firefox	Expand Compound Files > Firefox Cache	unselected by default
	Expand Compound Files > Firefox SQLite	unselected by default
Internet Explorer 9 or earlier	Expand Compound Files > Internet Explorer	selected by default
	Expand Compound Files > IE Recovery This lets you expand *IE Recovery* data that was stored when access to a Web site was lost.	unselected by default
Internet Explorer 10 or later	Expand Compound Files > IE WebCache	unselected by default

About Viewing Internet Artifact Data

After you have expanded the artifact data, you can view the data in the Examiner. You can view expanded data in one of the following ways:

- Clicking an individual file and viewing the contents in the Natural view.
  For most items, you will see the data displayed in a table.
  - Viewing Reconstructed web pages
    For history and cache entries, if enough data exists, the reconstructed web page appears. If enough data is not available, informational data appears instead.
    You can use the *URL has HTML* column to help you determine which files can be reconstructed.

- Adding columns to the *File List* that displays expanded data.

  You can add columns for all of the expanded items that is generated. A sample is listed in the *Internet History Columns* table above.

  You can view a list of all of the Internet History columns by looking at the *Internet History* column group in the column manager.

  See Managing Columns on page 494.

In the Internet/Chat files folder, the files are organized as follows:

- Chrome:
  - Original Chrome artifact files are stored under the *Chrome Browser Files* folder
  - The expanded data is stored under the *Chrome Browser Data* folder.
- Firefox:
  - Original Firefox artifact files are stored under the *Firefox Files* folder
  - The expanded data is stored under the *Firefox Browser Data* folder.
- IE
  - Original IE artifact files are stored under the *Internet Explorer Browser Files* folder
  - The expanded data is stored under the *Internet Explo*rer *Browser Data* folder.

Expanding Internet Artifact Data

To expand internet artifact data

1. When either adding evidence to a case or performing Additional Analysis, access the processing options.

   See Evidence Processing Options on page 67.

   See Using Additional Analysis on page 128.
2. Select the option to **Expand Compound Files**.
3. Click **Expansion Options**.
4. Select one or more of the following options:
   - Chrome:
     - Chrome Bookmarks
     - Chrome Cache
     - Chrome SQLite
   - Firefox:
     - Firefox Cache
     - Firefox SQLite
   - IE:
     - IE Cookie Text
     - IE Recovery
     - IE WebCache
     - Internet Explorer Files
   - Skype SQLite

     See About Internet Artifact Processing Options on page 356.
5. Process your data.

Viewing Internet Artifact Data

To view expanded internet data in the Natural view

1. In the examiner, open one of the following: (Both tabs display the same data.)
   - The **Overview** tab > **File Category** > **Internet/Chat Files**

   Note: Chrome and Firefox SQLite files are also located in Internet/Chat Files.

   - The **Internet/Chat** tab
2. For Chrome files, expand **Chrome Browser** > **Chrome Browser Data**.
3. For Firefox files, expand **Mozilla Files > Firefox Browser > Firefox Browser Data**.
4. For IE files, expand **Internet Explorer Browser** > **Internet Explorer Browser Data**.
5. Select a folder, such as **Cookies**.
6. Click an item in the *File List*.
   The cookie's data is displayed in the *Natural* view.
7. Click **History**.
8. Click an item in the *File List*.
   If possible, the reconstructed web page will be shown. If insufficient data exists, informational data will be shown instead.
9. You can perform a search for a specific value in the Natural view by clicking CTRL-F.

To view expanded internet data using columns

1. In the examiner, open one of the following: (Both tabs display the same data.)
   - The **Overview** tab > **File Category** > **Internet/Chat Files**
   - The **Internet/Chat** tab
2. Click the *Column Settings* icon.
   See Managing Columns on page 494.
3. Either create a new column template or edit an existing one.
4. In the **Available Columns** list, expand **Data**.
5. Add the desired columns to the template.
   For example, to add columns for Chrome or Firefox browser history data, use the following:
   - URL
   - Visit TImes
   - Typed Times
   - Last VIsit Time
   - This Visit Time
   - Duration
6. Click **OK**.
7. Select the template name you just configured and click **Apply**.
   This applies the template to the *File List*.
8. Click **Close**.
9. Expand **Browser** > **Browser Data** for either Chrome or Firefox.
10. Click **History**.
    In this example, you will see the history data in the columns for each record.

Examining Mobile Phone Data

You can examine detailed information about the mobile phone data in your case.

The mobile phone data that you can see comes from the following sources:

- AD1 files from AccessData Mobile Phone Examiner
- Cellebrite UFDR report files
  See Working with Cellebrite UFDR Images on page 367.

At a basic level, when evidence is processed, mobile phone files are categorized and organized so that you can easily see them. You can use the *Overview* tab to quickly view data specific to mobile phones:

- The *Overview* tab > *File Category* > *Mobile Phone*

For example, using these views, you can quickly see the following files:

- *Mobile Phone Data*
  - *Bookmark*
  - *Call History*
  - *Cookie*
  - *Powering Event*
  - *SMS Messages*
  - *Web History*
- *Mobile Phone Files*
  - *Cellebrite Files*

For many of these files, you can view information from the files in the Natural view. For example, you can see artifacts for the Call History or the contents of an SMS Message.

Some mobile phone information is stored in SQLite tables. Most of these tables are viewable in the Natural view.

Note: The files listed in the *Mobile Phone Data* section are specific to the particular mobile phone image you have processed, and will be different for each mobile phone image.

There are many files found on mobile phones that are not specific to the Mobile Phone file category. This data could include, but is not limited to, the following file categories:

- Archives
- Databases
- Documents
- Folders
- Graphics

These files can also be viewed by using the *Overview* tab.

About Expanding Mobile Phone Data

When viewing the expanded mobile phone data, you can use the following columns in the File List to display detailed data.

Mobile Phone Columns	
App Usage	• App Activation Count • App Active Time • App Background Time • App Launch Count • App Launch Day • App Name
Bluetooth Device	• Bluetooth Device Info • Bluetooth Device MAC Address • Bluetooth Device Name
Calendar	• Calendar Priority • Event Category • Event Description • Event End Time • Event Location • Event Phone Number • Event Start Time • Event Status • Event Summary • Event Timezone • Reminder Timestamp
Call History	• Call Duration • Call Number • Call Time • Call Type • Calling Name • Country Code • Network Code • Network Name • Phone Call Type
Installed Apps	• App Category • App Description • App GUID • App Identifier • App Install Time • App Name • App Update Timestamp • App Vendor • App Version • Copyright • Permissions • Purchase Date

Mobile Phone Columns

IP Connection	• Cellular Wan • Connection Adapter • Connection IP Address • Connection Status • Connection Type • Device IPs • DNS Addresses • Domain • MAC Address • Router Address • Service Name
Location	• Elevation • Latitude • Location Address • Location Category • Location Confidence • Location Country • Location Description • Location Name • Location Type • Longitude • Precision
Miscellaneous File Info	• Folder Name • Group • Item Source • Local File Path • Related Account • Related Application • Related URL • Storage Location • Storage Type
MMS Messages	• MMS BCC • MMS CC • MMS File Count • MMS From • MMS Priority • MMS Received Timestamp • MMS Sent Timestamp • MMS Status • MMS Subject • MMS To
Mobile Card	• Card Activation Time • Card Barcode • Card Description • Card Expiration Time • Card Name • Card Purchase Time • Card Type

Mobile Phone Columns

Notification	• Notification ID • Notification Participants • Notification Status • Notification Subject • Notification To • Notification Type
Password	• Password Account • Password Data • Password Server • Password Service
Phone Info	• Dictionary Locale • Dictionary Word • Event Severity • Package Name • Participant • Participant Email • Powering Event • Powering Event Element • Process • Type

Mobile Phone Columns	
Phonebook	• Address • Address Type • Address1 • Address2 • City • Company • Email • First Name • Home Address • Home Email • Home Number • Last Name • Last Time Contacted • Middle Name • Mobile Number • Nickname • Number Type • Personal Mobile Number • Phone Number • Phonebook Item Home Website • Phonebook Item Name • Phonebook Item URL • Phonebook Item Work Website • Phonebook Label • State • Times Contacted • Title • Work Address • Work Email • Work Mobile Number • Work Number • Zip
SMS Messages	• SMS From • SMS From Number • SMS Service Center • SMS State • SMS Text • SMS Time Received • SMS Time Sent • SMS Time Zone of Sender • SMS To • SMS To Number • SMS Type
VoiceMail	• VM Duration • VM From • VM Name

Mobile Phone Columns	
WiFi	• BSSID • Last Connected • Last Network • Network Protocol • SSID • Wireless Security Mode
Note Summary	
Note Title	
Task Time Zone	

Viewing Mobile Phone Data

To view expanded mobile phone data in the Natural view

1. In the examiner, open the following:
   - The **Overview** tab > **File Category** > **Mobile Phone** > **Mobile Phone Data**
2. Select a folder, such as **SMS Messages**.
3. Click an item in the *File List*.
   The data is displayed in the *Natural* view.
4. Click **Mobile Phone Files**.
5. Click **Extraction Summary** in the *File List*.
   Details of the original mobile phone extraction will be shown.
6. You can perform a search for a specific value in the Natural view by clicking CTRL-F.

To view expanded mobile phone data using columns

1. In the examiner, open the following:
   - The **Overview** tab > **File Category** > **Mobile Phone**
2. Click the Column Settings icon. There are six mobile phone templates available:
   - Mobile Device Apps
   - Mobile Device Call Log
   - Mobile Device Contacts
   - Mobile Device Events
   - Mobile Device MMS
   - Mobile Device SMS
3. Either create a new column template or edit an existing one.
   See Managing Columns on page 494.
4. In the **Available Columns** list, expand **Mobile Phones**.

5. Add the desired columns to the template.
   For example, to add columns for SMS Messages data, use the following:
   - SMS From
   - SMS From Number
   - SMS Service Center
   - SMS State
   - SMS Text
   - SMS Time Received
   - SMS Time Sent
   - SMS Time Zone of Sender
   - SMS To
   - SMS To Number
   - SMS Type
6. Click **OK**.
7. Select the template name you just configured and click **Apply**.
   This applies the template to the File List.
8. Click **Close**.
9. Apply the *Mobile Device SMS* column template.
10. Expand **Mobile Phone** > **Mobile Phone Data**.
11. Click **SMS Messages**.
    In this example, you will see the SMS data in the columns for each record.

To view expanded mobile phone data using filters

1. In the examiner, open the following:
   - The **Overview** tab > **File Category** > **Mobile Phone**
2. Click the *Filter* dropdown. There are five mobile phone templates available:
   - Mobile Phone: Calendar
   - Mobile Phone: Call History
   - Mobile Phone: Messages
   - Mobile Phone: Phonebook
   - Mobile Phone Files
3. Either apply an existing filter or create a new one.
   See Managing Filters on page 54.
4. Once applied, you will see only those items allowable by the selected filter. The *File List* contents will also be highlighted yellow, showing a filter is applied.

Standard Messaging Format

The Web (HTML5) tab shows a realistic view of chat conversations. Conversations look more like they do on the original device, making it easier to view and to export information to third parties without having to append an explanation for the data.

During processing, be sure to select the *All Communications* option. This will mark any mobile conversations by default.

You can find the Web (HTML5) tab in the File Content panel, in the Natural view side tabs. The Web (HTML5) view is also available on the Index Search Tab.

Important: If a non-text item from a chat was not included in the evidence file, the unavailable item will be listed along with any relevant information. These could include items such as images, videos, voice recordings, locations, stickers, emojis, or other attachments.

The viewer has been implemented for the following chat conversations:

- Android SMS
- Android MMS
- Celebrite Chat
- FB Messenger (Android)
- Hangouts
- Instagram (Android)
- Kik (Android)
- pidgin
- Skype
- Viber (Android)
- WeChat (Android)
- WeChat (iOS)
- WhatsApp (Android)
- WhatsApp (iOS)
- XRY Chat

Use the Chat Conversations column setting in the *File List* to see the most relevant data for these files. The type of chat will be listed in the Src (Source) column. It is possible to sort using this column to find data from a particular source.

Applying the Standard Messaging Format

To view the data in Standard Messaging Format

1. Navigate to the *Internet/Chat Tab*.
2. Navigate to the desired folder in the evidence tree. Select a message in the File List.
3. In the File Content panel, select the **Natural Tab** at the top. Select the **HTML5 Tab** on the right side. The data will display in a similar format to the one used on the original device.

Note: It may be easier to use a different tab for certain types of mobile phone data. The HTML5 Tab is available on all File Content panels.

Working with Cellebrite UFDR Images

About Expanding Cellebrite Data

To expand Cellebrite mobile phone data, you enable processing options either when you add the evidence or later by using Additional Analysis.

See Evidence Processing Options on page 67.

See Using Additional Analysis on page 128.

Expanding Cellebrite Data

To expand Cellebrite data

1. When either adding evidence to a case or performing Additional Analysis, access the processing options.

   See Evidence Processing Options on page 67.

   See Using Additional Analysis on page 128.
2. Select the option to **Expand Compound Files**.
3. Click **Expansion Options**.
4. Click **Clear All**.
5. Select the **Cellebrite UFDR** option.
6. Process your data.

Working with iOS Backup

About Expanding iOS Backup Data

To expand iOS Backup data, you will need to enable the appropriate processing option either when you add the evidence or later by using Additional Analysis.

Note: You will need the user's password in order to open any encrypted backup files. We currently do not decrypt iOS Backup files.

Expanding iOS Backup Data

To Expand iOS Backup Data:

1. During processing, or in *Additional Analysis*, open the *Evidence Processing* window.
2. Check the **Expand Compound Files** option.
3. Click on the **Expansion Options** box and check the box for **iOS Backup**.
4. Click **Ok** and process the evidence.

Locating iOS Backup Data

To Locate iOS Backup Data:

1. In the *Explore Tab*, open the evidence and navigate to the **Manifest.db** file.
2. Select any folder to view iOS Backup evidence.

Important: When looking at iOS Backup files in the Overview Tab, these files will not be classified as Mobile Phone files. They will be classified as the standard file category for each type of file found on the phone.

Working with Facebook Messenger (Android)

To expand Facebook Messenger App data on an Android phone, you will need to enable the appropriate processing option either when you add the evidence or later by using Additional Analysis.

Expanding Facebook Messenger (Android) Data

To Expand Facebook Messenger (Android) Data:

1. During processing, or in *Additional Analysis*, open the *Evidence Processing* window.
2. Check the **Expand Compound Files** option.
3. Click on the **Expansion Options** box and check the box for **Facebook Messenger (Android)**.
4. Click **Ok** and process the evidence.

Note: There is a known issue within Facebook that deletes the last names of contacts and substitutes the first name for the last name. This is a bug within Facebook, but the behavior will persist when exploring evidence within the Examiner.

Locating Facebook Messenger (Android) Data

To Locate Facebook Messenger (Android) Data:

1. In the *Explore Tab*, open the phone evidence and navigate to the following path:
   [root] > data > com.facebook.orca > databases > threads_db2
2. Open the **threads_db2** folder. Select either the **Contacts, inbox**, or **pending** folder to view the data.

Important: The *pending* folder will not always have data in it.

To View Facebook Messenger (Android) Contacts:

1. Navigate to and highlight the **Contacts** folder, as described above.
2. The *File List* will show the available contacts. Select a contact, and the associated information for that contact will appear in the *File Content* pane.

Note: The Profile URLs shown for Facebook Messenger (Android) contacts are external and unusable because they require Facebook cookies to work.

To View Facebook Messenger (Android) Conversations:

1. Navigate to the **inbox** folder, as described above.
2. Select a conversation. It will populate as individual messages in the *File List*. The entire conversation will appear in Cool HTML in the *File Content* pane.

Note: The Attachments Column will contain links, not actual items. These links are external (stored in the cloud) and will need the Facebook cookies to work, meaning you must be logged in under the proper Facebook account to view them. The Pending Send Media Attachment Column will also have a link to the image. But since this image was pending, it might be available somewhere in the evidence.

Facebook Messenger Data Types

The following data types can be extracted from Facebook Messenger on Android:

Contacts

- User
- First Name
- Last Name
- Last Update Time
- Profile URLs

Message Threads

- Timestamp
- User
- Message
- Attachment URLs
- Attachments (if the data is present in the image)

Mobile Chat Applications

It is possible to extract the following mobile chat applications:

- WeChat for Android
- WeChat for iOS
- WhatsApp for Android
- WhatsApp for iOS

WeChat for Android Data Types

The following data types can be extracted from WeChat Apps on Android. Unless specified otherwise, the data shows in both the Content Viewer (in CoolHTML) and in the Property Window (attributes).

Device Owner Info

- Display Name
- Username
- Phone
- Description (CoolHTML only)
- Comment (CoolHTML only)
- City
- State
- Country

Contact Items

- Display Name
- Username
- Note
- Country
- City

Conversation Items

- Create Date
- Modify Date
- Message Count
- Participants
- CoolHTML List of all messages

  This includes Sent, To, and Message Data (including thumbnails of sticker, picture, and video clip messages)

Message Items

- Create Date
- From
- To
- Message

  Displays a thumbnail image in CoolHTML if it is a sticker, picture, or video clip.
- Attachment Count

Attachment Items

Attachment items include pictures, video clips, and voice recordings. The picture, audio, or video clip is shown in the Content Viewer when available.

Note: Audio is compressed and not directly playable.

- Original Path (attribute only)

Viber for Android Data Types

The following data types can be extracted from Viber on Android. Unless specified otherwise, the data shows in both the Content Viewer (in CoolHTML) and in the Property Window (attributes).

- Chat Text
- Chat Attendees
- Shared Location
- Shared Location Date and Time
- Money Sent
- Files Transferred in Chat
- Joined Groups and Attendees
- Images Shared in Chat
- Voice Recording Shared in Chat
- Video Recording Shared in Chat
- Video Call Duration
- Voice Call Duration
- Contact List

WeChat for iOS Data Types

The following data types can be extracted from WeChat Apps on iOS. Unless specified otherwise, the data shows in both the Content Viewer (in CoolHTML) and in the Property Window (attributes).

- Contact Names (when available)
- Contact Phone Number (when device owner)
- Video Thumbnails
- Picture Files
- Message Contents
- Message Dates
- Message Sender
- Message Recipients

WhatsApp for Android Data Types

The following data types can be extracted from WhatsApp on Android. Unless specified otherwise, the data shows in both the Content Viewer (in CoolHTML) and in the Property Window (attributes).

Contacts

- Display Name
- Phone Number
- Status
- Given Name
- Family Name
- Nickname
- Company

Conversation

- Message Count
- Participants
- Thread ID
- Item Description
- Sent Date
- From
- To
- Message
- Date Created
- Date Modified

Message

- From
- To
- Item Description
- Date Created
- Date Modified
- Sent Date
- Message

Attachment

- Name
- File Class
- File Size

WhatsApp for iOS Data Types

The following data types can be extracted from WhatsApp on iOS. Unless specified otherwise, the data shows *only* in the Content Viewer (in CoolHTML) and not in the Property Window (attributes).

Device Owner Information

- App Version (CoolHTML only)
- Number of Times Launched (CoolHTML only)
- Date of Last Auto Backup (CoolHTML only)
- Full Name
- Username
- User's What's App JabberID (CoolHTML only)
- Call Sound (CoolHTML only)
- Blacklist in Sync (CoolHTML only)
- Number of System Bytes Received (CoolHTML only)
- Number of System Bytes Sent (CoolHTML only)
- Number of VoIP Bytes Received (CoolHTML only)
- Number of VoIP Bytes Sent (CoolHTML only)
- Number of VoIP Calls Received (CoolHTML only)
- Number of VoIP Calls Sent (CoolHTML only)
- Date modified (attributes only)

Contact Items

- ID (CoolHTML only)
- Full Name
- First Name
- Last name (attributes only)
- Nickname
- Account (CoolHTML only)
- JabberID (CoolHTML only)
- Mobile Number
- Home Phone
- Is Starred
- Description (attributes only)
- File Class (attributes only)

Group Items

- ID (CoolHTML only)
- Group Name (CoolHTML only)

- Group JabberID (CoolHTML only)
- Date Created
- Date Modified (attributes only)
- Member List (CoolHTML only)
- Created By Member (CoolHTML only)
- Description (attributes only)
- File Class (attributes only)

Conversation Items

- ID (CoolHTML only)
- Conversation Name (CoolHTML only)
- Create Date
- Message Count
- Modify Date
  last message time
- Participants
- Partner (CoolHTML only)
- Description (attributes only)
- File Class (attributes only)

Message Items

- Date Sent
  Creation Date
- Date Modified (attributes only)
- From*
- To*
- Is Outgoing* (CoolHTML only)
- Is Starred* (CoolHTML only)
- Message Type (CoolHTML only)
  Includes Text, Image, File, Audio, Video, VCard, Shared Location, System Message.
- Text (CoolHTML only)
  Includes audio_file_location, picture_thumbnail, video_thumbnail, shared_map_location_thumbnail, lat, long, vcard, file*
- Description (attributes only)
- File Class (attributes only)
- Message Text (attributes only)
  Text Messages Only
- Image Width and Height (attributes only)
- Longitude and Latitude (attributes only)
  Shared Location

Note: The asterisk (*) indicates that a particular item is not included for system messages.

Android Parsers

Android Phone Contacts

To view Android Contacts files:

1. When importing evidence, select the **Android Contacts Database** option in the *Compound File Expansion Options* list.
2. Do one of the following:
   2a. In the *Evidence Tree*, drill down to the phone databases and select the contacts database. A list of all contacts will populate in the *File List*.
   2b. In the *Overview Tab*, drill down to *File Category* > *Mobile Phone* > *Mobile Phone Items* and highlight **Mobile Phone Items.**
3. Select an item in the *File List* and the *File Content* panel will display all associated contact information

Android Calendar

To view Android Calendar data:

1. When importing evidence, select the **Android Calendar Database** option in the *Compound File Expansion Options* list.
2. In the *Overview Tab*, drill down to *File Category* > *Mobile Phone* > *Mobile Phone Items* and highlight **Mobile Phone Items.**
3. Select an item in the *File List* and the *File Content* panel will display all associated information.

Android Call Log

To view Android Call Log data:

1. When importing evidence, select the **Android Call History Log** option in the *Compound File Expansion Options* list.
2. In the *Overview Tab*, drill down to *File Category* > *Mobile Phone* > *Mobile Phone Items* > *Call* and highlight **Call.**
3. Select an item in the *File List* and the *File Content* panel will display all associated information.

Android SMS/MMS

To view Android SMS/MMS data:

1. When importing evidence, select the **Android SMS/MMS Database** option in the *Compound File Expansion Options* list.
2. In the *Overview Tab*, drill down to *File Category* > *Mobile Phone* > *Mobile Phone Items* and highlight **Mobile Phone Items.**
3. Select an item in the *File List* and the *File Content* panel will display all associated information.

Support for Gmail on Android

To view Android Gmail data:

1. When importing evidence, select the **Android Gmail Database** option in the *Compound File Expansion Options* list.
2. In the *Overview Tab*, drill down to *File Category* > *Mobile Phone* > *Mobile Phone Items* and highlight **Mobile Phone Items.**
3. Select an item in the *File List* and the *File Content* panel will display all associated information.

Support for Kik Files on Android

To view Android Kik data:

1. When importing evidence, select the **Kik (Android)** option in the *Compound File Expansion Options* list.
2. In the *Overview Tab*, drill down to *File Category* > *Mobile Phone* > *Mobile Phone Items* and highlight **Mobile Phone Items**. If you do not want to see all items together in the *File List*, you can select from **Chat Conversation**, **Chat Messenger**, or **Contact**.
3. Select an item in the *File List* and the *File Content* panel will display all associated information.

Note: Kik items (contacts, messages) will display a title beginning with *Kik* at the top of the table shown in the *File Content* panel. They will also have a Path entry that begins with Kik.

Support for Google Hangouts on Android

Note: Google Hangout databases are named babel#, where # represents a number.

To view the Google Hangout database files:

1. When importing evidence, select the **Hangouts (Android)** option in the *Compound File Expansion Options* list.
2. Do one of the following:
   - 2a. In the *Evidence Tree*, navigate to the databases folder and select a babel database. Select the database file to see the properties of the database.
   - 2b. In the *Overview Tab*, drill down to File Category > *Mobile Phone* > *Mobile Phone Items* and highlight **Mobile Phone Items**. If you do not want to see all items together in the *File List*, you can select from **Chat Conversation** or **Chat Message.**
3. Select an item in the *File List* and the *File Content* panel will display all associated information.

Note: Hangouts Items (contacts, messages) will display a title beginning with *Hangouts* at the top of the table shown in the *File Content* panel. They will also have a Path entry that begins with Hangouts.

Python Scripting

The Python Scripting tool allows investigators to run any Python script against evidence and generate results which can then be added back to the case. For example, Python scripts can be used to parse SQLite databases that are not currently parsed within the Examiner. Both pre-defined and individually-created parsers can be run on the evidence files. These parsers, written using Python scripting, are applied to exported evidence files by using the Python Scripting user interface. The data must be processed externally, but can be included in reports as if it was parsed within the Examiner.

About the Python Script User Interface

The Python Script user interface facilitates the following actions:

- Select which evidence files to parse through the Python script.
- Export the selected files to a folder outside of the Examiner.

  The export process allows the selected evidence files to be parsed through an external tool by locating them in a file outside of the case.
- Select the Python script(s) to run on the selected files.
- Execute the Python script(s) on the files in the exported folder.
- (Optional) Create a bookmark inside the Examiner to relate the results to the case and to include the new data in any reports.

Pre-defined Python Scripts

The following pre-defined Python scripts are included in the Python Script user interface:

- EventBasedLogin
- Exif2Kmz
- SQLiteWizard
- SQLite_Data_Carver

Each pre-defined script has a corresponding executable option, for those who prefer to run the EXE file.

Python Processing Options

There are two different options when processing case data using an external Python Script. If the files have not been exported previously, the Python Script user interface will walk through all of the steps, including the step to automatically create a bookmark and attach the Python results as supplementary files. If the files have already been exported, there is an option to run the Python Script on the existing folder containing the exported files; however, his option does not allow the files to be automatically associated with the bookmark created by the wizard. They can be attached manually once the bookmark has been created, if desired. This option should not be used if the files must be related in the final report.

Using the Python Scripting User Interface

The Python Script user interface allows any Python script to be run on selected evidence files within a case, enabling the custom parsing and processing of evidence not yet supported by the tool. The Python Script user interface allows results to be attached to case reports by using bookmarks. Multiple scripts can be run consecutively within the wizard.

To use the Python Script User Interface

1. In the File List, select the desired evidence items to be searched.
2. Perform one of the following steps to open the Python Script Wizard:
   - Right click on one of the evidence items and select the **Run Python Script** option.
   - Open the *Tools* menu and select the **Run Python Script** option
3. In the *Export Files* portion of the wizard, perform the following actions:
   3a. Choose which selected items to include.
   3b. Enter a destination folder and confirm the processing manager.
   3c. Optionally, select any necessary advanced options.
   3d. Click **Next**. The files will be exported to the chosen folder.

   Note: If you have already exported the desired files from FTK, you may select Option 2 and run the script on the existing folder without exporting the files again. However, this option will not allow you to automatically associate the evidence files with the bookmark created within the Python wizard. Report result files can still be attached to a bookmark as supplementary files. It is recommended that you not use Option 2 unless you do not plan to associate evidence files to the bookmark.

4. Once the Export has completed, the *Export Progress* portion of the wizard will appear. This window will show the Export Log, as well as the number of items exported and the error count. If any errors occurred, a button will appear allowing the user to view the error log. There is also a *View Export Folder* button in order to quickly access the exported file(s).
5. The *Script Execution* portion of the wizard will appear. Perform the following actions:
   5a. Select any Python script file to run. There is a drop down option that will automatically populate with the pre-defined scripts included with the product. The pre-defined scripts will offer both the compiled executable version as well as the Python script source version (which requires the Python environment).
   5b. Add additional scripts using the *Add New* button. Once selected, this option will allow users to browse to the file containing the new Python script and apply it. New scripts will be added automatically to the drop down list for future use.
   5c. To view the selected script in a text editor, click the **View Script** button.
   5d. Enter the Input and Output folders. If the files have been exported using the wizard, the Input folder will be entered automatically and cannot be changed.
   5e. Additional parameters may be added into the appropriate box.
   5f. Verify the content in the *Final Script Command* box. This shows the actual command that will be executed.
   5g. The Python environment verification will run automatically and the results will be displayed. If desired, use the *Re-verify environment* button to be sure the right version of Python is installed on the system.
   5h. Click **Next** to execute the script.

   Note: Python must be installed and working prior to beginning this step if a script file (.py) is selected. Visit www.python.org to install the python environment. If the compiled executable (.exe) version is selected, the Python environment is not required.

6. This will take you to the *Script Progress* portion of the wizard. A progress bar with a Pause/Cancel button will appear while the script is running. Any warnings or errors will appear in the Warnings/Errors box. If additional input is needed for the script, there is a text box. When prompted, enter the input and click the **Enter** button to allow the script to complete. Once the script has completed, click **Next**.

Note: If you are running scripts in a Python 2 environment you will not be able to interact with the script using the standard input prompts from the user interface. However, the user interface will allow you to enter values when prompted in a Python 3 environment.

7. In the *Bookmark Creation* portion of the wizard, it is possible to create a bookmark in order to include the Python results in a report. If a bookmark is desired, complete the following steps:
   7a. Select the *Create Bookmark* option.
   7b. Enter the desired *Name* for the bookmark.
   7c. Enter any necessary *Comments* related to the bookmark.
   7d. Select a location for the bookmark by choosing a parent folder.
   7e. Click the **Attach** button to attach the Python results as supplementary files in the bookmark.
   7f. Select the *Associate exported items to this bookmark* option to include the original evidence files in the bookmark. These files will auto-populate using the output file from the script execution step.
   7g. If no bookmark is required, select the *Do not create a Bookmark* option.
   7h. Click **Next**.
8. If the option to create a bookmark was selected, the *Bookmark Progress* portion of the wizard will appear. The bookmark creation status will be displayed. When finished, click **Next**.
9. The *Summary* portion of the wizard will appear. This will include three sections of data: Export, Script Execution, and Bookmark. Click **Finish**.

   The bookmark will now be visible in the Bookmarks tab of the Examiner. The Python output files will be listed in the Supplementary Files panel of the bookmark.

Viewing Data in Volume Shadow Copies

You can examine data that is contained in NTFS Volume Shadow Copies.

See Examining Data in Volume Shadow Copies on page 124.

Viewing Microsoft Office and Adobe Metadata

You can examine metadata from Microsoft Office and Adobe documents. This data is processed by default, but you must use the following method to view it.

To view Microsoft Office and Adobe Metadata

1. In the examiner, open one of the following:
   - The **Overview** tab > **File Category** > **Documents** > **Adobe Documents**
   - The **Overview** tab > **File Category** > **Documents** > **Microsoft Documents**
2. In the *File List*, click the *Check all files in the current list* icon.
3. Click on the *Column Settings* icon.
   See Managing Columns on page 494.
4. Either create a new column template or edit an existing one.
5. In the **Available Columns** list, expand **Office-specific Features** or **All Features**.
6. Add the desired columns to the template.
   For example, to add columns for Adobe metadata, use the following:
   - All Features
     - Meta-data - Date Created
     - Meta-data - Date Modified
7. Click **OK**.
8. Select the template name you just configured and click **Apply**.
   This applies the template to the *File List*.
9. Click **Close**.
10. You will now see the meta-data information in the columns for each record.

When viewing the expanded files, you can use the following columns in the File List to display detailed data

Microsoft Office and Adobe Metadata Columns

Microsoft Office documents	• CreateTime (Content created) • EmbeddedComments (PPT files) • HiddenColumnsRows (Excel files) • HiddenWorkSheets (Excel files) • LastPrinted • LastSavedTime (Date last saved) • RevisionNumber • TotalEditingTime (Word and PPT) • TrackChanges • From file Origin properties

Microsoft Office and Adobe Metadata Columns	
Adobe files	• Meta-data - DateCreated • Meta-data - DateModified

About Windows 8 and 10 Keyword Searches

Windows 8 and Windows 10 have added the ability to perform an advanced search query. These advanced search query files are now parsed automatically during forensic processing.

Advanced Query Searches are saved by Windows in the **Admin > Searches** folder. There are two default searches found in Windows 10. These are the Indexed Locations and Everywhere files.

Parsing Data Using Belkasoft

When you have a Belkasoft license, you are able to parse additional items using an integrated Belkasoft tool.

To use Belkasoft parsing

1. Open the *Evidence Refinement* dialog either by creating a new case, or navigating to **Evidence > Add/ Remove**. Add or select the evidence you would like to perform Belkasoft parsing for and select **Refinement Options**.
2. Check **Expand Compound Files** and click the **Expansion Options** button.
3. Select the **Belkasoft All-in-One** option in the *Compound File Expansion Options* dialog.
4. Select the **Enable Quin-C compatibility** option (located below the scroll window). Click **OK**.

Important: The Quin-C option is only active in the *New Case* processing options. If you do not select it at this time it will be grayed out and unavailable when performing Additional Analysis. Whatever selection you made during case creation will persist in all subsequent Additional Analysis for the case.

5. To see the appropriate information in the *File List*, apply the **Chat Messages** column settings template, or add the following columns:
   - Chat From
   - Chat To
   - Chat Message

Belkasoft Parsers

The following file types will be parsed when applying the *Belkasoft All-in-One* option.

Note: Any items on this list that are able to be parsed by AccessData will be parsed using AccessData software and not by Belkasoft.

Android File Types Parsed by Belkasoft within AccessData Products

AIM	Gettaxi	NextPlus	Twitter
Android Bitcoin Wallet	Gmail	Odnoklassniki	VKontakte
Android Bitcoin.com Wallet	Google Drive	OneDrive	Viber
Any.do	Google Maps	Opera	Vipole
BBM	Google+	Paltalk	Voxer
Badoo	Grindr	Pinterest	Wamba
Baidu	Hangouts	Richnote	WeChat
Brosix	HeyTell	Sina Weibo	WhatsApp
Calendar	ICQ\Mail.ru Agent (All)	Skype chatsync	Whisper
Calls	IMO	Skype (All versions)	WifiConnections
ChatON	Im+	Slack	Xabber
CommFort	InstalledApplications	Sms	Yahoo Mail
Contacts	Kakao Talk	Snapchat	Yahoo! Messenger
Default Mail App	KateMobile	Swarm	Yandex Mail
Dolphin	Kik	Tango	YouMagic
Downloads	Line	Telegram	Zalo
Dropbox	LinkedIn	Text Plus	Zello
Evernote	MailRu Mail	TextMe	eBuddy
Facebook	Maxthon	Textie	ooVoo
Firefox	MeetMe	Tinder	
Foursquare	Meow Chat	Touch	
Fring	Mercury	Tumbler	

iOS File Types Parsed by Belkasoft within AccessData Products

Any.do	HeyTell	Odnoklassniki	Uber
Brosix	ICQ\Mail.Ru Agent (All)	Pokemon GO	Viber
Calendar	IMO	Recents	Vipole
Calls	Im+	Skype chatsync	VoiceMail
ChatON	IpConnections	Skype (All versions)	WhatsApp
Contacts	Kakao Talk	Sms	Whisper
Dropbox	Kik	Tango	WifiConnections
Ebuddy XMS	Line	Text Plus	YahooMail
Evernote	LiveMe	TextMe	Yahoo! Messenger
Fring	MailRu Mail	Textie	Zello
Gettaxi	MeetMe	Tinder	ooVoo
Google Maps	Meow chat	Touch	
Grindr	NextPlus	Tumblr	
Growlr	Notes	Twitter	

Linux FileTypes Parsed by Belkasoft within AccessData Products

ICQ	Skype (All versions)

MacOS File Types Parsed by Belkasoft within AccessData Products

AIM	Contacts	Jitsi	Yahoo! Messenger
Apple Mail	Google Drive	Skype	iChat
Brosix	ICQ (All versions)	Snak	

Windows File Types Parsed by Belkasoft within AccessData Products

Adobe Flash	Google Drive	Psi	Vipole
Ares Galaxy	ICQ (All versions)	QIP	Virtus
Brosix	Jitsi	Shareaza	Zello
ChatZilla	MySpace IM	Skype (All versions)	eM Client
EMule	Nimbuzz	Team Viewer	ooVoo
Facebook	Opera	The Bat!	
Gadu-Gadu	Outlook	TorrentFiles	
Gajim	Outlook Express	Viber	

All OS File Types Parsed by Belkasoft within AccessData Products

Bitcoin Core Wallet	Jaxx

SQLite Query Builder

Users can create and incorporate SQLite Queries from within the user interface. This allows investigators to produce an HTML report of an unsupported SQLite database.

Expanding Unsupported SQLite Databases

Investigators can expand unsupported SQLite databases within their evidence files using the SQLite Query Builder.

Important: To use this feature, the **SQLite Databases** option must be selected in the *Expand Compound Files* portion of the *Evidence Processing Options* when processing evidence.

To expand SQLite database files

1. Locate the SQLite database files within your evidence files. To do this, filter on the *Categories* column using *SQLite database* as the content.

   Note: Some of these files may not have information to query.

2. Determine the number of columns and tables used within the files you would like to expand.
3. Create and save a query for each file to be expanded. For more information, see Creating Queries.

   Note: Queries are specific to the file for which they are created. Be sure to name the query something similar to the name of the original file to make it easy for users to know which query applies to which file.

4. In FTK, return to the list of SQLite database files. Right click on the file you would like to expand and select the **Run SQLite Query** option. The *Run Query* dialog will open. Enter a *Report Name* and select a destination for the report.
5. Select the proper query from the list you have created and saved, and click **OK**.
6. Navigate to the destination folder and you will see three new files: XHTML, XML, and XSLT. Open the XHTML file and you will see the contents of the selected SQLite database in table form.

Creating Queries

You can use the following information to create a basic query template. Be sure to replace the information within brackets with data for the specific SQLite database files you would like to expand.

Note: Queries will only run on a single file and all fields are output as strings, not binary values.

To create a query for expanding SQLite files

1. Open Notepad.
2. Write a simple query: “Select [column(s)] from [table]”
3. Save the query.

Query Options

You can write queries to perform multiple tasks; including, but not limited to, the following functions:

- To select all columns in a table
- To select specific columns in a table
- To include information from two or more tables within the same file

To select all columns in a table

❖ Use the following query:

```
Select * from [tablename]
```

To select specific columns in a table

❖ Use the following query:

```
Select [colname1], [colname2], [colname5] from [tablename]
```

To include information from two or more tables within the same file

❖ Use the following query:

```
Select '[table 1]' as [column(s)] from [table 1]
union
Select '[table 2]' [column(s)] from [table 2]
```

Viewing SQLite Database Schema Information

It is possible to view the schema HTML file for a SQLite database. When viewed in the File Content panel, tables showing which data is contained within the selected database will be visible. This can provide insight into whether a particular Python script should be applied in order to locate more specific data of interest.

To view SQLite database schema.html files:

1. When processing the evidence, select only the **SQLite Databases** option in the *Compound File Expansion Options*.
2. Once the evidence is processed, locate the SQLite database for which you would like to view the schema.html file. If the path for the database is unknown, perform the following steps:
   2a. On the Overview tab, drill down the following path: File Category > Databases > Other Databases > SQLite Databases.
   2b. Select **SQLite Databases**.
   2c. In the *File List* you will be able to view the path for the desired SQLite database.
3. In the Explore tab, locate and select the SQLite database for which you would like to view the schema.html file.
4. In the *File List*, select the appropriate schema.html file.
5. In the *File Content* pane, the Table Schema information will appear in HTML.

Chapter 26

Bookmarking Evidence

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About Bookmarks

A bookmark is a group of files that you want to reference in your case. These are user-created and the list is stored for later reference, and for use in the report output. You can create as many bookmarks as needed in a case. Bookmarks can be nested within other bookmarks for convenience and categorization purposes.

Bookmarks help organize the case evidence by grouping related or similar files. For example, you can create a bookmark of graphics that contain similar or related graphic images. The *Bookmarks* tab lists all bookmarks that have been created in the current case.

Bookmarks only apply to the case they are created in.

About Timeline Bookmarks

When creating bookmarks, you can also create a Timeline type of bookmark. A Timeline bookmark lets you show the chronological relationships of the files in your case. When you create a Timeline bookmark, you can record the Create Date, Accessed Date, and Modified Date for files as individual items. You can then export that data to a CSV report file. Each action (create, accessed, modified) for each file is a separate item in the report.

When sorted by the date and time, the CSV report file presents a chronological timeline of the actions of the evidence files in your case.

For example, you can create a bookmark of files that were downloaded from the internet. The report shows when the files were downloaded (created) and the time interval between then and when they were last accessed. You can also see if and when the files were modified.

You can also add manual timeline data. Manual timeline data lets you add items to your timeline that may not be represented by the files in your case. For example, you may have phone logs that show when relevant phone calls were placed. You can add those phone calls as manual timeline items so that they appear in your report along with the file information in the case.

You can use the exported CSV file produce you own chronological timeline of the evidence in the case. This can present a clearer view of how certain events happened which can help investigators communicate to the jurors and judge on their case.

The CSV report file includes the following data as columns:

- The date/time stamp of the file action
- The type of file action (Modified, Accessed, Created, or Other)
  The Other category is used for manual timeline entries.
- The bookmark name
- The filename
- Any comments that you manually entered for each item

A bookmark can either be a timeline bookmark or a regular bookmark, but not both.

Creating a Bookmark

To create a bookmark

1. In the *File List* view , select the files that you want to add to the bookmark.
   You can either highlight the files that you want to include, check the boxes of the files that you want to include, or do nothing to include all files.
2. Right-click on a selected file in the *File List* view and click *Create Bookmark*.
3. Enter the information about the bookmark.
   See Bookmarks Dialog Options on page 391.
4. Click **OK**.

> **Note:** Applying filters to a group of listed files for bookmarking can speed the process. The *All Highlighted* setting does not work in this instance. Enabling this feature would significantly slow the response of the program. Instead, use either the *Checked Files* filter, or the *All Files Listed* filter.

About Empty Bookmarks

You can create bookmarks that contain only the name and location of the bookmark. These are called Empty Bookmarks. Empty Bookmarks allow you to add “placeholders” while investigating a case. This feature makes it easy to mark your place and come back to it later. For example, while investigating a fraud case, you notice an email that may or may not be pertinent to your investigation. Creating an Empty Bookmark allows you to quickly “save your place” and come back later when you have more time to delve into that evidence.

You can also use Empty Bookmarks to format your Bookmarks tree. This allows you to better organize your bookmarks. For example, you may be investigating documents, video, graphics, and emails. You could create an Empty Bookmark called Documents, under which you would place all of your document-related bookmarks. Then, you would create an Empty Bookmark called Video, under which you would place all of your video-related bookmarks. Continue creating Empty Bookmarks until you have a manageable Bookmark tree.

There are two ways to create Empty Bookmarks, creating the Empty Bookmark from the Bookmarks tab or in the *Create New Bookmark* dialog.

To create an Empty Bookmark from the Bookmarks tab

1. In *Evidence Explorer*, click the *Bookmarks* tab.
2. Right-click the bookmark under which to create the Empty Bookmark.
3. Click **Create Empty Bookmark**.
4. Enter a name for the Empty Bookmark and click **OK**.
   You add and save additional bookmark information to an Empty Bookmark at anytime by using the Bookmark Information pane.

To create an Empty Bookmark in the Create New Bookmark dialog

1. Create a bookmark. See Creating a Bookmark on page 389.
2. In Files to Include, select **None**.
3. Save the bookmark.

Bookmarks Dialog Options

Options of the Bookmark Information Pane

Field	Description
Bookmark Name	The name of the bookmark.
Bookmark Comment	Comments about the bookmark or its contents. Bookmark Comments are created in an HTML editor. HTML allows you to format your comments within the bookmark and for any subsequent reports. See Bookmark Comments HTML Editor on page 393.
Files to Include	Specify which files in the File List to include in this bookmark. You can select one of the following: ● All Highlighted - Includes only the highlighted items. ● All Checked - Includes only the checked items. ● All Listed - Includes all items in the File List. ● None - Creates an Empty Bookmark.
Timeline Bookmark	Select this option to make this a Timeline bookmark. If you select the Timeline tab, this options is selected automatically. A bookmark can either be a Timeline Bookmark or a regular bookmark, but not both.
Select Existing Bookmark	Select the parent bookmark under which you would like to save the bookmark. A default shared tree for bookmarks available to all investigators is created, and a bookmark tree specific to the case owner is created. If the bookmark is related to an older bookmark it can be added under the older bookmark, with the older bookmark being the parent, or it can be saved as a peer.
Comments tab	This lets you configure elements of a standard bookmark.
File Comments	You can assign a comment to each file in the bookmark. Comments are created in an HTML editor. HTML allows you to format your comments within the bookmark and for any subsequent reports. See Bookmark Comments HTML Editor on page 393.
Supplementary Files	You can add external, supplementary files associated with the bookmark. Options are: ● *Attach*: Allows the investigator to add external supplementary files to the bookmark. The attached files appear in the Supplementary Files pane and are copied to the case folder. ● *Remove:* Removes a selected supplementary file from the bookmark.

Options of the Bookmark Information Pane (Continued)

Field		Description
	Also include	If applicable, you can include the following: • Parent index.dat The option to include Parent index.dat is only available if you have selected to bookmark an index entry, for example a cookie. This option includes the entry's parent index.DAT file in the bookmark. • Email Attachments - If one of the items selected is an email with attachments, this will include all of the attachments that the email has. • Parent Email - If one of the items selected is an email attachment object, selecting this option will include the parent email. • Exclude Selected OCR Extractions The Exclude Selected OCR Extractions check box appears only when OCR- extracted files have been selected when creating a new or adding to an existing bookmark. If, instead, you have selected graphic files, and have not selected their OCR counterparts, the check box for OCR Extractions of selected Graphics will be active and available. • Actual Source File This option lets you include the parent child of a processing-generated file. See Relating Generated Files to Original Files on page 340.
	Bookmark Selection in File	Check this item to have the highlighted text in a file automatically highlighted when the bookmark is re-opened. The highlighted text also prints in the report. The selected text that will be included displays in the text box below the check box.
Timeline tab		This lets you configure elements of a Timeline bookmark.
	Create Date	Select this option to record the date and time that the file was created.
	Accessed Date	Select this option to record the date and time that the file was last accessed.
	Modified Date	Select this option to record the date and time that the file was last modified.
	Object Timeline Comments	You can assign a comment to each file timestamp in the bookmark. Comments are created in an HTML editor. HTML allows you to format your comments within the bookmark and for any subsequent reports. See Bookmark Comments HTML Editor on page 393. The timeline comments are shown in the timeline report anchored to each date, and each date being used will crate a new row in the text report.
	Manual Timeline Data	In this section, you can add manual timeline entries that are not available as items in the *File List*. For example, you may have access to phone records and you can add call histories as individual manual entries. You enter the date and time of the items and then in the CSV, they are displayed chronologically with the other items in your bookmark. **Note:** Manual items are listed as *Other* in the report.

Options of the Bookmark Information Pane (Continued)

Field		Description
	Manual Timeline Comments	(Optional) Enter a comment or description to enter a Manual Timeline item. Comments are created in an HTML editor. HTML allows you to format your comments within the bookmark and for any subsequent reports. See Bookmark Comments HTML Editor on page 393.
	Manual Date	Enter the date of the Manual Timeline item. You can click the arrow to open a calendar.
	Manual Time	Enter the time of the Manual Timeline item.
	Add	Click **Add** to save the Manual Timeline item. The item is added to the Manual Timeline Entries list.
	Remove	Highlight a Manual Timeline entry and click **Delete** to remove it from the list.
	Manual Timeline Entries	The list Manual Timeline items that you have added.
Select Bookmark Parent		Select the parent bookmark under which you would like to save the bookmark. There are two default bookmark parents: ● A *Shared* tree that is available to all investigators ● A bookmark tree specific to the logged-in-user Administrators and Case Administrators can see and use all bookmarks in a case. If the bookmark is related to an older bookmark it can be added under the older bookmark, with the older bookmark being the parent, or it can be saved as a peer.

Bookmark Comments HTML Editor

The HTML Editor for Bookmark Comments allows you to format Bookmark Comments using HTML.

Important: You are required to use the HTML Editor when entering Bookmark Comments, with or without formatting.

To enter Bookmark Comments

1. In *Evidence Explorer*, click the **Bookmarks** tab.
2. Highlight (click) a bookmark from the *Bookmarks* pane.
3. Click the **Edit** button next to the Comment field.
   The HTML Editor appears.
4. Enter and/or format your comments using formatting options. You can also format your comments directly in HTML by clicking **Source**. For a brief description of each HTML formatting option, click **Help** in the HTML Editor.
5. Click **Done** in the HTML Editor when finished.

Note: ALWAYS click **Done** in the HTML Editor to exit the editor and keep your comments. You still need to save the Bookmark (**Save Changes**) to keep the comment in the Bookmark.

Viewing Bookmark Information

The *Bookmark Information* pane displays information about the selected bookmark and the selected bookmark file. The data in this pane is editable by anyone with sufficient rights.

Select a bookmark in the *Bookmarks* tree view of the *Bookmarks* tab, or in the *Bookmarks* node in the tree of the *Overview* tab to view information about a bookmark. The *Overview* tab view provides limited information about the bookmarks in the case. The *Bookmark* tab provides all information about all bookmarks in the case. In the *Bookmark* tab, the *Bookmark Information* pane displays the Bookmark Name, Creator Name, Bookmark Comment, and Supplementary files. When selected, a list of files contained in the bookmark displays in the File List. If you select a file from the File List, the comment and selection information pertaining to that file displays in the *Bookmark Information* pane.

Bookmarked files display in a different color in the *File List* pane than non-bookmarked files for easy identification.

Change any of the information displayed from this pane. Changes are automatically saved when you change the bookmark selection.

In the File List, bookmarked items display in a different color for easy identification. You may need to refresh the view to force a rewrite of the screen for the different color to display. Forcing a rewrite would impact the overall performance of the program.

Creating a Timeline Bookmark Report

After you have created Timeline Bookmarks, you can crate Timeline Bookmark Reports. The reports are in CSV format. You can specify one or more Timeline Bookmarks for each report. You specify one or more Timeline Bookmarks for each report. You specify the location and name of the saved CSV report.

See About Timeline Bookmarks on page 388.

To create a timeline Bookmark Report

1. In the Examiner, click **File** > **Timeline** > **Report**.
2. Select one or more Timeline Bookmarks to use for the report.
3. (Optional) Select one of the following
   - *Select All Children* - This selects all of the children of the selected bookmarks in the bookmark tree.
   - *Clear All Children* - This clears all of the children of the selected bookmarks in the bookmark tree.
4. Click **Select** to select an output folder.
   4a. Select the folder to save the report in.
   4b. Specify the name of the report or use the default Timeline Report name.
5. Click **Generate** to save the report.

Using the Bookmarks Tab

You can use the Bookmark tab to view, create, and edit bookmarks.

Bookmarking Selected Text

Bookmarked selections are independent of the view in which they were made. Select hex data in the Hex view of a bookmarked file and save it; bookmark different text in the Filtered view of the same file and save that selection as well.

To add selected text in a bookmark

1. Open the file containing the text you want to select.
2. From the Natural, Text, Filtered or Hex views, make your selection.

   Note: If the file is a graphic file, you will not see, nor be able to make selections in the Text or the Natural views.

3. Click **Create Bookmark** in the File List toolbar to open the *Create New Bookmark* dialog.
4. When creating your bookmark, check **Bookmark Selection in File.**
5. To save selected content, choose the view that shows what you want to save, then highlight the content to save.
6. Right-click the selected content. Click **Save As**.
7. In the *Save As* dialog, provide a name for the selection and click **Save**.
   The selection remains in the bookmark.

Bookmarking Video Thumbnails

You can bookmark Video Thumbnails by creating a new bookmark or adding to an existing bookmark. By default, Video Thumbnails that are added to Bookmarks play from the location thumbnail to end of the video. You can update, change the start/end times, or remove the thumbnail from within the bookmark. You can also export your video thumbnails to your report.

See Using the Video Thumbnails Pane on page 337.

See About Bookmarks on page 388.

See Adding Bookmarks to a Report on page 502.

Adding a Video Thumbnail to a New or Existing Bookmark

To add a Video Thumbnail to a new or existing Bookmark

1. From the *Evidence Explorer*, click the *Video* tab.
2. Right-click the video thumbnail for the Bookmark.
3. Click either:
   - **Create Bookmark**. See Creating a Bookmark on page 389.
   - **Add to Bookmark**. See Adding to an Existing Bookmark on page 397.
4. Follow the instructions for creating and/or adding to a Bookmark.

About Updating/Removing Bookmarked Video Thumbnails

Once there are Video Thumbnails in a Bookmark, you can update (change) the Video Thumbnail or remove it.

Note: You cannot add a selection of a video from the Bookmark's Natural Viewer using the **Add Selection** button. To add a video thumbnail to a bookmark, see Adding a Video Thumbnail to a New or Existing Bookmark (page 396).

To update a Video Thumbnail in a Bookmark

1. From the *Evidence Explorer*, click the *Bookmarks* tab.
2. In the *Bookmarks* pane, navigate to and highlight the Bookmark containing the Video Thumbnail(s).
3. In the *File List* pane, highlight the video from which the thumbnails were created.
4. In the *Bookmark Information* > *Selections* pane, click (highlight) the thumbnail (selection).
5. In the *File Content* > *Natural Viewer*, click Play ( ) and then Pause.
6. Click **Update Section**.
7. Enter a Start and/or End Time.
8. Click **OK**.

To remove a Video Thumbnail from a Bookmark

1. From the *Evidence Explorer*, click the *Bookmarks* tab.
2. In the *Bookmarks* pane, navigate to and highlight the Bookmark containing the Video Thumbnail(s).
3. In the *File List* pane, click (highlight) the video from which the thumbnails were created.
4. In the *Bookmark Information* > *Selections* pane, click (highlight) the thumbnail (selection).
5. Click **Remove Selection**.
6. Confirm the change.

Adding to an Existing Bookmark

Sometimes additional information or files are desired in a bookmark.

To add to an existing bookmark

1. Select the files to be added to the existing bookmark.
2. Right-click the new files.
3. Click **Add to Bookmark**.
4. When available (depending on the type of files you are adding), make selections for **Files to Add**, **Also Include**, **OCR Extractions of Selected Graphics,** and **Bookmark Selection in File**.
5. Open the parent bookmark tree.
6. Select the child bookmark to add the file or information to.
7. Click **OK**.

Creating Email or Email Attachment Bookmarks

When bookmarking an email, you can also add and bookmark any attachments. You can also include a parent email when you bookmark an email attachment.

To create a bookmark for an email, follow the steps for creating a bookmark. Select the email to include in the bookmark. Right-click and choose **Create Bookmark**. Note that by default, the **Email Attachments box** is active, but unmarked. If only the parent email is needed, the **Email Attachments** box should remain unselected.

Complete the bookmark creation normally by naming the bookmark, selecting the bookmark parent, then clicking **OK**.

If you need to bookmark only an attachment of the email, select and right-click on the attachment. Choose **Create Bookmark**. For more information on creating bookmarks, see, Creating a Bookmark (page 389).

Notice that the Parent Email box is automatically active, allowing you to include the parent email if it is not part of the selection you have already made. If the Parent Email box is checked, and there is more than one attachment, the Email Attachments box becomes active as well, allowing you to also include **all** attachments to the parent email. To add only the originally selected attachment to the bookmark, do not check the Parent Email box.

Adding Email and Email Attachments to Existing Bookmarks

To add an email to a bookmark, select the email to add, then right-click on the email and choose **Add To Bookmark**. Note that if emails are selected, but their attachments are not selected, the **Email Attachments** box is active, but not marked. If only the parent email is needed, the **Email Attachments** box can remain unselected. If you have selected only the attachment, include the attachment's parent email by marking the **Parent Email** box.

One way to be sure to find the exact items you want is to highlight an interesting item in the File List view in one tab, then right-click on it and select **View This Item in a Different List**. Click on **Email** and you are taken to the Email tab with the selected email highlighted in the File List view, and displayed in the Natural tab in the File Content pane. In the Email Attachments pane on the right that file is displayed, along with its role; whether it is a parent email, part of the email thread, or an attachment.

If only an attachment of an email is needed to be added to the bookmark, select the attachment and follow the instructions for adding to a bookmark.

Moving a Bookmark

To move a bookmark

1. From either the *Bookmark* tab or the Overview tab, select the bookmark you want to move.
2. Drag the bookmark to the desired location and then release the mouse button.

Copying a Bookmark

To copy a bookmark

1. From either the *Bookmark* tab or the *Overview* tab, select the bookmark you want to copy.
2. Using the right mouse button, drag the bookmark to the desired location and release the mouse button.

Deleting a Bookmark

To delete a bookmark

1. In the *Bookmark* tab, expand the bookmark list and highlight the bookmark to be removed.
2. Do one of the following:
   - Press the **Delete** key.
   - Right-click on the bookmark to delete, and click **Delete Bookmark**.

Deleting Files from a Bookmark

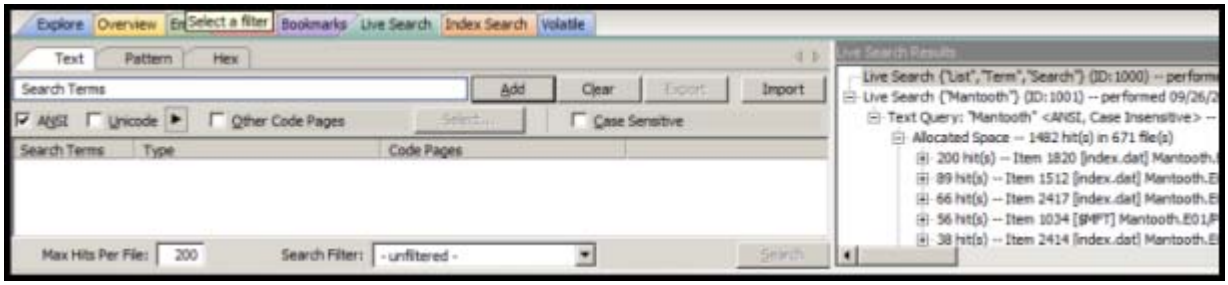
To delete files from a bookmark

1. From either the *Overview* tab or the *Bookmarks* tab, open the bookmark containing the file you want to delete.
2. Right-click the file in the *Bookmark File List* pane.
3. Do one of the following:
   - Select **Remove from Bookmark**.
   - Press the Delete key on your keyboard. You will be prompted, “Are you sure you want to delete files from this bookmark?” Click **Yes**.
   - Deleting a file from a bookmark does not delete the file from the case.

Chapter 27

Searching Evidence with Live Search

Searching evidence for information pertaining to a case can be one of the most crucial steps in the examination. An index search gives rapid results, and a live search includes options such as text searching and hexadecimal searching. You can view search results from the *File List* and *File Contents* views of the *Search* tab.



The Live Search is a process involving a bit-by-bit comparison of the entire evidence set with the search term.

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- Live Hex Search (page 403)
- Live Pattern Search (page 404)
- Using Pattern Searches (page 404)
- Predefined Regular Expressions (page 407)
- Creating Custom Regular Expressions (page 409)

Conducting a Live Search

The live search takes slightly more time than an index search because it involves a bit-by-bit comparison of the search term to the evidence. A live search is flexible because it can find patterns of non-alphanumeric characters, including those that are not generally indexed. It is powerful because you can define those patterns to meet your needs in an investigation.

Note: If a case was originally processed using distributed processing, when a reviewer conducts a live search, the system will first attempt to use the computer with the distributed processing engine, but if it is not available, it will use the reviewer's local computer to conduct the search.

Live Text Search

A *Text* search finds all strings that match an exact entry, such as a specific phone number (801-377-5410). When conducting a Live Text Search, there are no arrows to click for operand selection.

A Live Text Search gives you options such as ANSI, Unicode with UTF-16 Little Endian, UTF-16 Big Endian, and UTF-8. The latter two are always case-sensitive. You can also choose from a list of other Code Pages to apply to the current search. In addition, you can select Case Sensitivity for any Live Text Search.

Note: When entering Chinese characters into search, you must have both ANSI and Unicode options selected.

The difference between a Pattern search and a Text search is that a text search searches for the exact typed text, there are no operands so the results return exactly as typed. For example, a **simple** *Pattern* search allows you to find all strings that match a certain pattern, such as for any 10-digit phone number **(nnn-nnn-nnnn**), or a nine-digit social security number (**nnn-nn-nnnn**).

More **complex** *Pattern* searches (“regex”) require specific syntax. See Live Pattern Search (page 404).

Search terms can be entered then exported as XML files, then imported at any time, or with any case. Text files can be imported and used in Live Search, however the Live Search Export feature supports only XML format.

Note: When importing TXT files that the search of those terms depend on the specific tab your in. (ie If I have a few hex terms and import the TXT list into Live Search in the Patterns tab), the search is run as a pattern search and not hex.

To Conduct a Live Text search

1. In the Live Search tab, click the **Text** tab.
   In the Text or Pattern tabs, you can check the character sets to include in the search.
2. If you want to include sets other than ANSI and Unicode, check **Other Code Pages** and click **Select.**
3. Select the needed sets.
4. Click to include **EBCDIC, Mac**, and **Multibyte** as needed.
5. Click **OK** to close the dialog.
6. Check **Case Sensitive** if you want to search specifically uppercase or lowercase letters as entered. Case is ignored if this box is not checked.
7. Enter the term in the *Search Term* field.
8. Click **Add** to add the term to the *Search Terms* window.
9. Click **Clear** to remove all terms from the *Search Terms* window.
10. Repeat Steps 7, 8, and 9 as needed until you have your search list complete.
    When you have added the search terms for this search, it is a good idea to export the search terms to a file that can be imported later, saving the time of re-entering every item, and the risk of errors. This is particularly helpful for customized pattern searches.
11. In the Max Hits Per File field, enter the maximum number of search hits you want listed per file. The default is 200. The range is 1 to 65,535. If you want to apply a filter, do so from the Filter drop-down list in the bar below the Search Terms list. Applying a filter speeds up searching by eliminating items that do not match the filter. The tab filter menu has no effect on filtering for searches.
12. Click **Search**.
13. Select the results to view from the Live Search Results pane. Click the plus icon (+) next to a search line to expand the branch. Individual search results are listed in the Live Search Results pane, and the

corresponding files are listed in the File List. To view a specific item, select the hit in the search results. Selected hits are highlighted in the Hex View tab.

14. When a search is running you can click **View > Progress Window** to see how the job is progressing.

Note: In the progress window, you can **Pause**, **Resume**, and **Cancel** jobs, in addition to closing the window. (**Pause** and **Resume** are the same button, but the label changes depending on processing activity.)

Note: Mark the **Remove when finished** check box to take completed jobs off the list for housekeeping purposes.

15. When processing is complete, return to the Live Search tab to review the results.

    Right-click on a search result in the Live Search Results pane to display more options. The available right-click options are as follows:

Option	Description
Create Bookmark	Opens the *Create New Bookmark* dialog.
Copy to Clipboard	Opens a new context-sensitive menu. Options are:
	• All Hits In Case • All Hits In Search • All Hits In Term • All Hits In File • All File Stats In Case • All File Stats In Search • All File Stats In Term
Export to File	Opens a new context-sensitive menu. Options are:
	• All Hits In Case • All Hits In Search • All Hits In Term • All Hits In File • All File Stats In Case • All File Stats In Search • All File Stats In Term
Set Context Data Width	Opens the *Data Export Options* window. Allows you to set a context width from 32 to 2000 characters within which it can find and display the search hit.
Export Search Term	Select to export a search term list that can be imported into this or other cases.
Delete All Search Results	Deletes all search results from the Live Search Results pane.
Delete this Line	Deletes only the highlighted search results line from the Live Search Results pane.

Searching before the case has finished processing will return incomplete results. Wait to search until the case has finished processing and the entire body of data is available.

Note: Search terms for pre-processing options support only ASCII characters.

Live Hex Search

Hexadecimal (Hex) format includes pairs of characters in a base 16 numeric scheme, 0-9 and a-f. Hex searching allows you to search for repeating instances of data in Hex-format, and to save Hex-format data search strings to an XML file and re-use it in this or other cases.

Click the **Hex** (Hexadecimal) tab to enter a term by typing it directly into the search field, by clicking the Hexadecimal character buttons provided, or by copying hex content from the hex viewer of another file and pasting it into the search box. Click **Add** to add the hex string to the search terms list.

The instructions for conducting a live search on the hex tab are similar to conducting searches on the Pattern tab. Remember, when searching for hexadecimal values, a single alphabetic or numeric text character is represented by hex characters in pairs.

To do a Hex search

1. In the *Live Search* tab, click the **Hex** tab.
2. Add Hex search strings using the keyboard or using the Alpha-numeric bar above the *Search Terms* box.
3. Click **Add** to add the term to the *Search Terms* window.
4. Click **Clear** to remove all terms from the *Search Terms* window.
5. Repeat Steps 2, 3, and 4 as needed until you have your search list complete.
6. When you have added the search terms for this search, it is a good idea to export the search terms to a file that can be imported later, saving the time of re-entering every item, and reduces the risk of errors. This is particularly helpful for customized pattern searches.
7. In the Max Hits Per File field, enter the maximum number of search hits you want listed per file. The default is 200. The range is 1 to 65,535. If you want to apply a filter, do so from the Filter drop-down list in the bar below the Search Terms list. Applying a filter speeds up searching by eliminating items that do not match the filter. The tab filter menu has no effect on filtering for searches.
8. Click **Search**.
9. Select the results to view from the Live Search Results pane. Click the plus icon (+) next to a search line to expand the branch. Individual search results are listed in the Live Search Results pane, and the corresponding files are listed in the File List. To view a specific item, select the file in the search results. All search results are highlighted in the Hex View tab.

Live Pattern Search

The more complex Live Pattern “Regex” style search can be used to create pattern searches, allowing forensics analysts to search through large quantities of text information for repeating strings of data such as:

- Telephone Numbers
- Social Security Numbers
- Computer IP Addresses
- Credit Card Numbers

In the Live Search tab, click the **Pattern** tab. Each has different options.

The patterns consist of precise character strings formatted as mathematical-style statements that describe a data pattern such as a credit card or social security number. Pattern searches allow the discovery of data items that conform to the pattern described by the expression, rather than what a known and explicitly entered string looks for.

These pattern searches are similar to arithmetic expressions that have operands, operators, sub-expressions, and a value. For example, the following table identifies the mathematical components in the arithmetic expression, 5/((1+2)*3).

Regex Pattern Search Components

Component	Example
Operands	5, 1, 2, 3
Operators	/, ( ), +, *
Sub-Expressions	(1+2), ((1+2)*3)
Value	Approximately 0.556

Like the arithmetic expression in this example, pattern searches have operands, operators, sub-expressions, and a value.

Note: Unlike arithmetic expressions, which can only have numeric operands, operands in pattern searches can be any characters that can be typed on a keyboard, such as alphabetic, numeric, and symbol characters.

Using Pattern Searches

A pattern search can consists of operands. The search engine searches left to right.

Operators let regular expressions search patterns of data rather than for specific values. For example, the operators in the following expression enable the search engine to find all Visa and MasterCard credit card numbers in case evidence files:

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\<((\d\d\d\d)[\– ]){3}\d\d\d\d\>
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Without the use of operators, the search engine could look for only one credit card number at a time.

Visa and MasterCard Regular Expressions

Operands	\–, spacebar space
Operators	\, \<, <, ( ), [ ], {3}, \>
Sub-expressions	(\d\d\d\d), ((\d\d\d\d)[\–])
Value	Any sequence of sixteen decimal digits that is delimited by three hyphens and bound on both sides by non-word characters (**xxxx–xxxx–xxxx–xxxx**).

As the pattern search engine evaluates an expression in left-to-right order, the first operand it encounters is the backslash less-than combination (\<). This combination is also known as the begin-a-word operator. This operator tells the search engine that the first character in any search hit immediately follows a non-word character such as white space or other word delimiter.

Note: A precise definition of non-word characters and constituent-word characters in regular expressions is difficult to find. Consequently, experimentation may be the best way to determine if the forward slash less-than (**\<**) and forward slash greater-than (**\>**) operators help find the data patterns relevant to a specific searching task. The hyphen and the period are examples of valid delimiters or non-word characters.

The begin-a-word operator illustrates one of two uses of the backslash or escape character (\ ), used for the modification of operands and operators. On its own, the left angle bracket (<) would be evaluated as an operand, requiring the search engine to look next for a left angle bracket character. However, when the escape character immediately precedes the (<), the two characters are interpreted together as the begin-a-word operator by the search engine. When an escape character precedes a hyphen (-) character, which is normally considered to be an operator, the two characters (\-) require the search engine to look next for a hyphen character and not apply the hyphen operator (the meaning of the hyphen operator is discussed below).

The parentheses operator ( ) groups together a sub-expression, that is, a sequence of characters that must be treated as a group and not as individual operands.

The **\d** operator, which is another instance of an operand being modified by the escape character, is interpreted by the search engine to mean that the next character in search hits found may be any decimal digit character from 0-9.

The square brackets ([ ]) indicate that the next character in the sequence must be one of the characters listed between the brackets or escaped characters. In the case of the credit card expression, the backslash-hyphen-spacebar space ([\-*spacebar space*]) means that the four decimal digits must be followed by either a hyphen or a spacebar space.

The {3} means that the preceding sub-expression must repeat three times, back to back. The number in the curly brackets ({ }) can be any positive number.

Finally, the backslash greater-than combination (\>), also known as the end-a-word operator, means that the preceding expression must be followed by a non-word character.

Sometimes there are ways to search for the same data using different expressions. It should be noted that there is no one-to-one correspondence between the expression and the pattern it is supposed to find. Thus the preceding credit card pattern search is not the only way to search for Visa or MasterCard credit card numbers.

Because some pattern search operators have related meanings, there is more than one way to compose a pattern search to find a specific pattern of text. For instance, the following pattern search has the same meaning as the preceding credit card expression:

```
\<((\d\d\d\d)(\–| )){3}\d\d\d\d\>
```

The difference here is the use of the pipe (|) or union operator. The union operator means that the next character to match is either the left operand (the hyphen) or the right operand (the spacebar space). The similar meaning of the pipe (|) and square bracket ([ ]) operators give both expressions equivalent functions.

In addition to the previous two examples, the credit card pattern search could be composed as follows:

```
\<\d\d\d\d(\–| )\d\d\d\d(\–| )\d\d\d\d(\–| )\d\d\d\d\>
```

This expression explicitly states each element of the data pattern, whereas the {3} operator in the first two examples provides a type of mathematical shorthand for more succinct regular expressions.

Predefined Regular Expressions

Many predefined regular expressions are provided for pattern searching.

Examples of Predefined Regular Expressions	
• U.S. Social Security Numbers	• IP Addresses
• U.S. Phone Numbers	• Visa and MasterCard Numbers
• U.K. Phone Numbers	• Computer Hardware MAC Addresses

Social Security Number

The pattern search for Social Security numbers follows a relatively simple model:

```
\<\d\d\d[\– ]\d\d[\– ]\d\d\d\d\>
```

This expression reads as follows: find a sequence of text that begins with three decimal digits, followed by a hyphen or spacebar space. This sequence is followed by two more decimal digits and a hyphen or spacebar space, followed by four more decimal digits. This entire sequence must be bounded on both ends by non-word characters.

U.S. Phone Number

The pattern search for U.S. phone numbers is more complex:

```
((\<1[\–\. ])?(\(|\<)\d\d\d[\)\.\–/ ] ?)?\<\d\d\d[\.\– ]\d\d\d\d\>
```

The first part of the above expression,

```
((\<1[\–\. ])?(\(|\<)\d\d\d[\)\.\–/ ] ?)?,
```

means that an area code may or may not precede the seven digit phone number. This meaning is achieved through the use of the question mark (?) operator. This operator requires that the sub-expression immediately to its left appear exactly zero or one times in any search hits. This U.S. Phone Number expression finds telephone numbers with or without area codes.

This expression also indicates that if an area code is present, a number one (1) may or may not precede the area code. This meaning is achieved through the sub-expression (\<1[\–\.])?, which says that if there is a “1” before the area code, it will follow a non-word character and be separated from the area code by a delimiter (period, hyphen, or spacebar space).

The next sub-expression, (\(|\<)\d\d\d[\)\.\–/] ?, specifies how the area code must appear in any search hits. The \(|\<) requires that the area code begin with a left parenthesis or other delimiter. The left parenthesis is, of necessity, escaped. The initial delimiter is followed by three decimal digits, then another delimiter, a right parenthesis, a period, a hyphen, a forward slash, or a spacebar space. Lastly, the question mark (?) means that there may or may not be one spacebar space after the final delimiter.

The latter portion of this expression, \<\d\d\d[\.\–]\d\d\d\d\>, requests a seven-digit phone number with a delimiter (period, hyphen, or spacebar space) between the third and fourth decimal digit characters. Note that typically, the period is an operator. It means that the next character in the pattern can be any valid character. To specify an actual period (.), the character must be escaped (\ .). The backslash period combination is included in the expression to catch phone numbers delimited by a period character.

IP Address

An IP address is a 32-bit value that uniquely identifies a computer on a TCP/IP network, including the Internet. Currently, all IP addresses are represented by a numeric sequence of four fields separated by the period character. Each field can contain any number from 0 to 255. The following pattern search locates IP addresses:

```
\<[1-2]?[0-9]?[0-9]\.[1-2]?[0-9]?[0-9]\.[1-2]?[0-9]?[0-9]\.[1-2]?[0-9]?[0-9]\>
```

The IP Address expression requires the search engine to find a sequence of data with four fields separated by periods (.). The data sequence must also be bound on both sides by non-word characters.

Note that the square brackets ([ ]) still behave as a set operator, meaning that the next character in the sequence can be any one of the values specified in the square brackets ([ ]). Also note that the hyphen (-) is not escaped; it is an operator that expresses ranges of characters.

Each field in an IP address can contain up to three characters. Reading the expression left to right, the first character, if present, must be a 1 or a 2. The second character, if present, can be any value 0–9. The square brackets ([ ]) indicate the possible range of characters and the question mark (?) indicates that the value is optional; that is, it may or may not be present. The third character is required; therefore, there is no question mark. However, the value can still be any number 0–9.

You can build your own regular expressions by experimenting with the default expressions. You can modify the default expressions to fine-tune your data searches or to create your own expressions.

Visit the AccessData website, www.accessdata.com, to find a technical document on Regular Expressions.

Creating Custom Regular Expressions

Create your own customized regular expressions using the following list of common operators

Common Regular Expression Operators

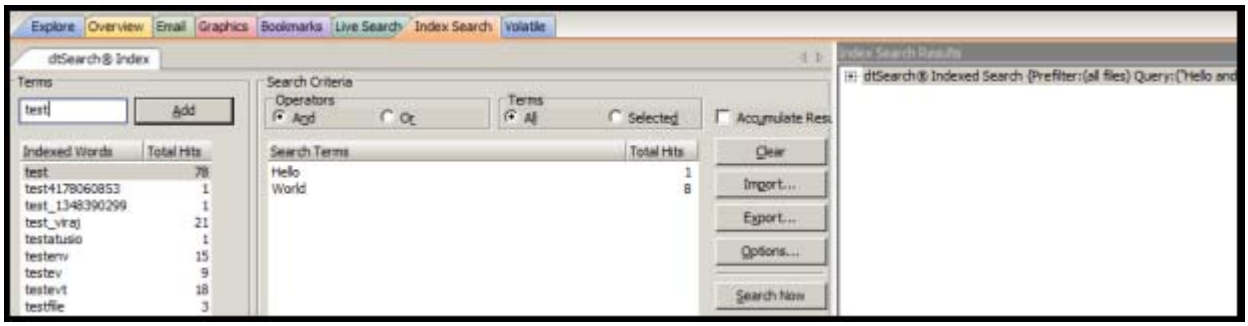
Operator	Description
.	A period matches any character.
+	Matches the preceding sub-expression one or more times. For example, “ba+” will find all instances of “ba,” “baa,” “baaa,” and so forth; but it will not find “b.”
$	Matches the end of a line.
*	Matches the preceding sub-expression zero or more times. For example, “ba*” will find all instances of “b,” “ba,” “baa,” “baaa,” and so forth.
?	Matches the preceding sub-expression zero or one times.
[ ]	Matches any single value within the square brackets. For example, “ab[xyz]” will find “abx,” “aby,” and “abz.”
-	A hyphen (-) specifies ranges of characters within the brackets. For example, “ab[0-3]” will find “ab0,” “ab1,” “ab2,” and “ab3.” You can also specify case specific ranges such as [a-r], or [B-M].
”	(Back quote) Starts the search at the beginning of a file.
‘	(Single quote or apostrophe) Starts the search at the end of a file.
\<	Matches the beginning of a word. In other words, the next character in any search hit must immediately follow a non-word character.
\>	Matches the end of a word. In other words, the last character in any search hit must be immediately followed by a non-word character.
|	Matches the sub-expression on either the left or the right. For example, A|u requires that the next character in a search hit be “A” or “u.”
\b	Positions the cursor between characters and spaces.
\B	Matches anything not at a word boundary. For example, will find Bob in the name Bobby.
\d	Matches any single decimal digit.
\l	Matches any lowercase letter.
\n	Matches a new line.
\r	Matches a return.
\s	Matches any whitespace character such as a space or a tab.
\t	Matches a tab.
\u	Matches any uppercase letter.
\w	Matches any whole character [a-z A-Z 0-9].
^	Matches the start of a line.

Common Regular Expression Operators (Continued)

Operator	Description
[[:alpha:]]	Matches any alpha character (short for the [a-z A-Z] operator).
[[:alnum:]]	Matches any alpha numerical character (short for the [a-z A-Z 0-9] operator).
[[:blank:]]	Matches any whitespace, except for line separators.
{*n*,*m*}	Matches the preceding sub-expression at least *n* (**number**) times, but no more than *m* ***(*****maximum*****)*** times.

Chapter 28
Searching Evidence with Index Search

Searching evidence for information pertaining to a case can be one of the most crucial steps in the examination. Index Search gives instantaneous results, and Live Search supports modes like text and hexadecimal. Search results are viewed from the *File List* and *File Contents* views in the *Search* tab.



This chapter details the use of the Index Search feature. It includes the following topics

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Conducting an Index Search

The Index Search uses the index to find the search term. Evidence items may be indexed when they are first added to the case or at a later time. Whenever possible, AccessData recommends indexing a case before beginning analysis.

Index searches are instantaneous. In addition, in the Index Search Results List, the offset of the data in the hit is no longer listed in the hit. You will see it when you look at the hit file in Hex view.

Running an Index search on large files or Index Searches resulting in a large number of hits may make the scroll bar appear not to work. However, it will return when the search is complete. For more information about indexing an evidence item, see Indexing a Case (page 75).

The Search Criteria pane shows a cumulative total of all listed or all selected terms, based on the **And** or the **Or** operator. The cumulative total displays at the bottom of the Search Terms list. This functionality has been added to match the way the Search Terms list functioned in previous versions.

Select none, one, several, or all search terms from the list, click either **And** or **Or**, then click either **All** or **Selected** to see cumulative results. You can see this feature at work in the figure below.

Important: If you start an index search and then refresh the interface before the search finishes, the search will cancel and restart. This will cause a sizeable delay when searching in large or very large cases.

The Index contains all discrete words or number strings found in both the allocated and unallocated space in the case evidence.

You can configure how special characters, spaces and symbols are indexed. This is not done by default, however. One benefit is that you can easily search on an exact email address using `username@isp` (the extension, such as COM or NET, is not included automatically because a period (.) is not indexed.

In addition to performing searches within the case, you can also use the index to export a word list to use as a source file for custom dictionaries to improve the likelihood of and speed of password recovery related to case files when using the Password Recovery Toolkit (PRTK). You can export the index by selecting *File* > *Export Word List*.

Note: Performing a search using Unicode only works with Live Search, not Index Search.

UTF encoded documents can be searched using dtSearch.

Note: dtSearch has been updated which changes some of the search functionality and results. The search is now filtering Windows and Linux executables (EXE, BIN, OCF, and ELF). This may reduce the number of search results and reduce certain items from being shown in the filtered text. For example, the text in a header of an application may include “This program cannot be run in DOS mode”. Because it is now filtered it will not longer show in Filtered text.

Using Search Terms

Type the word or term in the Search Term field. The term and terms like it appear in the Indexed Words column displaying the number of times that particular term was found in the data. Click *Add* or press **Enter** to place the term in the Search Terms list, or double-click the term in the indexed words column to add it to the Search Terms list.

Using Unicode Characters in Search Terms

You can search for Unicode characters when performing a search. For example, you can search for the ö character.

To add Unicode characters

1. Turn on your keyboard's Num Lock.
2. In in the *Terms* field, enter the Unicode.
   For example, do the following:
   2a. Press and hold down the ALT key.
   2b. Using the numeric keypad only, type 148.
   2c. Release the ALT key and the character is entered.

Note: For Windows 7 and earlier you can use a 3-digit unicode number. For Windows 8 and higher you must use a 4-digit number. See http://support.microsoft.com/kb/315684/en-us.

Expanding Search Terms

When performing an Index Search, you can use the Term Browser to build a search using terms that are related to one or more keywords. You then select which words you want to include in the search.

To expand terms, a third-party lexical database called WordNet ® is used. When you expand terms, you can use the following lists: Synonyms, Related, Specific, General.

For example, you may start with a keyword of "delete." By using the Term Browser, it will suggest *synonyms*, such as "erase" and "cancel". It will also suggest *related terms*, such as "cut," "deletion," and "excision". It will also suggest *general related* terms, such as "censor," "remove," "take," and "withdraw." It will also suggest *specific related* terms, such as "strike," "excise," "scratch," and "expunge". You can select which of those words to include in your search.

The first time that you use this feature, the WordNet dictionary must be initialized. This is a one-time event and can take 5-15 minutes for it to complete. You are prompted before the initialization begins.

To search for terms using related words

1. In the *Examiner,* click **Index Search**.
2. Enter one or more keywords to the search terms.
3. Select one or more search terms that you want to expand.

4. Click **Expand Terms**.

   A list of synonyms is generated.

   To add other related words, select the **Include Related**, **Include Specific**, and **Include General** check boxes.
5. You can add terms to the term list, separated by a comma, and click **Expand**.
6. Select the words that you want to include in the search.
7. To build a search including the words that you selected, click **Add to Search**.

Adjusting the Weighting Criteria for an Index Search Term

It is possible to add a weight to index search terms. This allows for an accurate, weighted percentage when the index search results populate. These terms can be either global or case-specific.

To adjust the weight of an index search term

1. Open the desired case. Navigate to **Manage > Indexed Search Term Weights**.
2. In the *Default Indexed Search Term Weights* dialog, add a search term by clicking on the *Plus* button, then double-clicking the *Term* box and typing in your term.
3. Add a weight by double-clicking the *Weight* box for the desired term and typing in the desired weight.
4. Click **OK**. The term will now be indexed using the entered weight.

> **Note:** It is possible to add a weight while typing in the search term on the Index Tab. To do this, add :## to the end of the term. For example, to weight the word Crime at a 15, type in the term as Crime:15. If you prefer not to use the saved weight for a particular search, type in the term with a :00 at the end. For example, you would type Crime:00.

To make weighted terms global

- Select the **Shared** option at the top of the *Default Indexed Search Term Weights* dialog.

To make weighted terms case-specific

- Select the **Local** option at the top of the *Default Indexed Search Term Weights* dialog.

Defining Search Criteria

Refine a search even more by using the Boolean operators AND and OR. You can specify the terms to use in an index search by selecting specific entries, or by searching against all entries.

You can also use the NOT operator to force the search criteria to exclude terms. To do this, in the *Index Search* tab, in the *Terms* field, type NOT before the term that you want to exclude from the search criteria and then click **Add**.

For example, if you do not want to include files with the term “apple” in your search, enter **NOT apple** into the search criteria.

The Search Terms list now shows you a cumulative total for the search terms, individually, combined, or total. You can use the operators All and Selected to see more specific results. This is helpful when refining lists and terms to limit the results to a manageable number.

You can import a list of search terms to save having to type them multiple times. This is especially helpful when the list is long, or the terms are complex. When you create a search terms document, each term begins on a new line, and is followed immediately by a hard return. Save the file in TXT format in any text editor and save it for future use.

Important: When creating your search criteria, try to focus your search to bring up the smallest number of meaningful hits per search.

Exporting and Importing Index Search Terms

You can export a list of search terms you have added to the list of search terms to save for later use.

To export a set of search terms

1. Highlight the search terms to export to a file.
2. Click **Export**.
3. Provide a filename and location for the file (the TXT extension is added automatically).
4. Click **Save**.

To import a saved search terms file

1. Click **Import** to import a set of search terms.
2. Select the search terms file you previously saved.
3. Click **Open**.

Note: An imported term cannot be edited, except to delete a term and re-add it to your satisfaction.

Selecting Index Search Options

To refine an index search, from the Index Search tab, in the Search Criteria area click **Options**.

Important: The Search Options, *Stemming*, *Phonic*, and *Synonym* cannot be combined. You may choose only one at a time.

Index Search Options	
Stemming	Words that contain the same root, such as *raise* and *raising*.
Phonic	Words that sound the same, such as *raise* and *raze*.
Synonym	Words that have similar meanings, such as *raise* and *lift*.

Index Result Options	
Max Files to List	Maximum number of files with hits that are to be listed in the results field. You can change this maximum number in the field. Searches limited in this way will be indicated by an asterisk (*) and the text “(files may be limited by “Max files to list” option)” which may be cut off if the file name exceeds the allowed line length. The maximum number of possible files with hits per search is 65,535. If you exceed this limit, the remaining hits will be truncated, and your search results will be unreliable. Narrow your search to limit the number of files with hits. **Note:** Limiting the number of files to display does not work with some images. This is caused by dtSearch counting the chunks of files as individual files that are coming from the breaking of large unallocated space files into 10MB chunks. Since Those chunks are combined back into single files, the resulting file count will be less.
Max Hits per File	Maximum number of hits per file. You can change the maximum number in this field. Searches limited in this way will be indicated by an asterisk (*) and the text “(files may be limited by “Max hits per file” option)” which may be cut off if the file name and this text together exceed the allowed line length. The maximum number of possible hits per file is 10,000.
Max Words to Return	The maximum number of words to be returned by the search.

Files to Search	
All Files	Searches all the files in the case.
File Name Pattern	Limits the search to files that match the filename pattern. Operand characters can be used to fill-in for unknown characters. The asterisk (*) and question-mark (?) operands are the only special characters allowed in an index search. The pattern can include “?” to match any single character or “*” to match an unknown number of continuous characters. For example, if you set the filename pattern to “d?ugl*”, the search could return results from files named douglas, douglass, or druglord. To enter a filename pattern: ● Check the **File Name Pattern** box. ● In the field, enter the filename pattern. **Note:** Search by date range is now limited to be between Jan 1, 1970 and Dec 31, 3000.

Files to Search (Continued)

Files Saved Between	Beginning and ending dates for the time frame of the last time a file was saved. ● Check the **Files Saved Between** box. ● In the date fields, type the beginning and ending dates that you want to search between. **Note:** Search by date range is limited to be between Jan 1, 1970 and Dec 31, 3000.
Files Created Between	Beginning and ending dates for the time frame of the creation of a file on the suspect's system. ● Check the **Files Created Between** box. ● In the date fields, enter the beginning and ending dates that you want to search between. **Note:** Search by date range is now limited to be between Jan 1, 1970 and Dec 31, 3000.
File Size Between	Minimum and maximum file sizes, specified in bytes. ● Check the **File Size Between** box. ● In the size fields, enter the minimum and maximum file size in bytes that you want to search between.
Save as Default	Check this box to make your settings apply to all index searches.

Click *Search Now* when search criteria are prepared and you are ready to perform the search.

Viewing Index Search Results

Index Search results are returned instantaneously. The Index Search Results pane displays the results of your query in a tree-type view. The tree expands to show whether the resulting items were found in allocated or unallocated space. Further, when found in allocated space, the results are separated by file category. They are then sorted by relevancy, a percentage of the hits found per search term.

Using dtSearch Regular Expressions

You can use regular expression searching capabilities in the dtSearch index search tab. This functionality does not use RegEx++ that is used in the Live Search tab. dtSearch utilizes the TR1 (Technical Report 1) regular expressions.

Regular expressions in dtSearch provide a powerful syntax for searching for complicated patterns in text, such as one of several possible sequences of letters followed by a sequence of numbers. Regular expressions can also be used to express spelling variations of individual words. Regular expression patterns are arbitrary (i.e., supplied by the user dynamically) and cannot be pre-indexed.

Regular expression searching in dtSearch is limited to a single whole word. A regular expression included in the dtSearch box must be quoted and must begin with ##. An example of this is:

Apple and "##199[0-9]" - will find Apple and 1990 through 1999

Apple and "##19[0-9]+" - will find Apple and 190 through 199

However, if you want to look for Apple Pie, you cannot use "##app.*ie" since this is two words. Only letters and numbers are searchable. You cannot search for any of the non-indexed characters as defined in the I*ndex Search Settings* in the *Detailed Options* section of a case creation. Also, dtSearch does not store information about line breaks so any searches that are made that include the beginning of a line or the end of a line will not work.

Search considerations using the wildcard character "*" in a regular expression does have an effect on search speed: the closer to the front of a word the expression is, the more it will slow searching. "Appl.*" will be nearly as fast as "Apple", while ".*pple" will be much slower.

Note: Advanced searching for Social Security Numbers and Credit Card Numbers and other number patterns can be achieved, however modifications to the dtSearch engine must be made before processing the case. For more details, see Advanced Searching on page 7 of this paper.?

For more information, see:

- Regular Expressions - dtSearch Support. http://support.dtsearch.com/webhelp/dtsearch/regular_.htm
- MSDN: TR1 Regular Expressions. http://msdn.microsoft.com/en-us/library/bb982727.aspx

TR1 Regular Expressions For Text Patterns

Element Terms

Characters and target sequences are referred to as an Element and can be one of the following:

- A literal character typed as the actual letter or number (a or 1).
- A '.' (period) is any single character.
- An '*' (asterisk) is a wildcard character.
- (a) is a capture group.
- \d is a decimal character.
- For hex searches, \xhh matches a hex entry (ie - \x0f).

- {2} is a repetition character.
- A ',' (comma) is a minimum character.
- (aa?) is a target sequence.
- An alternation character search is 'this|that'.
- A concatenation sequence is '(a){2,3}(b){2,3}(c)'.
- A back reference is '((a+)(b+))(c+)\3'.
- (?:subexpression) matches the sequence of characters in the target sequence that is matched by the patter between the delimiters.
- (?!:subexpression) matches any sequence of characters in the target sequence that does not match the pattern listed in the subexpression)
- A bracket or range expression of the form "[expr]", which matches a value or a range, similar to a "set" in the Live Pattern Search.

Examples:

- "##a" matches the target sequence "a" but does not match the target sequences "b", or "c", and so on.
- "##." matches a single character such as "a", "b", and "c",and so on.
- "##sal*" matches the target 'sale' and the target "salt' and so on.
- "##(a)" capture group, matches the target sequence "a" but does not match the target sequences "b", or "c", and so on.
- "##\d\d\d\d" matches the target sequence of four digits "1234".
- "##aa?" or {0,1} matches the target sequence of "aa" and the target sequence of "aaa".
- "##ab" matches the target sequence "ab."
- "##[b-z]" or range, matches the target sequences "b" and "c" but does not match the target sequences "a".
- "##tom|jerry" matches the target sequence of 'tom' or 'jerry'.
- "##\d{4}" or repetition, matches the target sequence of four digits "1234".
- "##(?:aa)" or target sequence, matches the target sequence of "aa" and the target sequence of "aaa", and so on.

Ordinary Character

By entering actual ASCII characters, the search will return that set of characters after the element(s) are entered. By entering ordinary characters, "##nick", you would find said characters. However, if you wanted to look for Nick Davis, you could not use "##nick davis" since this is two words.

Single "Any" Character and Wildcard

The use of the any character element can be used if a letter or letters may be different, such as difference in spelling (example 'marijuana' and 'marihuana'). The wildcard is used to find any combination of characters after an element is entered.

Examples:

- "##(a*)" matches the target sequence "a", the target sequence "aa", and so on.
- "##a*" matches the target sequence "a", the target sequence "aa", and so on.

- "##(a.)" matches the target sequence "aa", the target sequence "ab", but will not find the target sequence the target sequence "aaa".
- "##a." matches the target sequence "aa", the target sequence "ab", but will not find the target sequence the target sequence "aaa".
- "##.*ick" matches the target sequence "nick", the target sequence "click", and so on.
- "##mari.uana" matches the target sequence "marijuana" and the target sequence "marihuana".

Capture Group

A capture group marks its contents as a single unit in the regular expression and labels the target text that matches its contents. The label that is associated with each capture group is a number, which is determined by counting the opening parentheses that mark capture groups up to and including the opening parenthesis.

Examples:

- "##(ab)*" matches the target sequence "ab", the target sequence 'abab", and so on.
- "##(a+)(b+)" matches the target sequence "ab, the target sequence "aab", the target sequence "abb", and so on.
- "##ab+" matches the target sequence "abb" but does not match the target sequence "abab."
- "##(ab)+" matches the target sequence "abab" but does not match the target sequence "abb."
- "##((a+)(b+))(c+)" matches the target sequence "aabbbc" and associates capture group 1 with the subsequence "aabbb", capture group 2 with the subsequence "aa", capture group 3 with "bbb", and capture group 4 with the subsequence "c".

Repetition

Any element can be followed by a repetition count.

Examples:

- "##(a{2})" matches the target sequence "aa" but not the target sequence "a" or the target sequence "aaa".
- "##(a{2,})" matches the target sequence "aa", the target sequence "aaa", and so on, but does not match the target sequence "a".

A repetition count can also take the following form:

- "?" - Equivalent to "{0,1}".

Examples:

- "a?" matches the target sequence "" and the target sequence "a", but not the target sequence "aa".
- "##(aa?)(bbbb?)(c)" matches the target sequence "aabbbbc" and the target sequence "abbbc".

Decimal Character

You can locate any set of decimals by using the '\d" character element in the expression.

Examples:

- "##\d\d\d\d" matches the target sequence "1234".
- "##\d[3} matches the target sequence "123".

- "##\d{3}\d\d\d\d" matches the target sequence '1234567".
- Visa and "##\d{4}" will match any files that contain the word 'visa' and any four digits.

Alternation

A concatenated regular expression can be followed by the character '|' and another concatenated regular expression. Any number of concatenated regular expressions can be combined in this manner. The resulting expression matches any target sequence that matches one or more of the concatenated regular expressions.

Example:

- "##(nick|houston)" matches the target sequence "nick", or the target sequence "houston".

Concatenation

Regular expression elements, with or without repetition counts, can be concatenated to form longer regular expressions. The resulting expression matches a target sequence that is a concatenation of the sequences that are matched by the individual elements.

Examples:

- "##(a){2,3}(b){2,3}(c)" matches the target sequence "aabbc", the target sequence "aaabbbc".
- "##(\d{4}){4}" matches the target sequence of "1234123412341234" (16 digits - no spaces).

Back Reference

A back reference marks its contents as a single unit in the regular expression grammar and labels the target text that matches its contents. The label that is associated with each capture group is a number, which is determined by counting the opening parentheses that mark capture groups up to and including the opening parenthesis that marks the current capture group. A back reference is a backslash that is followed by a decimal value N. It matches the contents of the Nth *capture group*. The value of N must not be more than the number of capture groups that precede the back reference.

Example:

- "((a+)(b+))(c+)\3" matches the target sequence "aabbbcbbb". The back reference "\3" matches the text in the third capture group, that is, the "(b+)". It does not match the target sequence "aabbbcbb".
  - The first capture group is ((a+)(b+))
  - The second capture group is (a+)
  - The third capture group is (b+)
  - The fourth capture group is (c+)

Bracket or Character Range

A character range in a bracket expression adds all the characters in the range to the character set that is defined by the bracket expression. To create a character range, put the character '-' between the first and last characters in the range. Doing this puts into the set all characters that have a numeric value that is more than or equal to the numeric value of the first character, and less than or equal to the numeric value of the last character.

Examples:

- "[0-7]" represents the set of characters { '0', '1', '2', '3', '4', '5', '6', '7' }. It matches the target sequences "0", "1", and so on, but not "a".
- "[h-k]" represents the set of characters { 'h', 'i', 'j', 'k' }.
- "[0-24]" represents the set of characters {'0', '1', '2', '4' }.
- "[0-2]" represents the set of characters { '0', '1', '2' }.

An individual character in a bracket expression adds that character to the character set that is defined by the expression. If the bracket expression begins with a "^" then this defines that the expression will consider all characters except for those listed.

Examples:

- "[abc]" matches the target sequences "a", "b", or "c", but not the sequence "d".
- "[^abc]" matches the target sequence "d", but not the target sequences "a", "b", or "c".
- "[a^bc]" matches the target sequences "a", "b", "c", or "^", but not the target sequence "d".

TR1 Regular Expressions For Number Patterns

If order to achieve dtSearch capability in FTK for search strings such as Social Security Numbers, Credit Card Numbers, Employee Identification Numbers, Telephone Numbers, and so on, where a period or hyphen is present, certain steps must be done during the pre-processing phase of the case.

Note: NOTE: Currently, you cannot include search patterns with spaces.

Normal dtSearch strings for credit card numbers or social security numbers

The normal dtSearch wildcard string can be utilized as long as the hyphen is set to be indexed as a space:

- Social Security Numbers - === == ====
  - Returns "123-45-6789"
  - Will not return "123 45 6789"
- Credit Card Numbers (16 digits) - ==== ==== ==== ====
  - Returns "1234-1234-1234-1234"
  - Will not return "1234 1234 1234 1234"

Number Patterns

You can use dtSearch TR1 Regular Expression to find number patterns as you can in Live Searches for such things as Credit Card Numbers, Social Security Numbers, xxxxxxxx. Certain pre-processing options MUST be completed before this function will work.

Configuring Pre-Processing Options

If you to utilize the dtSearch TR1 Regular Expression functions for looking for number patterns, you must complete the following pre-processing options:

1. Start a new case.
2. Click **Custom** processing profile.
3. Click **Indexing Options** next to dtSearch Text Index.
4. On the *Indexing Options* dialog window set the following:
   - For Hyphen Treatments - set to Hyphen
   - In the Spaces section - remove the period
   - In the Spaces section - remove the left and right parenthesis
   - In the Letters section - click Add and in all 4 spaces, type a "." period and repeat for the left and right parenthesis, then click OK.
5. Process the case.

Examples of TR1 Regular Expressions for Number Patterns

- For Credit Card Numbers:
  - "##(\d{4}[\.\-])(\d{4}[\.\-])(\d{4}[\.\-])(\d{4})"

    The first three groups are composed of - (\d{4}[\.\-]). The expression is looking for four digits followed by a period, or hyphen. This group is repeated three times and followed by the group looking for the ending 4 digits.

    We can shorten that expression by writing it "##((\d{4})[\.\-]){3}(\d{4})".

    This will find 1234-5678-1234-5678 or 1234.5678.1234.5678
- For Social Security Numbers -
  - "##(\d{3}[\.\-])(\d{2}[\.\-])(\d{4})".
  - This will find 123-45-6789 or 123.45.6789
- For U.S. Telephone Numbers -
  - "##(\d[\-\.])?(\(?\d{3}[\-\.\)])?([\-\.]?\d{3}[\-\.])(\d{4})"

    This will find:

    567-8901

    234-567-8901

    1-234-567-8901

    (234)567-8901

    (234)-567-8901

    567.8901

    234.567.8901

    1.234.567.8901

    (234)567.8901

    (234).567.8901

Documenting Search Results

Once a search is refined and complete, it is often useful to document the results.

Right-click an item in the *Search Results* list to open the quick menu with the following options:

- *Create Bookmark:* Opens the *Create Bookmark* dialog. For more information on creating and using Bookmarks, see Using the Bookmarks Tab (page 395).
- *Copy to Clipboard:* Copies the selected data to the clipboard (buffer) where it can be copied to another Windows application, such as an Excel (2003 or earlier) spreadsheet.

> **Note:** The maximum number of lines of data that can be copied to the clipboard is 10,000.

- *Export to File:* Copies information to a file. Select the name and destination folder for the information file. Uses the same criteria as Copy to Clipboard.
- *Set Context Data Width:* Context data width is the number of characters that come before and after the search hit.
- *Delete All Search Results:* Use this to clear all search results from the Index Search Results pane.

Copy or Export Search Results

All Hits in Case	Saves all the current search terms' hits found from the entire case.
All Hits in Search	Saves all the search hits found in each search branch.
All Hits in Term	(Live search only) saves the instances of individual terms found from the list of search terms. For example, if a live search consisted of the list "black," "hole," "advent," and "horizon," this option would copy information on each of the terms individually.
All Hits in File	Records the instances of the search term in the selected file only.
All File Stats in Case	Creates a CSV file of all information requested in the case.
All File Stats in Search	Creates a CSV file of the information requested in the search.
All File Stats in Term	(Live search only) Creates a CSV file of the instances of individual terms found from the list of search terms.

After the information is copied to the clipboard, it can be pasted into a text editor or spreadsheet and saved. Choose **Export to File** to save the information directly to a file. Specify a filename and destination folder for the file, and then click **OK**

Search results can then be added to the case report as supplementary files.

Important: When exporting Index Search result hits to a spreadsheet file, the hits are exported as a CSV file in UTF-16LE data format. When opening in Excel, use the Text to Columns function to separate the Index Search hit values into columns.

Using Copy Special to Document Search Results

The Copy Special feature copies specific information about files to the clipboard.

Method 1 to copy information about the files in your search results

1. Click in the search results list.
2. From the menu bar, select *Edit* > *Copy Special*.

Method 2 to copy information about the files in your search results

1. Find that file highlighted in the File List view.
2. Right-click on the desired file.
3. Select **Copy Special**.
4. Choose the column settings template to use from the drop-down list. Click *Column Settings* to define a new column settings template.
   4a. Modify the column template in the Column Settings Manager. For more information on customizing column templates, see Customizing File List Columns (page 494).
   4b. Click **Apply** to return to the *Copy Special* dialog.
5. Select the customized column template if you created one.
6. Choose whether you want to include the header row in the file.
7. Under File List Items to Copy, select the option that best fits your needs:
   - **All Highlighted** to copy only the items currently highlighted in the list.
   - **All Checked** to copy all the checked files in the case.
   - **Currently Listed** to copy all currently listed items, but no others.
   - **All** to copy all items in the case.
8. The dialog states the number of files that your selection contains.
9. Click **OK**.

Bookmarking Search Results

To keep track of particular search results, add them to new or existing bookmarks. Search results in the file list can be selected and added to a newly-created bookmark, or added to an existing bookmark as with any other data.

To create a bookmark from the file list

1. Select the files you want to include in the bookmark.
2. Right-click any of the selected files and select **Create Bookmark**.
3. Complete the *Create New Bookmark* dialog.
4. Click **OK**.
   The bookmark appears in the *Bookmark* tab.

Chapter 29

Viewing System Information

About Viewing System Information

You can view system information that contains detailed information about disk images in an easy to read format. You can view several important pieces of information about the target computer and the users of that computer.

You can view this information in the *System Information* tab.

Not all attributes are available for all disk images, however, the possible attributes that you can see are:

- Applications
  - Prefetch
  - User Assist
  - Installed
- Network Information
  - Network Shares
  - Network Connections
  - Wireless Profiles
- Owner Information
- Recent Files
  - LNK
  - NT User
  - Shortcuts
- SAM Users
- USB Devices

For details about the attributes, see Available System Information Data (page 430).

Populating the Data in the System Information Tab

The *System Information* tab is not populated with data by default. You must extract data during processing.

To extract data and have it populated in the System Information tab

- ❖ You must do one of the following:
  - When adding disk images to a case, select the *Generate System Information* processing option. See Evidence Processing Options on page 67.
  - For an existing case, use the *Generate System Information* option in *Additional Analysis*. See Using Additional Analysis on page 128.

Viewing System Information

After you have processed a disk image, you can view the system information.

To view system information data

1. Open the Examiner and click the **System Information** tab.

   You can choose one image at a time to review in further detail. On the left hand side, there is a dropdown list of all of the images that have been processed into the case.
2. Select the disk image that you want to view.
3. Select the nodes that you want to view.

   A tree of available attributes from the disk appears in the *Categories* panel.

   On the right side of the tab, there are two panels which display additional information about the node you select on the left. The upper panel is titled *Items* and the lower panel is titled *Provenance*.

   The *Items* panel displays lists of the attributes found within the selected node. For example, when looking at the *Applications* node, you may want to review a list of applications frequently used by the users of the target machine. You can select the node *User Assist* under the *Applications* node. Once you select this node from the tree on the left, in the *Items* panel you see a list of all of the applications frequently used by the users of the target machine along with the user that used that application, the number of times that application had been run, and the last time the application was run.

   The *Item* list allows you to sort any column in either ascending or descending order to assist you in finding the information you need quickly.

   In the *Provenance* panel, you can find the location of the data selected from the *Items* panel. Using the previous example of frequently used applications, you may want to review an application used by a specific user. From the *Items* list, you select the application you are interested in, and in the *Provenance* panel, you see the location from the target machine from which this information was obtained.
4. (Optional) In the *Provenance* panel, you can select the object, right-click, and set a bookmark.

Exporting System Information Data

You can export the content in the *Sytem Information* tab into an XML file.

To export system information data

1. From the *File Menu*, choose **Export System Information**.
2. In the *Export System Information* window, choose **All images** or **Selected image**. If you are choosing a specific image, be sure the image for which you would like to export system information is listed and highlighted in the Disk Images area. Press **OK**.
3. A *Save As* window will open. Select the directory and enter a file name for the output file. Press **Save**.

Note: In order to export system information data, the image must have been processed with the *Generate System Information* processing option selected during *Add/Remove evidence*, and the image must actually contain system information.

Available System Information Data

This section contains information about the possible data available in the *System Information* tab. All of the data is collected from one or more sources, where a source can be a single file or a location within the file. Where possible, the complete source path is shown in the *Provenance* pane. Below are the details of the data available for each category and sub-category.

Possible data available in the System Information tab

Category	Sub-Category	Description
Application Data		
	Prefetch	Each time you turn on your computer, Windows keeps track of the way your computer starts and which programs you commonly open. Windows saves this information as a number of small files in the prefetch folder. The next time you turn on your computer, Windows refers to these files to help speed the start process. The prefetch folder is a subfolder of the Windows system folder. The prefetch folder is self-maintaining, and there's no need to delete it or empty its contents. If you empty the folder, Windows and your programs will take longer to open the next time you turn on your computer. For each prefetch (.PF) file, in the System Information tab displays the following information: ● Complete path to the application executable ● Number of times the application was run. ● Last time the application was run
	User Assist	UserAssist is a method used to populate a user's start menu with frequently used applications. This is achieved by maintaining a count of application use in each users NTUSER.DAT registry file at sub key: ● Software\Microsoft\Windows\CurrentVersion\Explorer\UserAssist For each UserAssist entry in the registry, the System Information tab displays the following information: ● Complete path to the application executable ● Number of times the application was run ● Last time the application was run

Possible data available in the System Information tab (Continued)

Category	Sub-Category	Description
	Installed	Applications installed on the Windows system are viewable via the Control Panel -> Programs and Features. By default the list doesn't show updates or system components unless the user selects to see them. The information can come from various places in the registry but the feature uses the HKLM\SOFTWARE registry file under the sub keys: ● Microsoft\Windows\CurrentVersion\Uninstall\ ● Wow6432Node\Microsoft\Windows\CurrentVersion\Uninstall\ Service packs, hot fixes, updates, or system components are not reported. For each installed application, the System Information tab displays the following information: ● Application name ● Application publisher (if available) ● Path to installed application (if available) ● Date application was installed (if available) ● Size of application install base (if available) ● Application version (if available)
Network Data		
	Network Shares	A network share is a computer resource made available from one host to other hosts on a computer network. In this feature, it is specifically the networks that were accessed using the Universal Naming Convention (UNC). This information is stored in each user's NTUSER.DAT registry file at sub keys: ● Software\\Microsoft\\Windows\\CurrentVersion\\Explorer\\Map Network Drive MRU ● Software\\Microsoft\\Windows\\CurrentVersion\\Explorer\\RunMRU ● Software\\Microsoft\\Windows\\CurrentVersion\\Explorer\\MountPoints2 For each installed application, the System Information tab displays the following information: ● UNC Path ● Last connection time

Possible data available in the System Information tab (Continued)

Category	Sub-Category	Description
	Network Connections	A network connection provides connectivity between one computer and the Internet, a network, or another computer. In every case the connected to network has an identifying name. Network connections managed by Windows are stored in the HKLM\SOFTWARE registry file under the sub key: ● Microsoft\\Windows NT\\CurrentVersion\\NetworkList For each network connection, the System Information tab displays the following information: ● Profile name ● First time connecting to the network ● Most recent time connecting to the network ● Network name ● Network category (e.g. Domain, Private, Public) ● Gateway MAC address ● Whether it is a wireless network (This is only set if for sure it is a wireless network)
	Wireless Profiles	A wireless profile is a set of configuration parameters that allow a system to connect to a wireless access point. The profiles managed by Windows are stored in the file C:\ProgramData\Microsoft\Wlansvc\Profiles\Interfaces For each wireless profile, the System Information tab displays the following information: ● Profile name ● SSID ● Authentication (e.g. WPA2PSK, WPAPSK, etc.) ● Encryption (e.g. TKIP, AES, none, etc.)
Owner Information Data		This is basic data about the installed operating system and comes from the HKLM\SOFTWARE registry file under the sub key: ● Microsoft\\Windows NT\\CurrentVersion For each registry value, the System Information tab displays the following information: ● Name of the registry value ● The contents of the registry value
Recent Files Data		

Possible data available in the System Information tab (Continued)

Category	Sub-Category	Description
	NTUser	Many applications store recently used files in the user's NTUSER.DAT registry file. The specific applications that are extracted are from Microsoft Office and Adobe Acrobat. The following sub keys are examined: ● Software\Microsoft\Office ● Software\Adobe ● Software\Microsoft\Windows\CurrentVersion\Explorer\Map Network Drive MRU ● Software\Microsoft\Windows\CurrentVersion\Explorer\RunMRU ● Software\Microsoft\Windows\CurrentVersion\Explorer\MountPoints2 For each recently used file, the System Information tab displays the following information: ● Application name (i.e. Acrobat, Excel, PowerPoint, Word) ● Absolute path to the recent file
	LNK Files	LNK is a file extension for a shortcut file used by Microsoft Windows to point to an executable file. LNK stands for LiNK. Shortcut files are used as a direct link to an executable file, instead of having to navigate to the executable, LNK files are stored in each users' AppData\Roaming\Microsoft\Windows\Recent or Recent directory. For each LNK file, the System Information tab displays the following information: ● Absolute path to target file ● Date/Time the target file was created ● Date/Time the target file was last written to ● Date/Time the target file was last accessed
	Jump Lists	Jump Lists, new in Windows 7, take you right to the documents, pictures, songs, or web sites you turn to each day. To open a Jump List, just right-click a program button on the Windows 7 taskbar. (You can also get to Jump Lists by clicking the arrow next to the program name on the Start menu.) The files that support this feature are located in each users' AppData\Roaming\Microsoft\Windows\Recent\AutomaticDestinations folder. For each LNK file inside each Jump List, the System Information tab displays the following information: ● Absolute path to target file ● Date/Time the target file was created ● Date/Time the target file was last written to ● Date/Time the target file was last accessed

Possible data available in the System Information tab (Continued)

Category	Sub-Category	Description
SAM Users Data		The Security Accounts Manager (SAM) HKLM\SAM registry file stores users' passwords in a hashed format either as a LAN hash or NT hash. To protect the file, Microsoft introduced the SYSKEY function so the on-disk copy of the SAM is partially encrypted with a key (usually referred to as the "SYSKEY"). For each user stored in the SAM registry, the System Information tab displays the following information: ● Name of the user ● SID ● Unencrypted current LAN hash ● Unencrypted previous LAN hash ● Unencrypted current NT hash ● Unencrypted previous NT hash
USB Devices		When USB devices are plugged into a computer for the first time, the Windows operating installs an appropriate driver and stores information about the device in the registry and the setupapi log file. On subsequent device connections, various registry keys are updated to reflect the last connection time. Details about each USB devices are stored in the following registry locations: ● HKLM\SOFTWARE\Microsoft\\Windows NT\\CurrentVersion\\EMDMgmt ● HKLM\SYSTEM\CurrentControlSet\Enum\USBSTOR ● HKLM\SYSTEM\CurrentControlSet\Enum\USB ● HKLM\SYSTEM\CurrentControlSet\Control\DeviceClasses\{53f56307-b6bf-11d0-94f2-00a0c91efb8b} ● HKLM\SYSTEM\CurrentControlSet\Control\DeviceClasses\{53f56308-b6bf-11d0-94f2-00a0c91efb8b} ● HKLM\SYSTEM\MountedDevices ● HKU\<user sid>\Software\Microsoft\Windows\CurrentVersion\Explorer\MountPoints2 For each USB device, the *System Information* tab displays the following information: ● Vendor name ● Vendor id ● Product name ● Product id ● Instance id (very similar to serial number) ● Revision ● First time device was connected ● Last time device was connected ● Last time a user mounted the device ● Drives the device was mounted to ● Volume labels

Chapter 30

Analyzing Document Content

Depending on your license, you can analyze the content of documents in your evidence in the following ways:

- Using Document Content Analysis (page 439)
- Performing Cluster Analysis (page 441)
- Using Entity Extraction (page 435)

Using Entity Extraction

About Entity Extraction

You can extract entity data from the content of files in your evidence and then view those entities.

You can extract the following types of entity data:

- Credit Card Numbers
- Phone Numbers
- Social Security Numbers

The data that is extracted is from the body of documents, not the meta data.

Using entity extraction is a two-step process:

1. Process the data with the *Entity Extraction* processing options enabled.
   You can select which types of data to extract.
2. View the extracted entities in the *Examiner*.

The following table provides details of the type of data that is identified and extracted:

Entity Extraction Details

Type	Examples
Credit Card Numbers	Numbers in the following formats will be extracted as credit card numbers:

Entity Extraction Details

Type		Examples
	16-digit numbers used by VISA, MasterCard, and Discover in the following formats.	For example, ● 1234-5678-9012-3456 (segmented by dashes) ● 1234 5678 9012 3456 (segmented by spaces) Not: ● 1234567890123456 (no segments) ● 12345678-90123456 (other segments)
	15-digit numbers used by American Express in the following formats.	For example, ● 1234-5678-9012-345 (segmented by dashes) ● 1234 5678 9012 345 (segmented by spaces)
		Notes: Other formats, such as 14-digit Diners Club numbers, will not be extracted as credit card numbers
Phone Numbers	Numbers in the following formats will be extracted as phone numbers:	
	Standard 7-digit	For example: ● 123-4567 ● 123.4567 ● 123 4567 Not: 1234567 (not segmented)
	Standard 10-digit	For example: ● (123)456-7890 ● (123)456 7890 ● (123) 456-7809 ● (123) 456.7809 ● +1 (123) 456.7809 ● 123 456 7809 Not 1234567890 (not segmented) Note: A leading 1, for long-distance or 001 for international, is not included in the extraction, however, a +1 is.

Entity Extraction Details

Type		Examples
	International	Some international formats are extracted, for example, ● +12-34-567-8901 ● +12 34 567 8901 ● +12-34-5678-9012 ● +12 34 5678 9012 Not 12345678901 (not segmented) Other international formats are not extracted, for example, ● 123-45678 ● (10) 69445464 ● 07700 954 321 ● (0295) 416,72,16
		Notes: Be aware that you may get some false positives. For example, a credit number 5105-1051-051-5100 may also be extracted as the phone number 510-5100.
Social Security Numbers	Numbers in the following formats will be extracted as Social Security Numbers:	
		● 123-45-6789 (segmented by dashes) ● 123 45 6789 (segmented by spaces) The following will not be extracted as Social Security Numbers: ● 123456789 (not segmented) ● 12345-6789 (other segments)

Enabling Entity Extraction

To enable entity extracting processing options:

1. You can enable entity extracting processing options at one of two times:
   - When creating a case or adding new evidence and configuring processing options.
     See Evidence Processing Options on page 67.
   - When running Additional Analysis on existing evidence.
     See Using Additional Analysis on page 128.

Viewing Entity Extraction Data

To view extracted entity data

1. In the *Examiner*, click the **Overview** tab.
2. Expand the *Document Content* node.
3. Expand a *Document Content* type, such as *Credit Card Numbers* or *Phone Numbers*.
4. Click an item to show the file in the *File List* that contains the extracted data.

Using Document Content Analysis

You can use Document Content Analysis to group document data together for quicker review.

Note: If you activated Document Content Analysis as an Evidence Processing option when you created the project, Document Content Analysis will automatically run after processing data and will not need to be run manually.

To perform Document Content Analysis on a new case

1. From *Case Manager*, click **Manage > Evidence Processing Profiles**.
2. In the *Manage Evidence Processing Profiles* dialog, create a new profile or edit an existing profile.

   See Configuring Default Processing Options for a Case on page 60.

   See Using Processing Profiles on page 61.
3. From the *Detailed Options* dialog, click the *Evidence Processing* tab from the left menu and select **Document Content Analysis**.
4. (Optional) Click **DCA Options** and change the *Analysis Threshold*, if needed, and click **OK**.
   - *Analysis Threshold* — Sets the level of similarity (in a percentage) that is required for documents to be considered related or near duplicates. The higher the percentage, the more similar the documents need to be in order to be considered similar.
5. Click **Save As** and follow the screens to save and/or replace the profile.

To perform Document Content Analysis on an existing case

1. In *Evidence Explorer*, click **Evidence > Add/Remove**.
2. From the *Manage Evidence* dialog, highlight the evidence you want to process using Document Content Analysis.
3. Click **Refinement Options**.
4. Select **Document Content Analysis** and change the DCA options, if needed. See Evidence Processing Options on page 67.

Filtering Documents by Document Content Analysis

Documents processed with Document Content Analysis can be filtered by the content of the documents in the evidence. The Cluster Topic container is created in Evidence Explorer in the *Overview* > *Case Overview* tab and is created from data processed with Document Content Analysis. Data included in the Cluster Topic container is taken from documents, including Word documents, text documents, and PDF documents.

In order for the application to filter the data and display the Cluster Topic container, the following must occur:

- Prerequisites for Cluster Topic (page 440)
- How Document Content Analysis Works (page 440)
- Filtering with Cluster Topic (page 440)
- Considerations of Cluster Topic (page 440)

Prerequisites for Cluster Topic

Before the Cluster Topic container can be created, the data in the project must be processed by Document Content Analysis. The data is processed automatically when Document Content Analysis is selected in the Evidence Processing options or you can process the data manually by selecting **Document Content Analysis** in the *Refinement Options* > *Evidence Processing* dialog.

Evidence Processing Options (page 67)

Configuring Evidence Refinement (Advanced) Options (page 87)

How Document Content Analysis Works

The application uses an algorithm to cluster the data. The algorithm accomplishes this by creating an initial set of cluster centers called pivots. The pivots are created by sampling documents that are dissimilar in content. For example, a pivot may be created by sampling one document that may contain information about children's books and sampling another document that may contain information about an oil drilling operation in the Arctic. Once this initial set of pivots is created, the algorithm examines the entire data set to locate documents that contain content that might match the pivot's perimeters. The algorithm continues to create pivots and clusters documents around the pivots. As more data is added to the project and processed, the algorithm uses the additional data to create more clusters.

Word frequency or occurrence count is used by the algorithm to determine the importance of content within the data set. Noise words that are excluded from Document Content Analysis are also not included in the Cluster Topic pivots or clusters.

Filtering with Cluster Topic

Once data has been processed by Document Content Analysis and categories are created under the Cluster Topic container, you can view the data in the *Overview* > *File List*.

Using the Overview Tab (page 315)

Cluster Topic Container (page 318)

The topics of the categories available are terms created during the Document Content Analysis. Documents containing these terms are included in the category and are displayed in the *File List* when selected. Categories are comprised of two word phrases that occur in the documents. This is to make the category more legible.

The UNCLUSTERED category contains any documents that are not included under a *Cluster Topic* Container.

Considerations of Cluster Topic

You need to aware the following considerations when examining the Cluster Topic categories:

- Not all data will be grouped into categories at once. The application creates categories in an incremental fashion in order to return results as quickly as possible. Since the application is continually creating categories, the Cluster Topic container is continually updated.
- Duplicate documents are grouped together as they match a specific category. However, if a category is particularly large, duplicate documents may not be included as part of any category. This is to avoid

performance issues. You can examine any duplicate documents or any documents not included in a category by highlighting the *UNCLUSTERED* category of the *Cluster Topic* container.

- Cluster Topic results can vary when performed on different databases and/or different computers. This is due to the analytic behavior of the Document Content Analysis process. Since limits have been set on the algorithm to allow for efficient collection of data, large amounts of content can thus produce varying results.

Performing Cluster Analysis

Depending on the license you own (an AD Lab license or a AD Summation license), you can perform an analysis of files to determine related documents and email threads. If there are files that are similar, one document is identified as the pivot, and then the other related files are given a score that shows how closely they are related to the Pivot. If a score is 100, it is a perfect match.

Note: With an FTK, FTK PRO, or AD Enterprise license, you can perform Cluster Analysis on a documents only using the Document Content Analysis feature.
See Using Document Content Analysis on page 439.

You perform the Cluster Analysis by enabling the Cluster Analysis processing option.

See Identifying Processing-Generated Data on page 340.

See Relating Generated Files to Original Files on page 340.

When you enable Cluster Analysis, you have the following options:

- Document Types to process - You can select to process the following file types:
  - Documents
  - Presentation
  - Spreadsheets
  - Email
- Similarity Threshold - Determines the level of similarity required for documents to be considered related or near duplicates.

After processing is complete, you can add the *Review Set Pivot* and the *Distance to Pivot* columns in the File List in the Examiner. You will also use the standard *Item #* column to identify the Pivot file.

See Managing Columns on page 494.

To Perform Cluster Analysis

1. When either adding evidence to a case or performing Additional Analysis, access the processing options.
   See Selecting Lab/eDiscovery Options on page 91.
   See Using Additional Analysis on page 128.
2. Select the option for **Cluster Analysis**.
3. Click **NDA Options**.
4. Select the document types to process and the similarity threshold.
5. Process your data.

To view Cluster Analysis data using columns

1. In the examiner, view the file types that you selected.
2. Click the Column Settings icon.
   See Managing Columns on page 494.
3. Either create a new column template or edit an existing one.
4. Add the following columns to the template.
   - Item #
   - Review Set Pivot
   - Distance to Pivot
5. Click **OK.**
6. Select the template name you just configured.
7. Click **Apply.**
   This applies the template to the File List.
8. Click **Close.**
   The Review Set Pivot shows the Item # of the Pivot file, or the file that other files are compared to.
   If a file was identified as being a near duplicate, it will show a Distance to Pivot score. A perfect match has a score of 100.

Words Excluded from Cluster Analysis Processing

Noise words, such as if and or, are excluded from Cluster Analysis processing. The following words are excluded in the processing:

a, able, about, across, after, ain't, all, almost, also, am, among, an, and, any, are, aren't, as, at, be, because, been, but, by, can, can't, cannot, could, could've, couldn't, dear, did, didn't, do, does, doesn't, don't, either, else, ever, every, for, from, get, got, had, hadn't, has, hasn't, have, haven't, he, her, hers, him, his, how, however, i, if, in, into, is, isn't, it, it's, its, just, least, let, like, likely, may, me, might, most, must, my, neither, no, nor, not, of, off, often, on, only, or, other, our, own, rather, said, say, says, she, should, shouldn't, since, so, some, than, that, the, their, them, then, there, these, they, they're, this, tis, to, too, twas, us, wants, was, wasn't, we, we're, we've, were, weren't, what, when, where, which, while, who, whom, why, will, with, would, would've, wouldn't, yet, you, you'd, you'll, you're, you've, your.

Chapter 31

Using Visualization

About Visualization

Visualization is a component that provides a graphical interface to enhance understanding and analysis of files and emails in a case. You view data based on file and email dates. Visualization provides dashboards with chats and lists that quickly show information about the data in the specified date range. Visualization helps you identify files and emails that you label and bookmark as part of your investigation.

Note: The Visualization feature is available as an add-on license. Please contact your AccessData sales representative for more information.

Visualization can only display data that has an associated date. If a file or an email does not contain a valid Created, Modified, Last Accessed, Sent or Received date, it is not displayed. For example, carved files do not have an associated date so they are not displayed in Visualization.

You can also take screen captures of the Visualization pages to have a record of the data.

Visualization supports the following data types:

- File Data: You can view file data from either the *Explore* tab or the *Overview* tab in the *Examiner* interface.
  For more information see Visualizing File Data (page 450).
- Email Data: You can view email data from the *Email* tab in the *Examiner* interface.
  For more information see Visualizing Email Data (page 457).
- Internet Browser History: You can view internet browser history data.
  For more information see Visualizing Internet Browser History Data (page 469).

Visualization also has the following components:

- Using Visualization Heatmap (page 476)
- Using Visualization Social Analyzer (page 470)
- Using Visualization Geolocation (page 478)

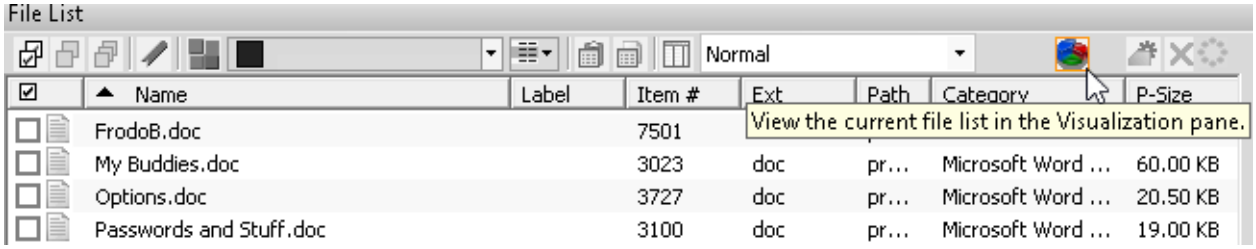
Launching Visualization

To launch visualization

1. Use the *Explore*, *Overview*, or *Email* tabs to specify a set of data.

   For example, in the *Overview* tab, you can view everything under *File Extension* or drill down to just DOC files.

2. When you have specified the data that you want to view in the Visualization pane, click the following pie chart icon:



   The data that you have displayed in the *File List* pane is the data that you can send to the visualization module.

   The visualization module opens in a separate window from the *Examiner* that you can minimize, maximize, and select in the Windows task bar.

3. On the time line, specify the date range for the base time line that you want to view data for.

   See Setting the Base Time Line on page 448.

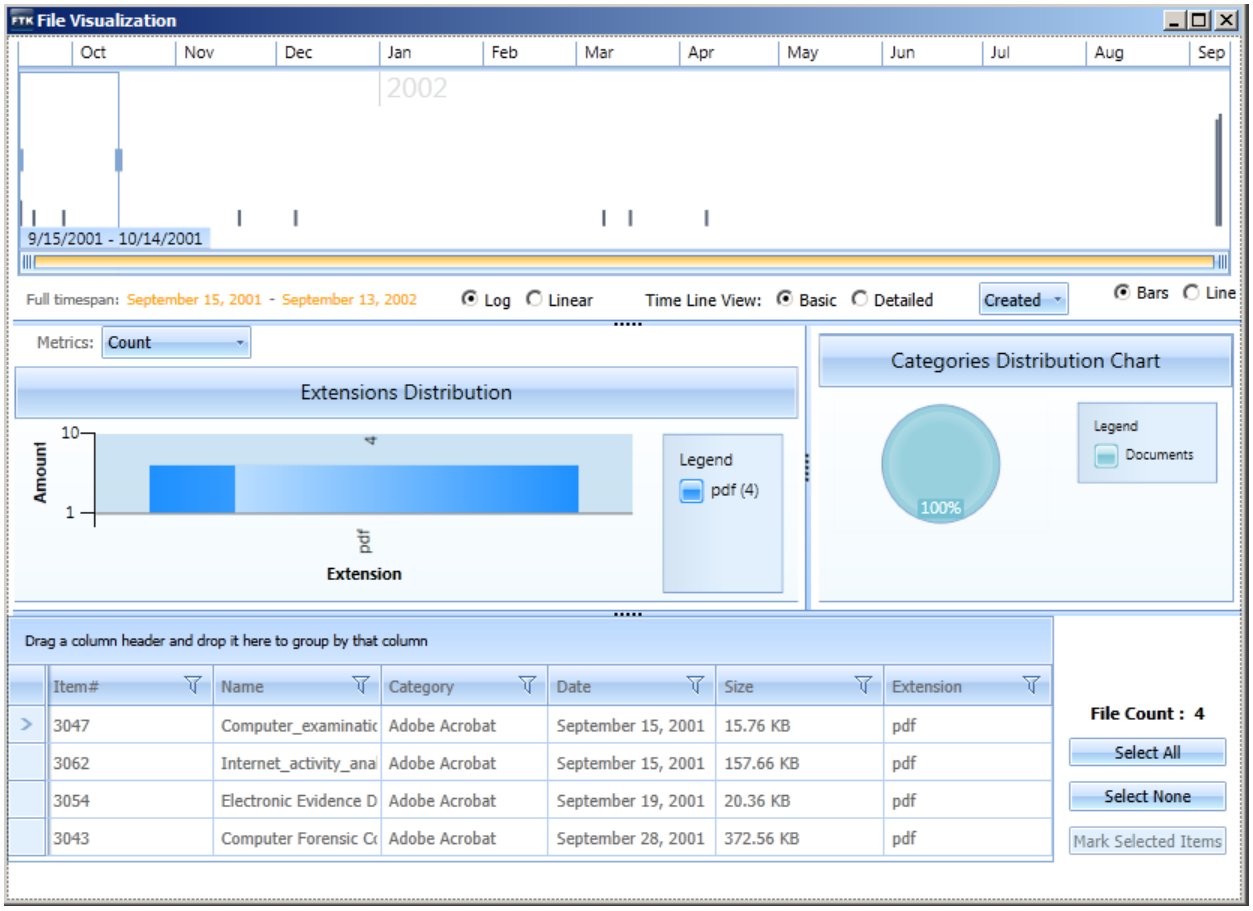
Important: The dashboard and data list displays information only for the data that exists in the base time line. If specified dates have no files, the dashboard displays the text “No Data Series.” To properly use Visualization, you must specify the base time line that you want to view data for.

About the Visualization page

The Visualization page includes three main components:

- Time line pane - Provides a time line pane with graphics representing the available data. This is the top part of the page.
- Dashboard - Provides graphical chart panes about the data. This is the middle part of the page.
- Data list pane- Provides a list of the data items. The is the lower part of the page.

You can resize each pane.



About Visualization Time Line Views

You can use one of the following two time line views:

- *Basic* - The basic view lets you specify a base time line that you want to view data for. For example, you can select a specific year or month, or you can specify a custom date range. Any data that falls in that date range will be represented in the charts and data list.

  See About the Base Time Line on page 446.

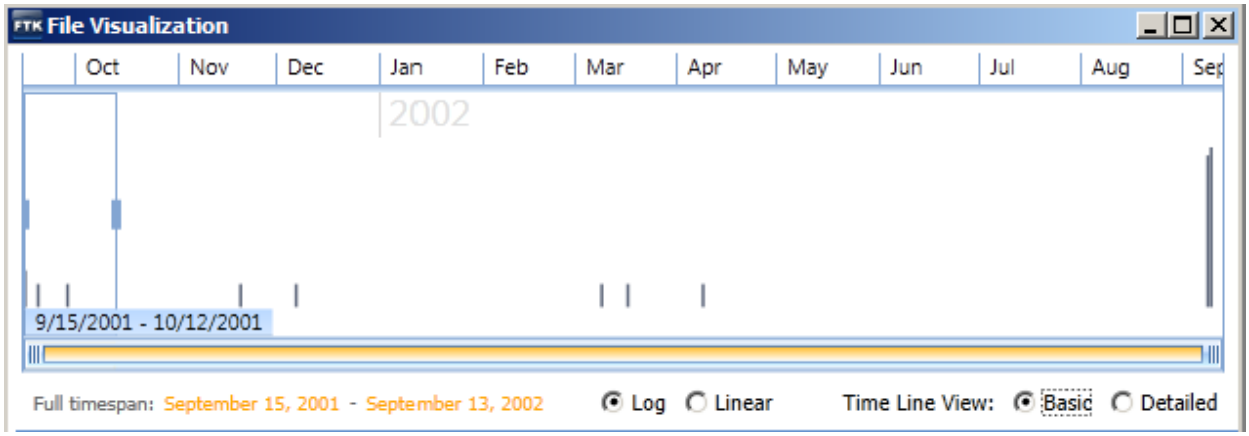
- *Detailed* - The detailed time line view shows a graphical representation of each file or email message. If you have a lot of data in a given date range, you can narrow your view to days, hours, minutes, and milliseconds.

  See About the Detailed Visualization Time Line on page 463.

About the Base Time Line

The top portion of the visualization page is the time line. The time line displays a graph with a representation of that data that is visualized. The data is displayed from the oldest date on the left to the most current date on the right.

The span of the time line is automatically configured based on the dates of the data that you specified for visualization. For example, if the data that you specified has creation dates that range from 8/15/2003 to 9/11/2003, it will build a time line with those dates as the start and end.



The vertical gray bars represent where the data files are on the time line. The gold text in the lower left corner of the time line details the full timespan.

In the *Basic* time line view, you configure the base time line. The base time line is the specific range of dates that you want to work with. This may be a smaller date range than the full timespan (dates in yellow).

The base time line is represented by the blue selection box with sliding vertical bars. You can modify the base time line to be any range within the full timespan.

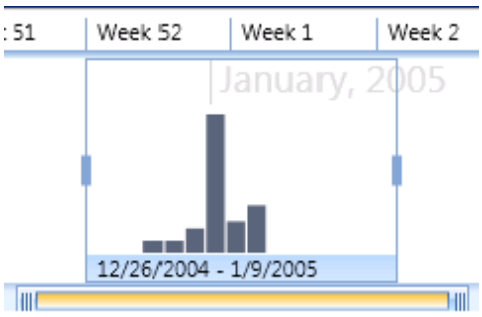
Important: The dashboard and data list displays information only for the data that exists in the base time line. If specified dates have no files, the dashboard displays the text “No Data Series.” To properly use visualization, you must specify the base time line that you want to view data for.

When you first launch visualization, a limited default base time line is specified, starting with the oldest data that is in the data set. For example, if you are viewing files, the default base time line is the first month starting with the creation date of the oldest file.

In the example in the graphic shown above, there are four files in the default base time line of one month and those four files are shown in the list and represented in the dashboard.

In the email visualization, the time line is displayed in weeks, with vertical gray bars representing the emails.

Time Line Selection Tools



Setting the Base Time Line

You adjust the range and the location of the base time line by adjusting the blue selection box. The information in the visualization dashboard and data list change when you adjust the selection box.

See About the Base Time Line on page 446.

To adjust the full timespan

1. Below the time line, you can zoom in on the view of the total timespan (yellow full timespan bar) by clicking and dragging the end of the bar.
2. You can also slide the yellow bar left or right to adjust the range.

To adjust the base time line

1. You change the base time line of the data set by adjusting the blue selection box.
2. You can do one of the following options:
   - Select a period that is on the top of the time line, for example, a specific month like June.
   - Drag the sliders of the blue selection box to make it bigger or smaller.
   - Drag the selection box to a different position.
   - Use the mouse scroll wheel to move the selection box left or right.

Changing the View of Visualization

You can change the way that visualization looks. You can modify the way that bar charts in visualization appear. You can also change the color scheme of the visualization windows.

Modifying the Bar Chart Displays

You can use the radio buttons below the time line to change the appearance of bar charts in visualization.

Log (default)	The *Log* (logarithmic) view makes visualization adjust the bars or lines to raise the low points and lower the highs so that both are easier to view on a chart. This view smooths the peaks and valleys in the chart.
Linear	The *Linear* view returns the view from *Log* to an unadjusted representation of the data. Changing from the *Log* view to the *Linear* view shows more of the variance and spikes in the data.
Bars (default)	The *Bars* option makes Visualization show evenly-spaced bars to represent the data.
Line	The *Line* view makes Visualization show the data as an unbroken line with peaks and valleys, representing increases and decreases in the amount of data over time.

Changing the Theme of Visualization

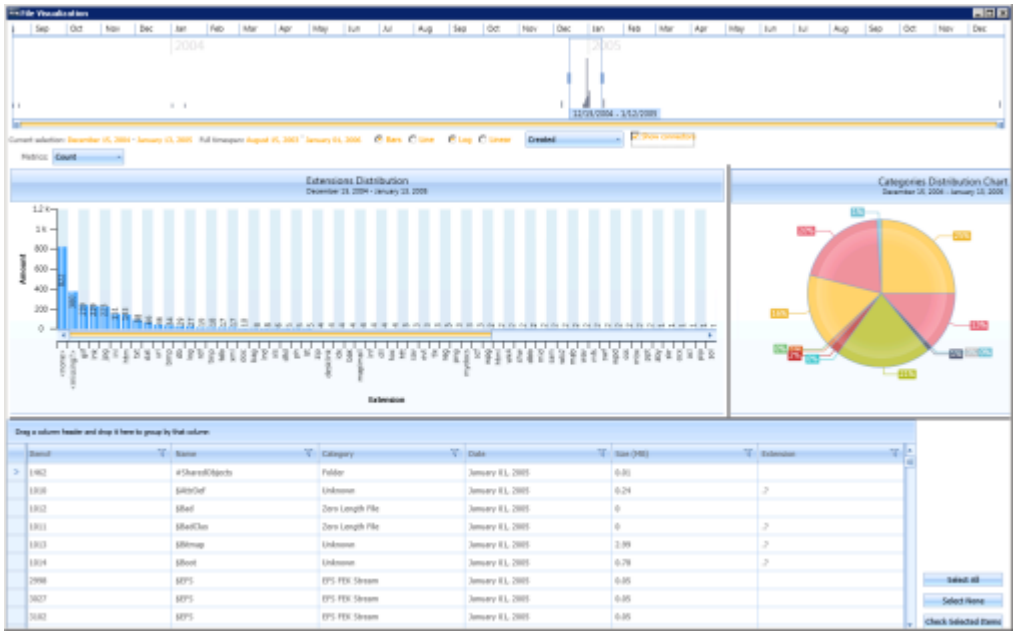
You can modify the appearance of the Visualization windows. You can choose from nine different color schemes.

To change the theme of Visualization

1. In the *Case Manager*, click **Tools > Preferences**.
2. In the *Preferences* dialog, under *Theme to use for Visualization*, choose from the following:
   - Office Blue (default)
   - Metro
   - Office Black
   - Office Silver
   - Vista
   - Windows 7
   - Summer
   - Expression Dark
   - Transparent

Visualizing File Data

The file data dashboard lets you view bar graphs, pie charts, and details about the files in the data set.



When visualizing files data, you can do the following:

- Configuring Visualization File Dates (page 450)
- Visualizing File Extension Distribution (page 451)
- Visualizing File Category Distribution (page 452)
- Using the File Data List (page 453)

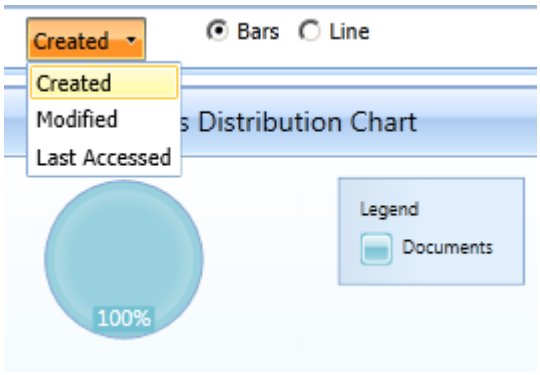
Configuring Visualization File Dates

When you view file data in the Visualization page, you can view data based on the following file data:

- Created date
- Modified date
- Last accessed date

If a file contains a Created date but not a Modified date, and you change the pane to display the file by Modified date, the file is no longer displayed in the visualization pane.

If a file's Created date, Modified date, or Last Accessed date is prior to the year 1985, visualization displays a dialog box. The dialog box asks you if you want to include the files with these dates in the visualization display. If you select the option to *Do not ask me again*, Visualization will remember your preference the next time the dates precede 1985.



Configuring the file date type

1. On the Visualization page, click the file date type drop-down menu.
2. By default, it displays the Created setting.
3. Select **Created**, **Modified**, or **Last Accessed**.

Visualizing File Extension Distribution

The extension distribution chart lets you view the data for the selected date range.

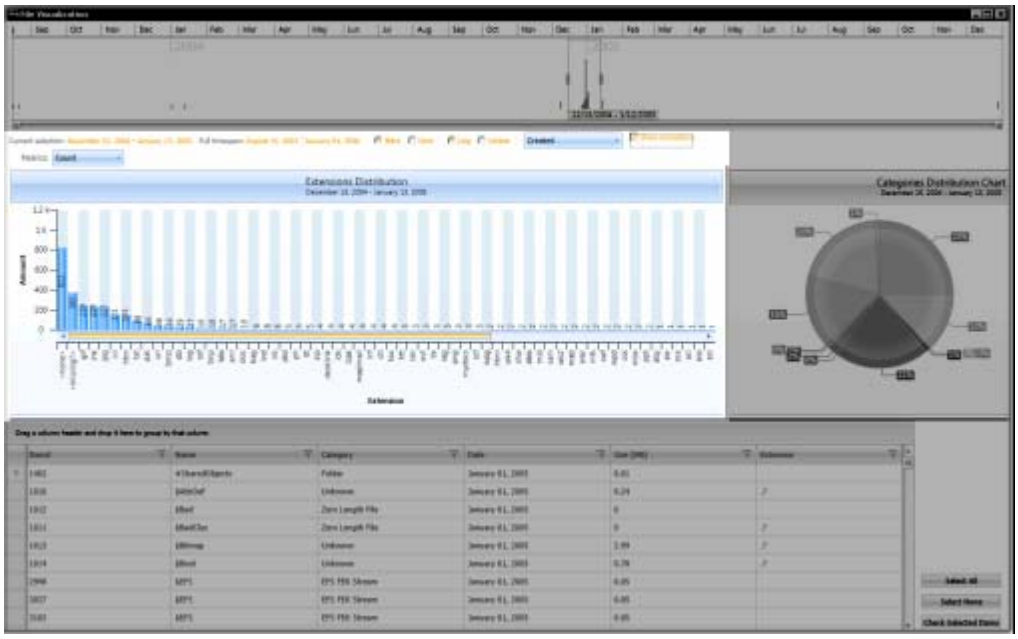
You can view selected data by the following ways:

- File extension counts
- File sizes

File counts and sizes are rounded to two decimal places. You can select a bar in the extension distribution chart to further refine the data that is displayed in the file data list.

You can select an extension in the legend to select or un-select extensions.

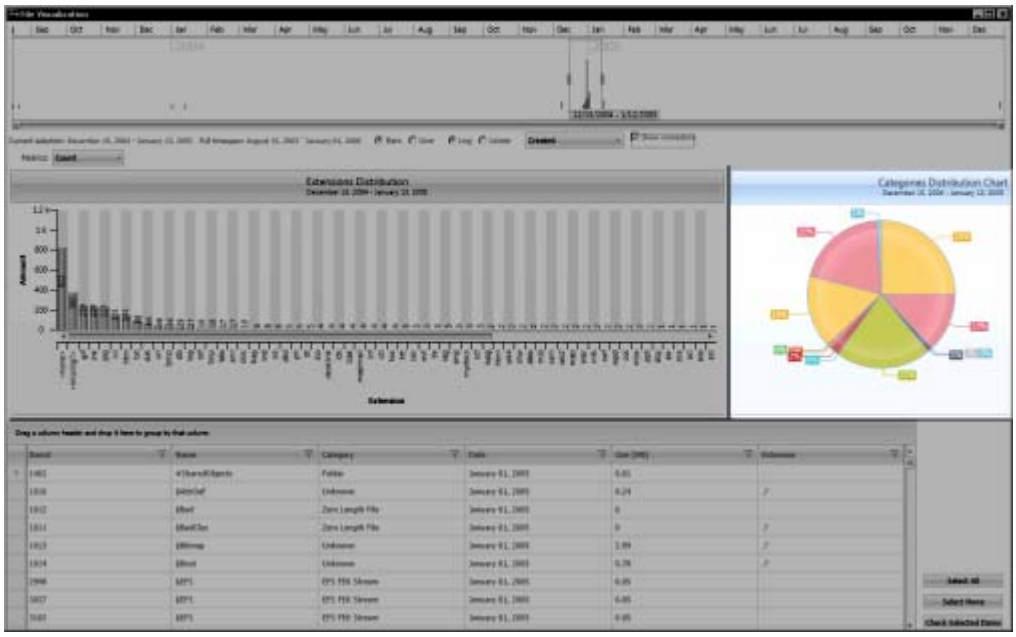
File Extension Distribution Pane



Visualizing File Category Distribution

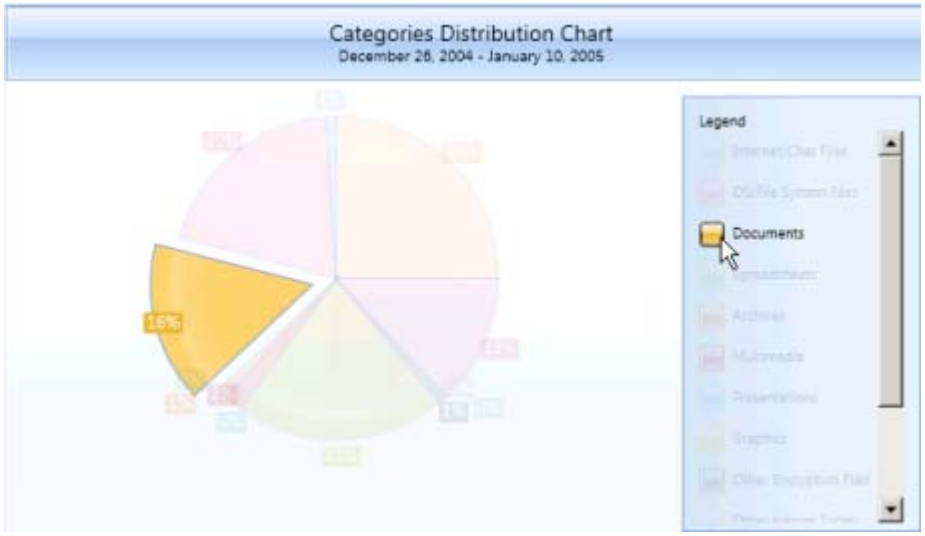
The category distribution chart displays a pie chart of the data set. It is organized according to the categories of the *Overview* tab and displays the percentages of each category in the data set. The percentages are displayed as the nearest whole number. For example: 10%. However, if a section in a category represents less than 1 whole percent, then the percentage is displayed to the hundredth percent. For example,56%.

Visualization Category Distribution Chart



If several categories are displayed very closely together, they may overlap and it can be difficult to read the percentages. You can click the **Show Connectors** option to expand the percentages further from the pie chart and include a connecting line to the pie section that correlates to the percentage.

You can select a category in the pie chart to further refine that data that is displayed in the file data list.

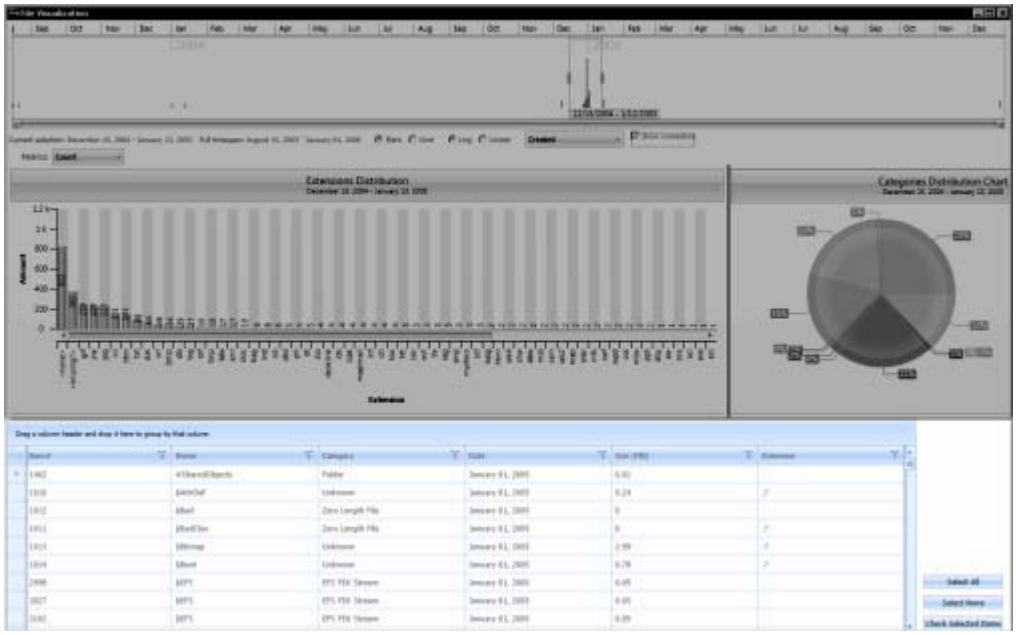


Using the File Data List

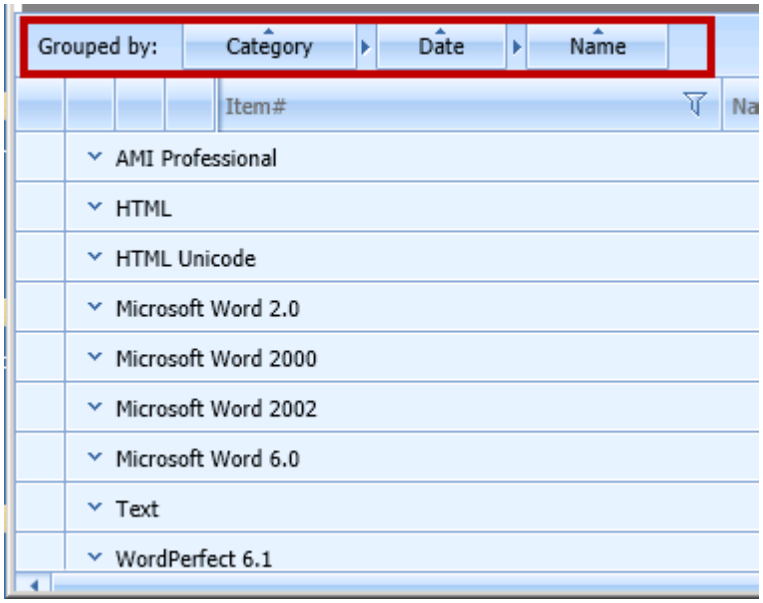
The file data list displays detail about the files in the data set. The pane is similar to the File List pane in the *Examiner* interface. The information that is displayed in the file data list is generated based on the data that you

refine through the use of the time line pane, the file extension distribution chart, and the categories distribution chart.

Visualization File Data List



Within the file data list you can sort, group, and sub-group, items according to columns including; ID, Name, Category, Date, and Size. To sort, drag and drop the desired column heading onto the blue bar. Any column heading that includes a filter icon can be used to sort the file list data set.

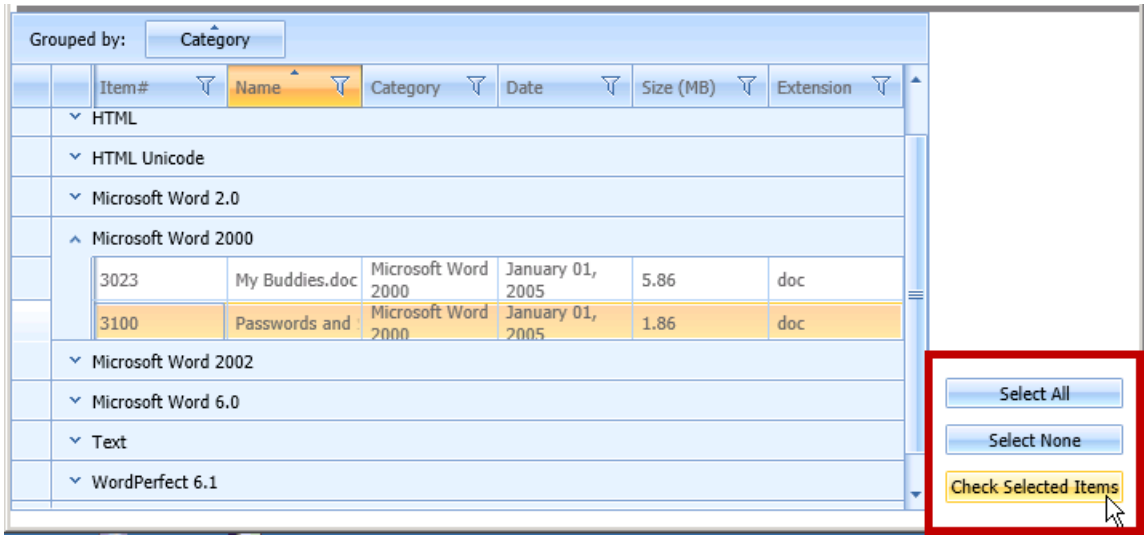


Important: If you want to filter for a specific date, include the day of and the day after. The filter uses midnight as the time frame. So if you only want files with a date of January 27, 2013, include January 27 and Jan 28. That will include files from midnight on the 27th to midnight on the 28th.

You can perform several actions on selecting the files and then clicking the **Mark Selected Items** button.

You can do the following:

- Label the item
- Create a bookmark from the item
- Clear a check mark if you have checked it.
- Check the item.

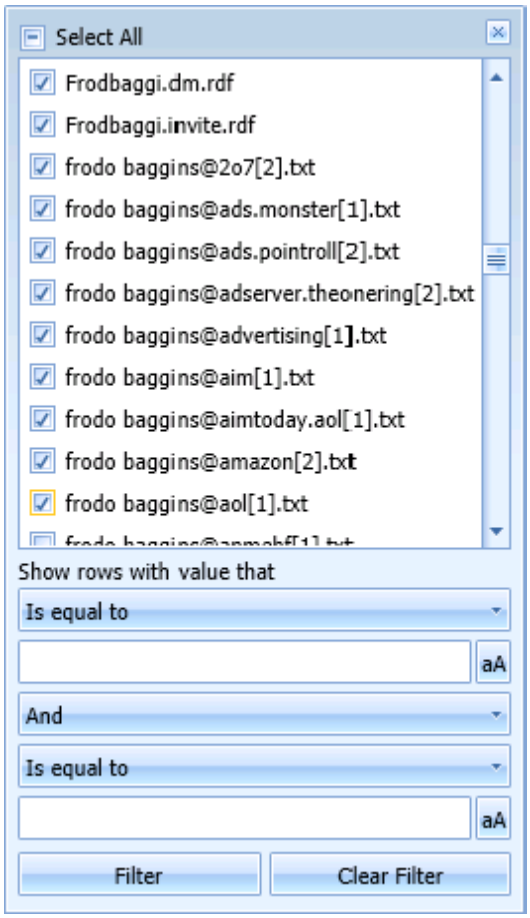


You can use the Filter icon on any of the column headings to create custom filters in the file details list.

When you select the filter icon, a filter dialog is displayed that lets you select items that apply to the column where you add filtering expressions. There are many various was in which you can filter to refine the data that is displayed.

Note: You can filter and sort by file sizes such as bytes, KB, and MB. However, note that when you enter an operator to filter by size, you must enter the size according to its byte value. You cannot enter the value in KB or MB. For example, instead of entering 100 KB, you must enter 102400 for the filter to work properly.

File Data List Filtering Tool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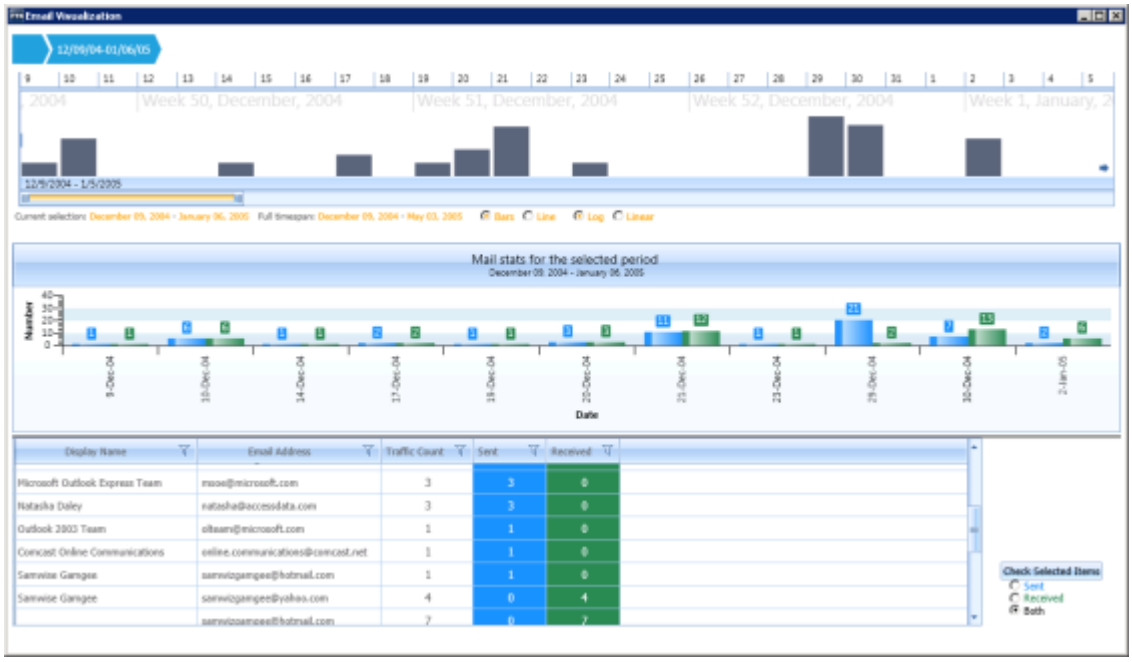
Visualizing Email Data



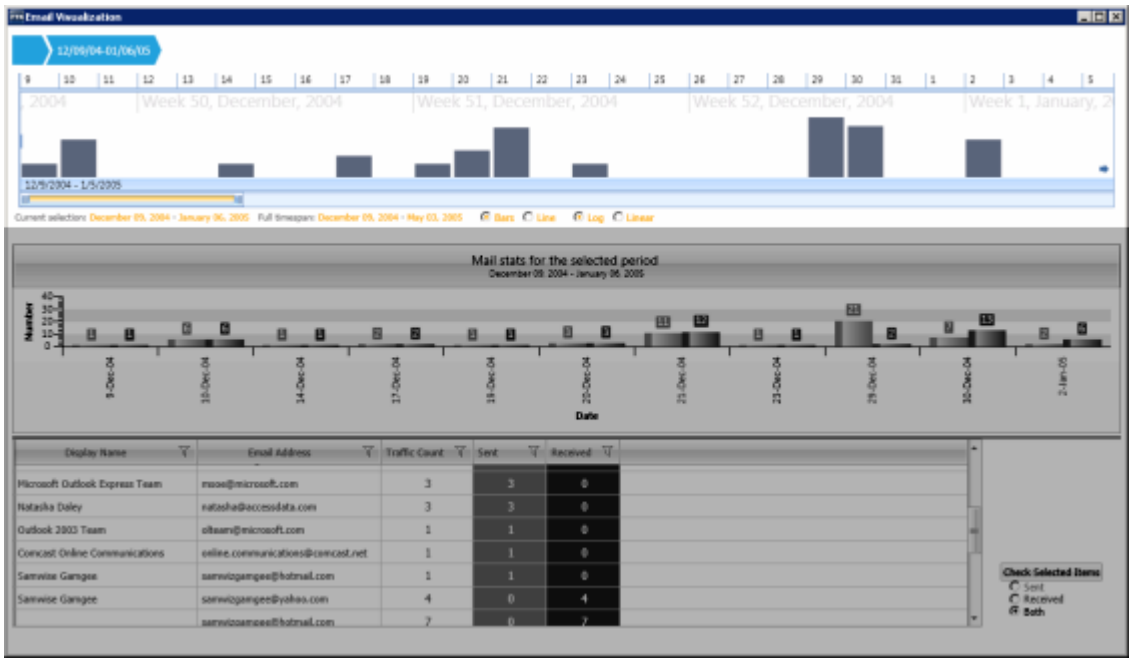
The email visualization dashboard consists of the following items:

- Email Time Line
  See Narrowing the Scope with the Email Time Line on page 457.
- Mail Statistics Graph
  See Viewing Mail Statistics on page 459.
- Email Details List
  See Using the Email Details List on page 459.
- Social Analyzer Chart
  See Using Visualization Social Analyzer on page 470.

Narrowing the Scope with the Email Time Line

The time line provides an aggregate view of email items sent and received in the data set. You can scale and refocus the scope of the time line to a specific data range. You can change the scope and scale of the data set by adjusting the gray slider tool. You can change the focus of the data set by adjusting the blue slider tool.

Visualization Email Date Pane

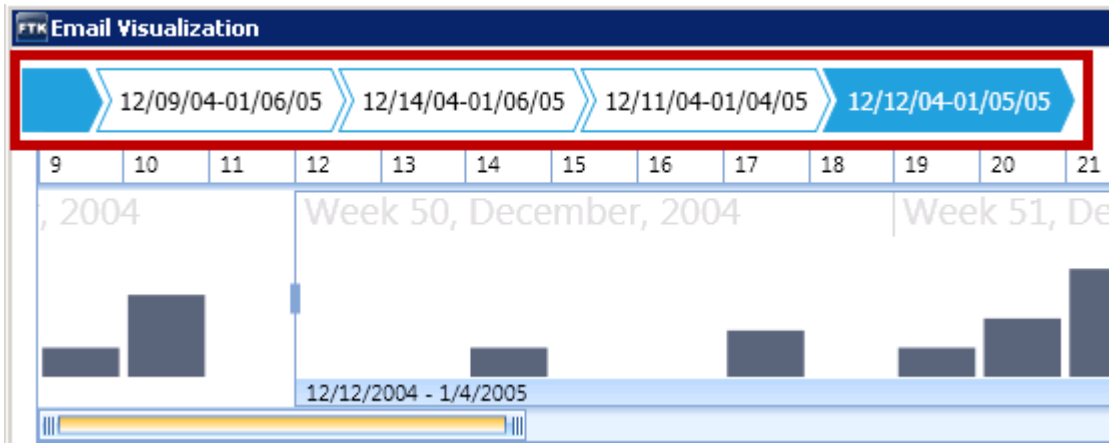


See also Setting the Base Time Line (page 448).

Using History Items in the Email Time Line

In the Email Visualization pane, when you alter the selection in the time line, a history item, also called a “bread crumb,” is added to the top of the time line. Each history item is labeled according to the date range that you have selected in the time line. You can use these history items to move forward or backward through different views that you have created.

Visualization History Items

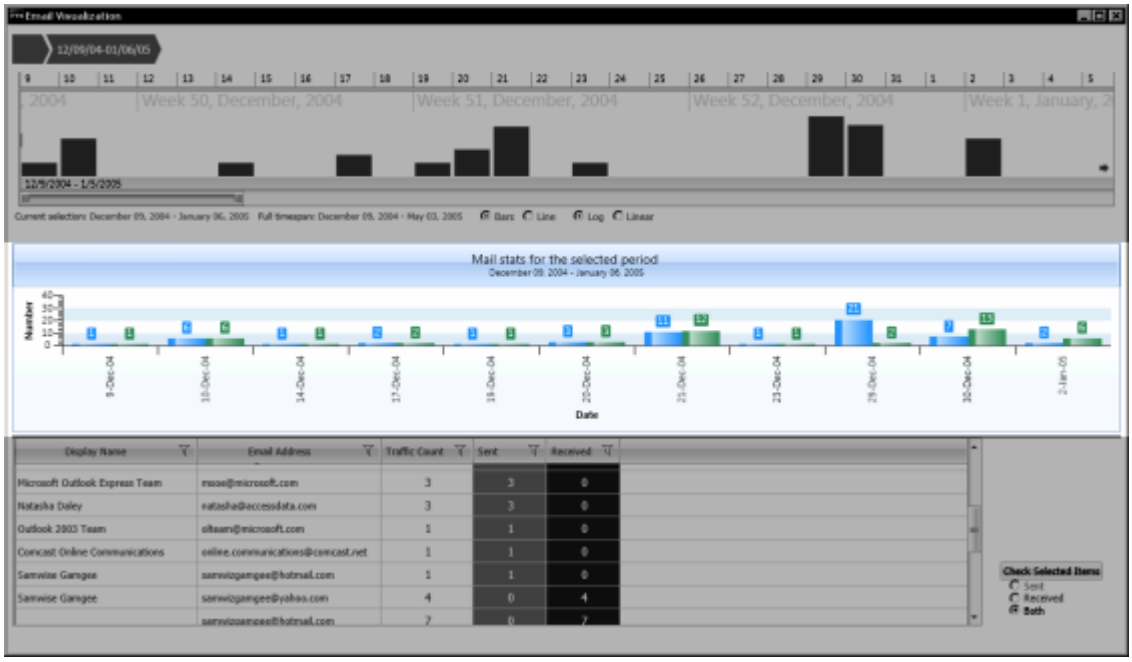


Viewing Mail Statistics

The mail statistics graph displays the sent and received mail statistics in a bar chart. The data contained within the date range, in the email time line, determines the data that is displayed in the mail statistics graph.

You can select a bar in the statistics graph to further refine the data that is displayed below in the Email details list.

Visualization Mail Statistics Chart

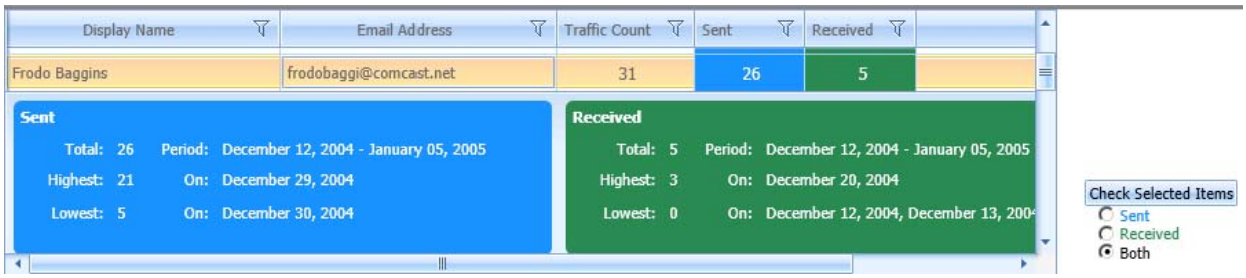


Using the Email Details List

The email details list displays custodian-level sent and received statistics for email items. The list contains a column for the custodian's name, a column for the custodian's sent mail, and a column for the custodian's received mail.

You can sort group and subgroup the emails according to the columns including: *Sender*, *Address*, *Traffic Count*, *Sent Mail*, and *Received Mail*. To group the list of emails, you can drag and drop the column headers onto the table heading of the details list. The list sorts first by the first columns that you drop, and then in the order of any preceding columns that you drop into the table heading.

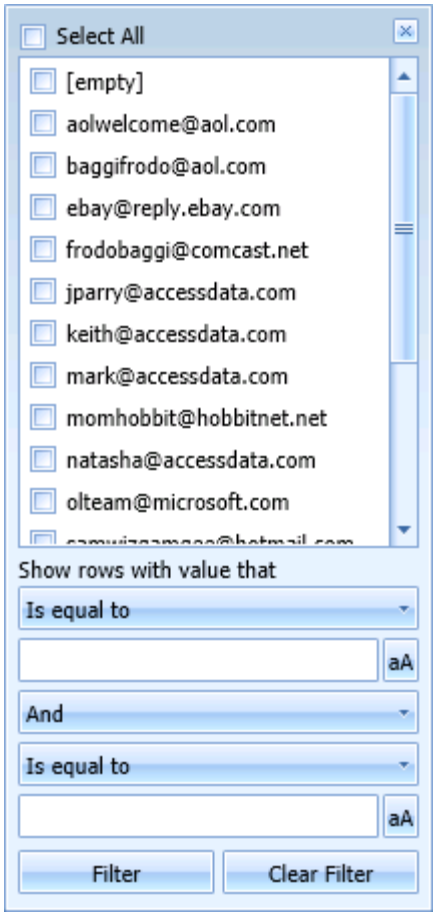
Visualization Email Details List



You can use the Filter icon on any of the column headings to create filters in the Email Details List.

When you select the Filter icon, a filter dialog is displayed that lets you select items that apply to the column and add filtering expressions.

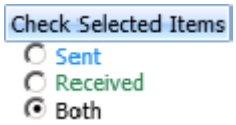
Email Details List Filtering Tool



In visualization, Email addresses that are similar but not exactly the same are displayed as two different addresses, even though they may be the same address. For example, the quotation marks for 'John Doe' and “John Doe” are not the same. These slight changes in text can happen from different email servers/software during email transit, and the program cannot discern duplicate email addresses.

If an email item is sent to multiple recipients, it is counted as a single item in the email details pane. In the Traffic Details chart, you can see when the same email was sent to multiple recipients. To view specific information about the recipients of that email item, you can click the **Traffic Details** button.

You can check specific emails in the examiner from the email details list by selecting the emails and then choosing one of the Check Selected Items options, *Sent, Received,* or *Both.*



When you expand a specific email item, you can run additional functionality. This functionality includes the Social Analyzer chart. The buttons to open the Social Analyzer chart are located on the right side of a custodian's email item in the list.

For more information see the following:

Using Visualization Social Analyzer (page 470)

Analyzing Email Domains in Visualization

Once you have you opened the Social Analyzer pane, you can isolate and examine individual email domains.

Note: Social Analyzer is very graphics-intensive. In order to avoid server issues, you should cull the data with facets and other filters to isolate the information that you want to examine before viewing it in Social Analyzer.

To analyze email domains in Visualization mode

1. Open **Social Analyzer**.
2. Click the domain bubbles to select the domain(s) that you want to view.
3. (optional) If you want to view the top ten domains in terms of received emails. click . Each time you click this icon, the next top ten bubbles will be selected, and so forth.
4. (optional) You can zoom in and zoom out of the Social Analyzer panel. If you hover over a domain bubble, the full display name and address, as well as the count, is displayed in the tool tip.
5. You can expand selected email domains and examine individual emails in a domain. See Analyzing Individual Emails in Visualization on page 461.

Analyzing Individual Emails in Visualization

You can expand email domains to display individual emails and the traffic between those emails.

To analyze individual emails within selected email domains

1. Open **Social Analyzer**.
2. Click the domain bubbles to select the domain(s) that you want to view.
3. (optional) If you want to view the top ten domains in terms of received emails. click . Each time you click this icon, the next top ten bubbles will be selected, and so forth.

4. (optional) You can zoom in and zoom out of the Social Analyzer panel. If you hover over a domain bubble, the full DisplayName and address, as well as the count, will be displayed in the tool tip.
5. Click to expand the domain names to display the individual emails.

Posting Email Results Back to the Examiner

After you have identified emails that are relevant to your investigation, you can post them back to the Examiner for further review. For example, you may drill down to an certain individual that had sent 25 emails to various domains. You can do the following:

- Add the 25 emails to a Label
- Add the 25 emails to a Bookmark
- Check the 25 emails in the F*ile List*
- Clear all other checked emails in the *File List* and check only these 25 emails.

To post email results

1. In the Social Analyzer, identify emails that you want to post.
2. Click **Post Results Back**.
3. Select the desired option.

About the Detailed Visualization Time Line

You can use the *Detailed* view of the visualization time line to get a more granular view of the files and emails in your data set. This helps you use the time line to identify the files and emails that are important in your investigation. The detailed view provides the following time bands that you can turn on or off to get a more or less granular view of the files:

- Years
- Months
- Days
- Hours
- Minutes
- Seconds
- Milliseconds

Different file types are represented by different colors to assist in identifying relevant files.

Using the Detailed Visualization Time Line

You can use the *Detailed* view of the time line to get a more granular view of the files and emails in your specified time line. You can change the *Time Line View* option to switch between the *Basic* view and the *Detailed* view.

Important: Before you launch the Detailed time line view, you must specify a base time line in the basic view that includes the data that you want to look at. Otherwise, you will only be able to see the files that are in the default base time line.

See About the Base Time Line on page 446.

To use the detailed visualization time line

1. Select a data set that you want to view.
2. Launch the visualization panel.
   See Launching Visualization on page 444.
3. Specify the base time line for the data that you want to view.
   See Setting the Base Time Line on page 448.
4. For the *Time Line View*, click **Detailed.**

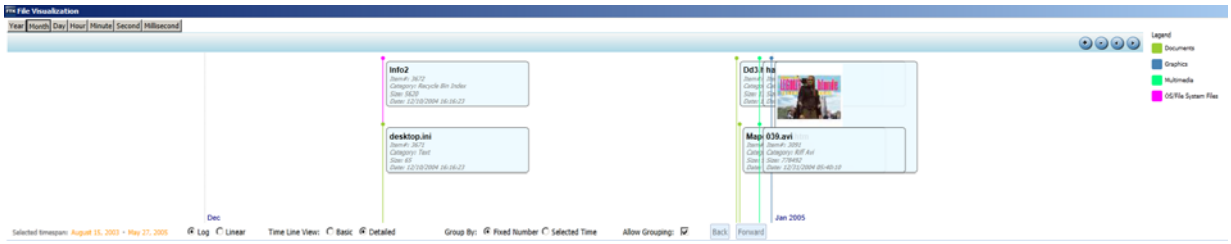
Understanding How Data is Represented in the Detailed Time Line

In the detailed view, each file, or group of files, is represented with a flag with a circle. Each flag displays the file's name, item number, category, size, and date. If you click a flag, the item it represents is selected in the file list pane at the bottom of the visualization interface.

The color of each flag and circle represents the type of data. For example, the color blue represents Graphics files. To the right of the time line, there is a *Legend* that displays what each color represents.

The span of the files depends on the base time line that you selected previously in the basic view.

See Setting the Base Time Line on page 448.



About Time Bands

If several items fall within a particular time frame, it can be difficult to see all of them. This is because their flags can overlap in the limited amount of interface space that is available.

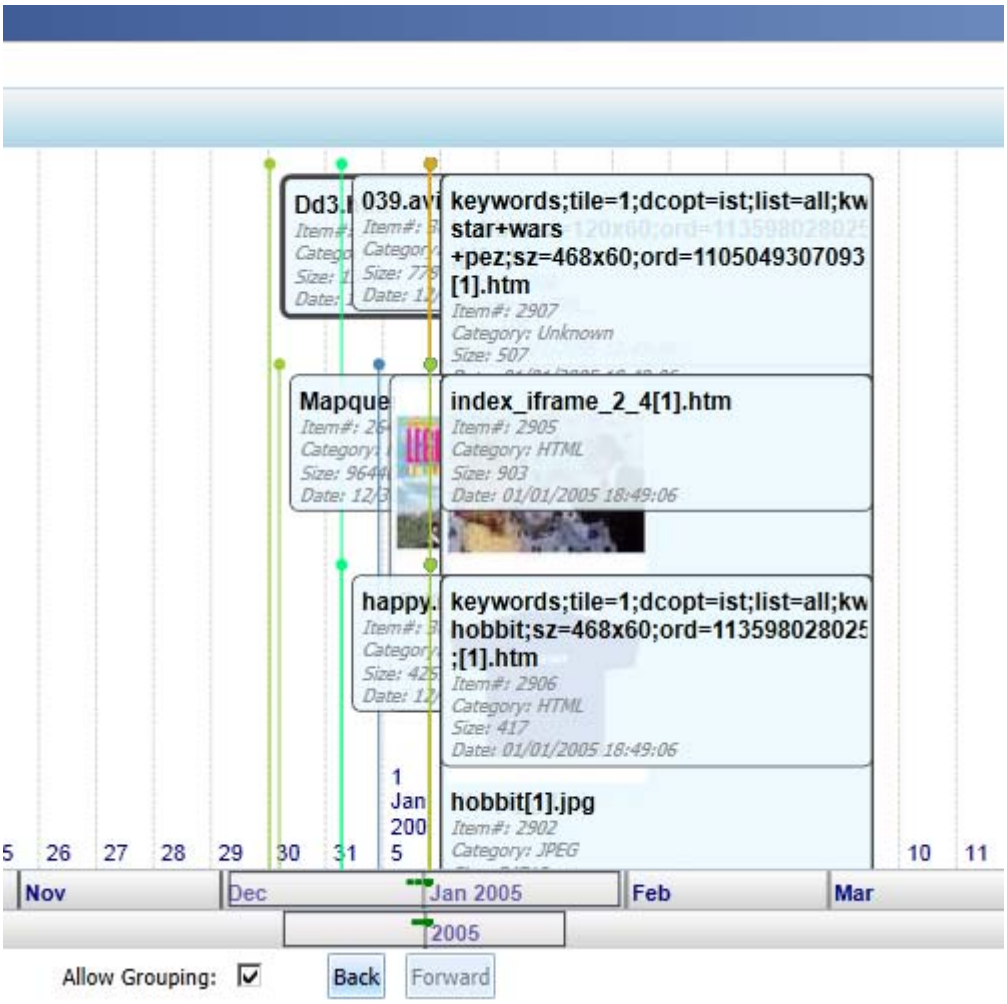
You can manipulate the time line by giving the time line a greater or less granular view by using different time bands. You can use one or more of the following time bands to change your view:

- Years
- Months
- Days
- Hours
- Minutes
- Seconds
- Milliseconds

When you first open visualization, it will determine which time bands to enable based on the date range of the base time line.

You can choose to display or hide a time band. The bands are displayed at the bottom of the time line. The more time bands that you turn on, the more granular the data becomes.

For example, suppose you turn on the Year, Month, and Day time bands.

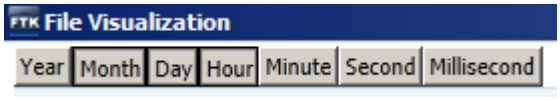


The Year time band is on the bottom, with the Month time band above that, and the Days time band (1-31) is above that. There are green dots in the bands. The green dots represent files or groups of files. Also in the example, there is a box in the center of the bands. That box is the view window. The view window is always in the center of the time line. You will only see the files that are in the view window. You can slide the time line to the left and right to place files into the view window.

If there are large clusters of files, you can turn on more time bands to get a more granular view of the files.

Modifying the Time Line Using Time Bands and Zoom

You can select different time bands to get a greater or less granular view of your data.



To change the time bands of the detailed time line

1. To display or hide a time band, in the top left corner, click a band to toggle it on or off.

   When a band is on, it is shadowed with a dark box.

   Be aware that when you change time bands, the focus box of that time band will be centered in the time line, and there may not be any files in the focus area. You will need to slide the time line to put the green dots back into the focus area.
2. Slide the time line to place the data in the view window.

   You can do one of the following options:

   - Click the right or left arrows in the upper-right corner.
   - Click the time line and drag it left or right.
   - Use the mouse scroll wheel to move it left or right.
3. You can also use the Zoom In and Zoom Out buttons (top-right corner) to modify the view.

   The zoom feature does not change the time bands or the selected date range. It simply displays more or less of the data.

Understanding How Grouping Works in the Detailed Visualization Time Line

If there are more than 500 items that all within a particular time period, the items are grouped together under a single grouped flag that represents all of the items. Grouping helps you to still use the detailed time line without having to view an overwhelming amount of data flags in a small amount of space.

You can have the data grouped by the following two methods:

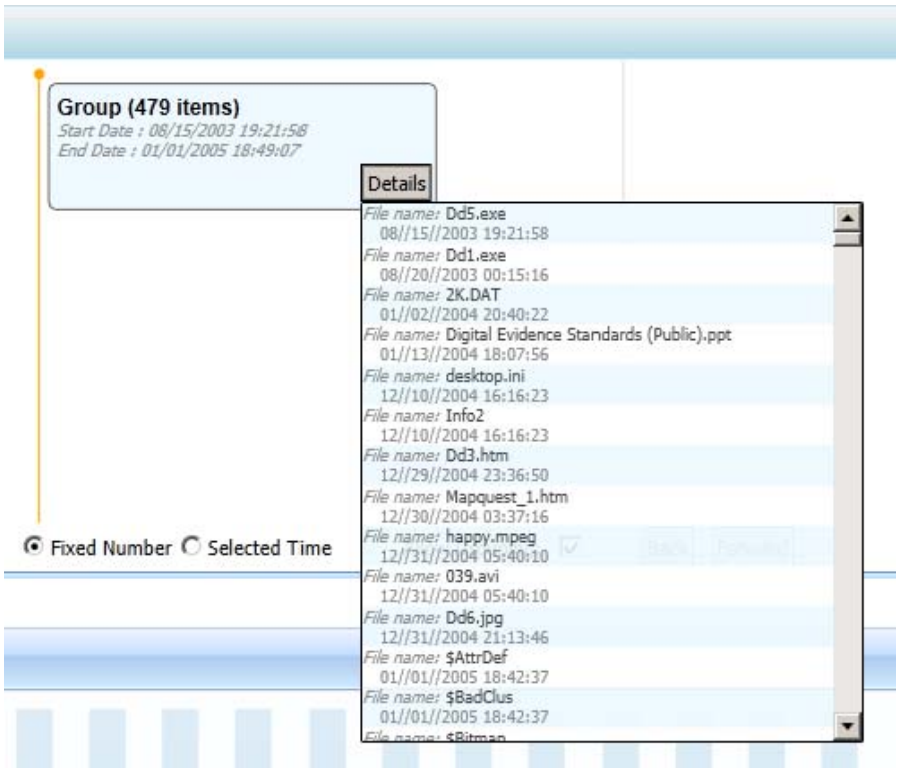
- Selected Time - (Default) Items are grouped by a specific time period, for example Days. For example, you could have 25 items on the 5th, 200 items on the 6th, and 1100 items on the 7th. There would be a single group for each day.
- Fixed Number - Items are grouped into by a maximum group size of 500. Using the previous example, if there were 1325 total items, they would displayed in three groups of 441 files.

The group flag includes a *Details* button. Click the Details button to display a list of all of the items that are grouped under that flag.

You can also click a group to get a more granular view of the files in the group. When you click a group additional time bands are enabled to give you a more detailed view.

Be aware that multiple flags may be staked vertically. You may need to make the time line pane taller by dragging the bottom border of the pane down.

Example of grouping


Group (479 items)
Start Date : 08/15/2003 19:21:58
End Date : 01/01/2005 18:49:07
Details
File name: Dd5.exe
08//15//2003 19:21:58
File name: Dd1.exe
08//20//2003 00:15:16
File name: 2K.DAT
01//02//2004 20:40:22
File name: Digital Evidence Standards (Public).ppt
01//13//2004 18:07:56
File name: desktop.ini
12//10//2004 16:16:23
File name: Info2
12//10//2004 16:16:23
File name: Dd3.htm
12//29//2004 23:36:50
File name: Mapquest_1.htm
12//30//2004 03:37:16
File name: happy.mpeg
12//31//2004 05:40:10
File name: 039.avi
12//31//2004 05:40:10
File name: Dd6.jpg
12//31//2004 21:13:46
File name: $AttrDef
01//01//2005 18:42:37
File name: $BadClus
01//01//2005 18:42:37
Fixed Number
Selected Time

Visualizing Internet Browser History Data

You can view internet browser history files in the detailed visualization timeline. You can view browser history from the following browsers:

- Internet Explorer
- Firefox
- Chrome
- Safari
- Opera

In order to view internet browsing history files in the detailed visualization timeline, you must first process the browser history files. By default, the option to process browser history files is disabled. You must enable the *Process Internet Browser History for Visualization* option in either the processing options or additional analysis options.

See Evidence Processing Options on page 67.

See Using Additional Analysis on page 128.

To view internet browser history files in the detailed visualization timeline

1. If you have browser history files, in the File List *Overview* tab, browse to **File Category** > **Internet Chat Files** > *browser name* > **History**.
2. Right-click one or more browser history files and select **Visualize Browser History...**

   View browser history files from only one manufacturer at a time.

   If the **Visualize Browser History...** option is grayed-out, then either the file has not been processed with the *Process Internet Browser History for Visualization* option enabled, or the file type is not supported.

   If it is a supported file, the detailed visualization timeline is opened.

   You may need to adjust the blue selection box to include the data that you want to see.

   For information on viewing the visualization timeline, see About the Visualization page (page 445).

Visualizing Other Data

You can process specific file types so that they can be viewed in the visualization timeline.

- EVTX files - See Viewing Data in Windows XML Event Log (EVTX) Files (page 341)
- IIS Log files - See Viewing IIS Log File Data (page 343)
- Registry data files - See Viewing Registry Timeline Data (page 345)
- CSV files that are in the Log2Timeline format - See Log2timeline CSV fields (page 349)

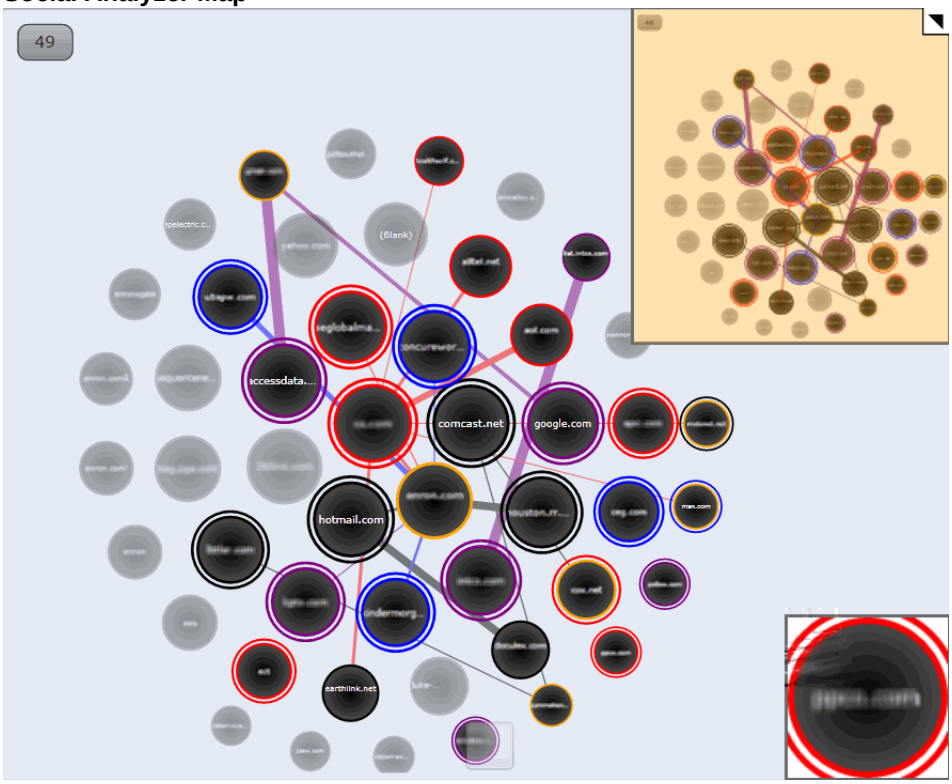
Chapter 32

Using Visualization Social Analyzer

About Social Analyzer

The Social Analyzer shows a visual representation of email volume contained in the data set. Social Analyzer will display all of the email domains in a project, as well as individual email addresses within the email domains.

Social Analyzer Map



The Social Analyzer map displays emails in the data set group by domain name. These domain names appear on the map in circles called “bubbles.” The larger the bubble, the more emails are contained within that domain. The bubbles in the map are arranged in a larger sphere according to how many emails were sent to that domain. The center bubble in the sphere will have the most emails sent from this domain, while domains radiating clockwise from the center will have fewer and fewer emails in their domain bubble. If you want to examine email domains with the most sent emails, concentrate on examining the bubbles in the center of the map.

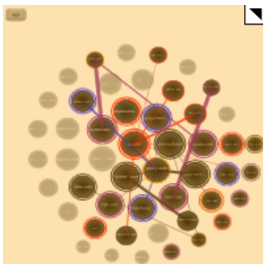
Email data in the Social Analyzer map can be examined on two different levels. On the first level, you can get an overall view of communications between domains. You can then select domains that you want to examine in a

more detailed view and expand those domains to view communications between specific email addresses from the domain. For example, if you search for high email traffic between two domains, you can see which two domains have the highest amount of traffic between them. Select the two domains, and expand them to view the email traffic between individual users from those two selected domains.

See Analyzing Email Domains in Visualization on page 474.

See Analyzing Individual Emails in Visualization on page 474.

Elements of the Social Analyzer Map

Element	Description
	This map presents the overall view of the social analyzer data. The orange rectangle indicates the area displayed in the main social analyzer map. Black dots in the overall view show domains that are either selected or communicating. You can either expand or collapse the overall view by clicking on the triangle in the upper right corner.
	When you select a domain bubble, it is surrounded by a colored double ring. The ring may be colored blue, black, purple, or red. The different colors allow you to distinguish between different selected domains, but they do not have any significant meaning.
	Domain bubbles that are not selected, but have sent emails to the selected domain bubble, are surrounded by a single colored ring that is the same color as the selected domain bubble. This allows you to easily tell which domains have been communicating with the selected domain bubble. Domain bubbles that do not connect to any selected domains are greyed out.
	Lines connect other domain bubbles to the selected domain bubble. These lines represent emails sent to the selected domain from other domains. The more emails that have been sent to the domain, the thicker the line between domain bubbles are. You can also see emails sent from the selected domain. Select **Show Reversed Connections** in the Social Analyzer panel to show visual representations of emails sent from the selected domain.
	A domain bubble with an orange ring indicates that a domain has been connected to from another domain multiple times. This allows you to pinpoint domains that have heavy communication between them.

Accessing Social Analyzer

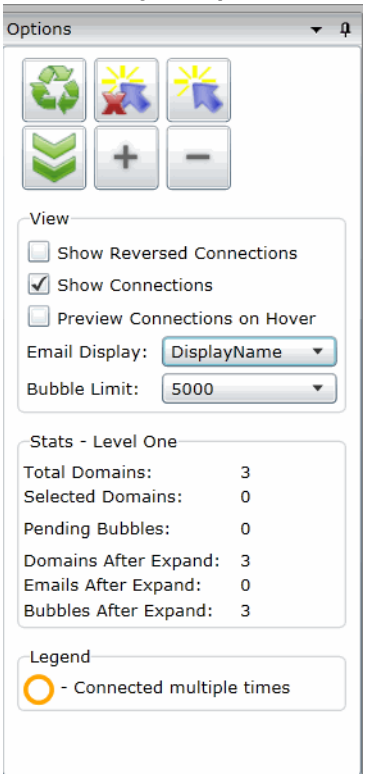
To navigate throughout the **Social Analyzer** pane, click and drag inside the pane. Hover over an email domain bubble to view the total number of emails that were sent from the domain.

Note: Expansion of large datasets may result in slow server speeds and slow rendering the Social Analyzer visualization data.

To access Social Analyzer

1. Click **Project Review**.
2. In the *Item List* panel, click **Options** > **Visualization** > **Social Analyzer**.

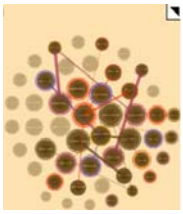
Social Analyzer Options Panel



Social Analyzer Options

The following table identifies the tasks that you can perform from the **Social Analyzer** panel**.**

Social Analyzer Options

Element	Description
Apply Visualization	Applies the visualization graph filters to the *Item List* grid. Once applied, only those items filtered with visualization will appear in the *Item List* grid.
Cancel Visualization	Cancels the visualization graph filters and exits out of Visualization.
Refresh	Refreshes the **Social Analyzer** pane.
Clear Selections	Clears the selected bubbles in the **Social Analyzer** pane.
Select Most Connected Items	Selects the ten bubbles that have been most connected to in the **Social Analyzer** pane. Each time you click this icon, the next top ten bubbles will be selected, and so forth.
Expand Selected Domains	Expands selected domains in the **Social Analyzer** pane. You can drill down to a second level to examine the email data. See Analyzing Individual Emails in Visualization on page 474.
Zoom In	Zooms into the **Social Analyzer** pane. If you are unable to view the social analyzer data, click **Zoom In** to locate the data. You can also zoom in by expanding the slider bar located at the bottom of the **Social Analyzer** pane, by using the **+** key on the keyboard, or by scrolling the mouse wheel up.
Zoom Out	Zooms out of the **Social Analyzer** pane. You can also zoom out by expanding the slider bar located at the bottom of the **Social Analyzer** pane, by using the **-** key on the keyboard, or by scrolling the mouse wheel down.
	Expands and collapses the overall map of the data set. Dots that appear in black in the overall map are domains/emails that are connected to the selected domain/email. The orange rectangle on the map shows where the expanded location is on the map.

Social Analyzer Options

Element	Description
View	• Show Reversed Connections - Select to show all reversed connections in the pane. Reversed connections are emails sent from a particular email or email domain. • Show Connections - Select to show the connections between domains in the pane. Connections are emails sent to a particular email or email domain. • Preview Connections on Hover - Select to view connections between domains when you hover over them. This option is not selected by default to speed rendering of the map. • Email Display - Display email domains either by the display name or address. • Bubble Limit - You can choose a display limit of either 2,500, 5,000, or 10,000 domains. Server issues may occur with larger display limits.
Stats	Displays the statistics of either the first or second level of the email domain data. You can view: • The total number of domains, emails, and bubbles in the pane. • The total number of selected domains, emails, and bubbles in the pane. • The total number of domains, emails, and bubbles that have been expanded. You can access the second level of data by clicking **Expand Selected Data**.

Analyzing Email Domains in Visualization

Once you have you opened the Social Analyzer pane, you can isolate and examine individual email domains.

Note: Social Analyzer is very graphics-intensive. In order to avoid server issues, you should cull the data with facets and other filters to isolate the information that you want to examine before viewing it in Social Analyzer.

To analyze email domains in Visualization mode

1. Click **Project Review**.
2. In the *Item List* panel, click **Options** > **Visualization** > **Social Analyzer**.
3. Click the domain bubbles to select the domain(s) that you want to view.
4. (optional) If you want to view the top ten domains in terms of received emails. click . Each time you click this icon, the next top ten bubbles will be selected, and so forth.
5. (optional) You can zoom in and zoom out of the Social Analyzer panel. If you hover over a domain bubble, the full display name and address, as well as the count, is displayed in the tool tip.
6. You can expand selected email domains and examine individual emails in a domain. See Analyzing Individual Emails in Visualization on page 474.

Analyzing Individual Emails in Visualization

You can expand email domains to display individual emails and the traffic between those emails.

To analyze individual emails within selected email domains

1. Click **Project Review**.
2. In the *Item List* panel, select **Options** > **Visualization** > **Social Analyzer**.
3. Click the domain bubbles to select the domain(s) that you want to view.
4. (optional) If you want to view the top ten domains in terms of received emails. click . Each time you click this icon, the next top ten bubbles will be selected, and so forth.
5. (optional) You can zoom in and zoom out of the Social Analyzer panel. If you hover over a domain bubble, the full DisplayName and address, as well as the count, will be displayed in the tool tip.
6. Click to expand the domain names to display the individual emails.

Chapter 33
Using Visualization Heatmap

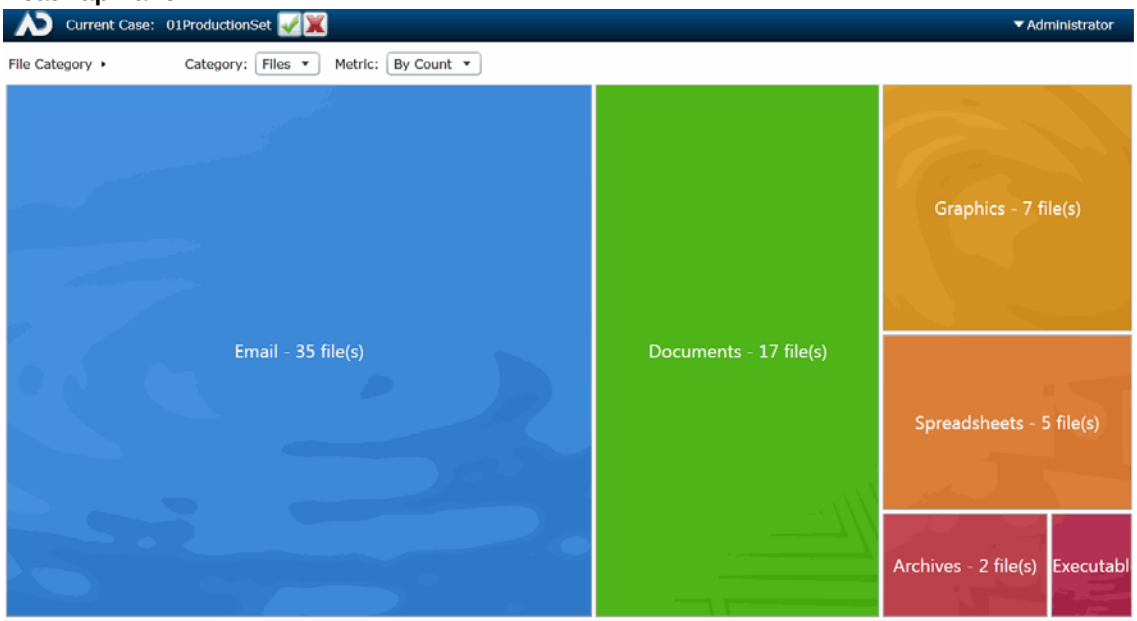
Heatmap allows you to view a visual representation of file categories and file volume within a project. Information displays in a grid comprised of squares of different colors and sizes. Each color represents a different file category, and the relative size of the square represents the file volume within the category. You can view each file category for more details about the files within that category (similar to a file tree) and navigate between file categories.

You can also switch between viewing the file volume by the physical size of each file and the file count. This allows you to see any discrepancies in the size of the files. For example, if someone were trying to hide a file by renaming the file extension, you could easily see the size discrepancy in the heatmap, and then investigate that particular file further.

To access Heatmap

1. In Forensics products, do the following:
   1a. Open the *Examiner*.
   1b. In the *File List* panel, click (Heatmap).
2. In other products, do the following:
   2a. Click **Project Review**.
   2b. In the *Item List* panel, click **Options** > **Visualization** > **Heatmap**.

Heatmap Panel



Heatmap Options Panel

The following table defines the tasks from the **Heatmap** panel**.**

Heatmap Panel Options

Element	Description
	Cancels the heatmap filters and exits out of Visualization.
	Apply the visualization graph filters to the *Item List* grid. Once applied, only those items filtered with visualization appear in the *Item List* grid.
Options	

Category	• Files - Allows you to view files by the file category. You can view the files in each category:
	  ▪ By double-clicking that particular file category's square, or
	  ▪ By clicking the menu from the upper left side and choosing the file category that you want to view in the heatmap.
	• Folders - Allows you to view files by the folders contained within the project. You can view the files in each folder:
	  ▪ By double-clicking that particular folder's square.
	  ▪ By clicking the menu from the upper left side and choosing the folder that you want to view in the heatmap.
	• Extensions - Allows you to view files by the file extension.

Metric	• By Size - Allows you to view file types by size of the files. The larger the files, the larger the represented square in the heatmap. • By Count - Allows you to view file types by quantity. The more files of a particular type that are in the project, the larger the represented square in the heat map.

Chapter 34

Using Visualization Geolocation

About Geolocation Visualization

Geolocation allows you to view a map with real-world geographic location of evidence items that have geolocation information associated with them. This lets you understand where certain activities/actions took place.

See Using Visualization on page 234.

Geolocation supports the following data types:

- Photos with GPS information in the EXIF data. If you have photos in the evidence that have GPS data in the EXIF data, you can see where those photos were taken.
- IP location data after gathering Volatile data (Enterprise license only). When using Forensic products and processing volatile/RAM data, you can see the lines of communication (both sent and received) between addresses, showing the location of all parties involved.

  Using Geolocation Visualization with Forensics Products to View Security Data (page 486)

> **Note:** When using Forensic products, Geolocation IP address data may take up to eight minutes to generate, depending upon other jobs currently running in the application.

About Viewing Geolocation Data

When viewing Geolocation data, you can use the following components in Review:

- Maps

  When viewing geolocation data, you can use any of the following maps:

  - OpenStreetMaps
  - Offline Maps (See General Geolocation System Requirements (page 479) and Using Offline Maps (page 479))
- Geolocation Grid

  Below the map, you can view a grid that shows details about the items in the map.

  See Using the Geolocation Grid on page 484.
- Geolocation Data in columns in the *Item List*

  You can view geolocation data for files in the *Item List.*

  See Using Geolocation Columns in the Item List on page 485.

Important: When you launch the Geolocation view in Review, it will display all relevant files currently in the item list. You can cull the data using filters and other tools in the item list to limit the data that is displayed in Geolocation.

General Geolocation System Requirements

As a minimum prerequisite, you must have the following:

- Internet access to view web-based maps.
  By default, online maps are used to display map data for the Geolocation view.
  If you do not have internet access, you can download and use offline maps.
  See Using Offline Maps on page 479.

Using Offline Maps

If you do not have internet access, you will not have access to the default online maps. You can download and use offline maps for Geolocation. You can use the offline maps with either Summation, FTK, Lab, or Enterprise.

For more information, see:

https://support.accessdata.com/hc/en-us/articles/205757007-Geolocation-Maps-for-Offline-Use

Processing Geolocation Data

- For Forensic products (FTK, FTK Pro, Lab, and Enterprise)
  - The File Signature Analysis option must be selected when processing the evidence.
  - The geolocation data is automatically processed, there is not processing option to select.
- For Summation, when you create a project, on the *Processing Options* tab, under *Miscellaneous Options*, you must select the **Geolocation** option.
  See “Evidence Processing and Deduplication Options” in the Admin Guide.

Viewing Geolocation EXIF Data

When your evidence has photos with GPS information in the EXIF data, you can view photo locations.

To view EXIF data in Forensic products (FTK, FTK Pro, Lab, and Enterprise):

1. In FTK, open the *Examiner*.
2. In the *File List* panel, click (Geolocation).
3. You can filter the items displayed and see item details.
   See Using the Geolocation Grid on page 484.

To view EXIF data in Summation

1. Click **Project Review**.
2. In the *Item List* panel, click **Options** > **Visualization** > **Geolocation**.
3. You can filter the items displayed and see item details.
   See Using the Geolocation Grid on page 484.

Geolocation Panel - EXIF data

Using Geolocation Tools

The Geolocation Map Panel

Points of data in a particular area on the map are represented by large dots called clusters. The number on each cluster show how many points of data (known as pins) are represented by the cluster. Clicking a particular cluster on the map zooms in on a group of pins.

The general location of the clusters are determined by a central point on the map. The clusters radiate from this central point. When you zoom in and out of the map, your central point on the map moves as well, and clusters will shift position on the map. However, as you zoom into a cluster, the cluster rendered will more closely align itself with the location of the individual pins.

When viewing IP data, the connections between two pins display on the map as lines between clusters/pins. The width of the lines represent the amount of traffic between two IP address. The thicker the lines, the more traffic has occurred. Green lines represent traffic originating from the pin and red lines represent traffic entering the pin.

When you select a cluster and zoom in on a particular pin, you can select one or more pins. When a pin is selected, the outline and shadow of the selected pin turns orange. If you zoom out of the map, the cluster with one or more selected pins has an orange ring.

Hovering over the cluster displays the following icons:

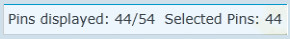
- Selects all of the pins in a cluster.
- Clears all of the selected pins in a cluster.

The following table describes the Geolocation panel options.

Geolocation Panel

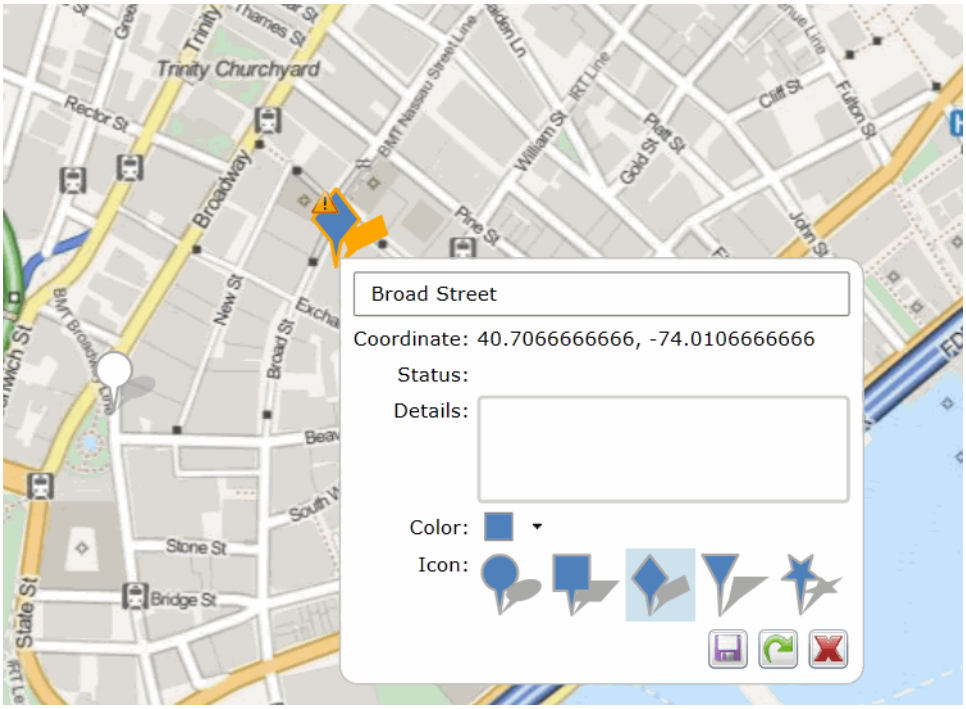
Element	Description
	After filtering data by selecting one or more pins, this applies the selected geolocations to the *Item List* grid. Once applied, only those geolocations filtered with visualization appear in the *Item List* grid. For network data, you will see any communication from those pins to any other location. This may include one or more items. If you enter the Geolocation view again, only those geolocation will be displayed in the map. To reset the items in the *Item List*, click the Project Explorer's *Reset* and *Apply* icons.
	Cancels any new geolocation filters and exits out of Visualization If you previously saved a filter, this will not clear the filter. You must clear filters in the Item List.
Pins displayed	Shows the number of spins that are displayed and the number selected.
Clear	Clears and selected pins.
Options	

Geolocation Panel

Element	Description
	Displays the number of pins selected in the map versus the number of pins available in the data.
	Expands or collapses the overall view map.
	Displays the latitude and longitude where the mouse pointer resides. To view the position of a particular pin, hover the mouse over the pin. To view the exact coordinates of the pin, select the pin and right-click.
	Turns the connections between the pins/clusters either on or off.
	Displays all of the pins on the map.
	Zooms in or out on the map. A slide bar displays, allowing you to control the zoom feature.
View All/View Selected	
Filter	Displays either EXIF data or network connection data. You can also view both types of data at the same time.

Right-clicking a pin displays more information about the pin.

Detail of Pin



In the pin dialog, you can:

- Add any notes
- View the exact coordinates and status of the pin
- View the IP Address of the pin

> **Note:** To save processing time and to ensure data accuracy, the host name does not populate in the Geolocation pin. However, the host name does populate in the Item List.

- Change the color and shape of the pin

If you make any changes to the pin, a warning icon displays that notifies you that changes were made to the pin and need to be saved. You can do the following in the pin dialog:

- Click to save the changes that you have made to the pin
- Click to reset the pin. If changes have been saved previously to the pin, this action resets the pin to the saved version
- Click to close the dialog

Using the Geolocation Grid

When you open Geolocation, you can view a grid that shows details of the items on the map.

The Geolocation Grid shows the following:

- **Exif:** This shows the following Exif data from photos
  - *Capture Data* column
  - *File Name* column
  - *File Size Coordinate* column

When you click an item in the grid, the map will be centered to reflect the location of the selected item.

You can minimize the grid so that the whole map is visible.

Filtering Items in the Geolocation Grid

When you first launch Geolocation, all of the items on the map are shown in the grid.

You can filter the contents of the grid in the following ways.

- In the map, if you select a pin, only that item is displayed. You can click (and select) multiple pins.
- In the map, if you right-click a cluster and click , that selects all of the pins in a cluster. This will filter the grid to those clustered pins. You can add multiple clusters to the grid.
- In the grid, the columns in the Geolocation Grid can be filtered to cull the items in the grid. For Network Communication data, the data in the bar chart is filtered as well when columns are filtered.

Using Geolocation Columns in the Item List

The data that the Geolocation filter uses to render the information is also available in columns in the *Item List*. You can find the following columns in the *Item List*, depending upon the data that has been collected. These columns can be sorted and filtered.

See General Geolocation System Requirements on page 479.

Geolocation EXIF Data Columns

When your evidence has photos with GPS information in the EXIF data, you can view data using the following columns.

Geolocation Columns: EXIF data

Column	Display name	Description
Geotagged Area Code:	Area Code	Area code location of geotagged photo or object.
Geotagged City:	City	City location of geotagged photo or object.
Geotagged Country Code:	Country Code:	ISO country code location of geotagged photo or object, such as USA, FRA, MEX, HKG, and EST.
Geotagged Direction:	Direction	Direction geotagged photo or object.
Geotagged Latitude:	Latitude	Latitude of geotagged photo or object.
Geotagged Longitude:	Longitude	Longitude of geotagged photo or object.
Geotagged Postal Code:	Postal Code	Postal code of geotagged photo or object.
Geotagged Region:	Region	Regional or State location of geotagged photo or object, such as NY, DC, IL, FL, and UT.
Geotagged Source:	Source	Source used to resolve geotagged GPS location to locality information.

Note: The following columns are not used with exif data: GeoTagAreaCode, MetroCode, or Postal Code.

Using Geolocation Column Templates

When using AD Forensics products, you can use the following Column Templates to help you quickly display Geolocation-based columns in the File List:

- *Geolocation* - Displays all available Geolocation columns.
- *GeoEXIF* - Displays all columns that contain EXIF-related Geolocation data.
- *GeoIP* - Displays all columns that contain IP-related Geolocation data.

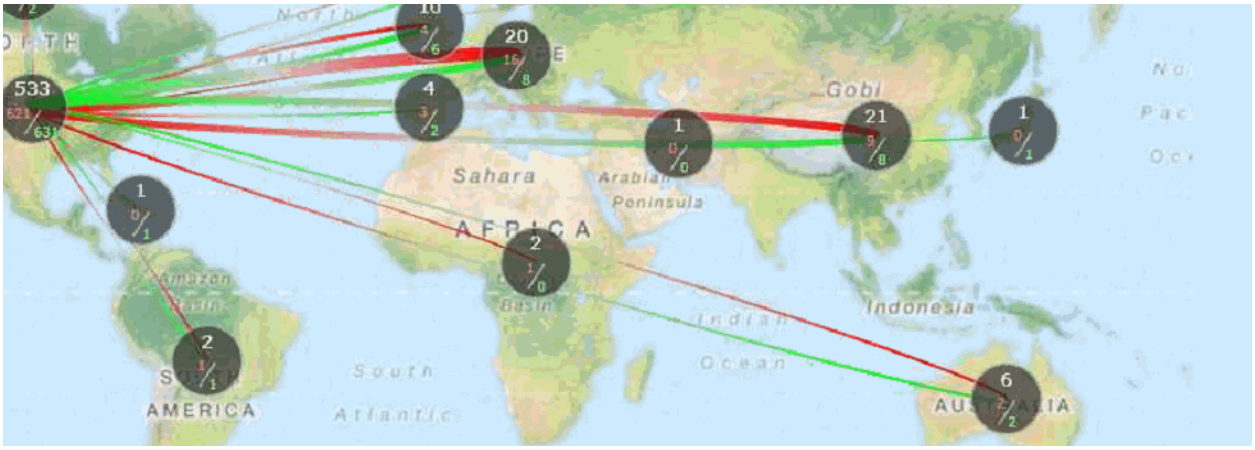
Using Geolocation Visualization with Forensics Products to View Security Data

Note: This feature is only available with AD forensics productes with a Memory Analysis licesne,

After gathering Volatile data, you can use geolocation to view IP location data to discover where in the world a computer is communicating. You can view IP locations data when using the following products:

The Geolocation view will display lines that trace internet traffic sent and received between IP addresses, indicating the physical location of all parties involved. You can drill into geographic regions to see multiple evidence items. You can then select specific data to post back to the case, where they can view information in the examiner or include it in reports.

Geolocation Panel - IP Locations To view IP data in Geolocation viewer



Note: For data collected by Geolocation Visualization, the *To Domain Name*, *To ISP*, *To Netspeed*, and *To Organization* columns do not populate in the *Item Grid*. If you require this data, you need to purchase a MaxMind Premier database license.

Prerequisites for Using Geolocation Visualization to View Security Data

- For examining network acquisition and volatile data, enable the Geolocation option in the Web Config file. To enable this option, contact AccessData's support.
- Also for examining network acquisition and volatile data, you need to generate a text file of your IP locations and place the text file in the GeoData directory. For more information, contact AccessData's support.

Configuring the Geolocation Location Configuration File

When using AD Forensics products, and when working with network acquisition and volatile data, some data may come from a private network where the physical location of the IP address is not known. For example, you may need to provide the location of your own network and any satellite offices that you interact with.

Normally you would start with block of IPs in your local network.

To set this information, you need to populate a configuration file for the KFF server.

The filename is **iplocations.txt.**

Geolocation Configuration Page Options

The table below lists the various Geolocation Configuration Page options.

Geolocation Configuration Page Options

Option	Description
Ip Address	The IP address. The IP addresses must be written in CIDR format and need to be IPv4 addresses.
ID	
Country Code	The two letter country code for a country, such as HK for Hong Kong or US for the United States.
Country Code 3	The three letter country code for a country, such as RUS for Russia or DEU for Germany.
Country	The full country name, such as United States or Argentina.
Region	The state or province of the geolocation data, such as NY for New York or ON for Ontario.
City	The city of the geolocation data, such as Beijing or San Francisco.
Postal Code	The postal code or zip code of the geolocation data.
Latitude	The latitude of the geolocation data.
Longitude	The longitude of the geolocation data.
Metro Code	The metro code of the geolocation data.
Area Code	The area code of the geolocation data.
Continent Code	The continent code of the geolocation data. For example, NA for North America and AS for Asia.
Source	The source of the geolocation information. This field is optional.

Configuring the Location Configuration File Manually

You can manually create and edit the iplocations.txt text file for the KFF server. It has the following requirements:

- The text file needs to be saved with the filename **iplocations.txt**.
- The IP addresses must be written in CIDR format and need to be IPv4 addresses.
- Each comment line in the file must start with the character #. List only one address/network per line.
- The network line must contain the following information in the following order: address (in CIDR format), Id, CountryCode, CountryCode3, CountryName, Region, City, PostalCode, Latitude, Longitude, MetroCode, AreaCode, ContinentCode, Source.

- The iplocations.txt file must be placed in the **Geodata** folder of the **kffdata** folder on the server.

The following is an example of an iplocations.txt file:

```
#this file goes in the <kffdata>\GeoData directory
#address (in cidr
form),Id,CountryCode,CountryCode3,CountryName,Region,City,PostalCode,Latitude,Longitud
e,MetroCode,AreaCode,ContinentCode,Source
#192.168.0.0/24,1,,USA,United States,Utah,Taylorsville,84129,40.6677,-111.9388,,801,,
#10.10.200.252/30,1,,USA,United States,Utah,Orem,84042,40.2969,-111.6946,,801,NA,
#10.10.200.48/32,1,,USA,United States,Utah,Orem,84042,40.2969,-111.6946,,801,NA,
10.10.200.0/24,1,,USA,United States,Utah,Orem,84042,40.2969,-111.6946,,801,NA,
```

Viewing Geolocation IP Locations Data

To view IP location data in FTK

1. Open the *Examiner*.
2. Click the **Volatile** tab.
3. In the *Volatile* tab, click (Geolocation).
4. You can filter the items displayed and see item details.
   See Using the Geolocation Grid on page 484.

Using the Geolocation Network Information Grid

- When viewing network acquisition and volatile data connection information, you can now view a grid that displays the following information:
  - Process Start Time
  - Machine
  - User Name
  - Process Name
  - Path
  - Host Name
  - IP Address
  - Coordinates
  - Ports

You can show the communication between multiple pins.

Chapter 35
Customizing the Examiner Interface

This chapter includes the following topics

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About Customizing the Examiner User Interface

You can use the View menu to control the pane views displayed in each tab. There are several tabs by default, but you can create an interface view that best suits your needs.

Add or remove panes from the current tab using the View menu. Click **View** and click the unchecked pane to add it to the current view, or click a checked item on the list to remove that pane from the current view.

To save the new arrangement

❖ Click **View > Tab Layout > Save**.

The View menu lets you do the following:

- Refresh the current view's data.
- View the Filter Bar
- Display the Time Zone for the evidence.
- Choose the display size for graphic thumbnails.
- Manage Tabs.
- Select Trees and viewing panes to include in various tabs.
- Open the Progress Window.

The Tab Layout Menu

Use the options in the Tab Layout menu to save changes to tabs, restore original settings, and lock settings to prevent changes.

The following table describes the options in the Tab Layout menu.

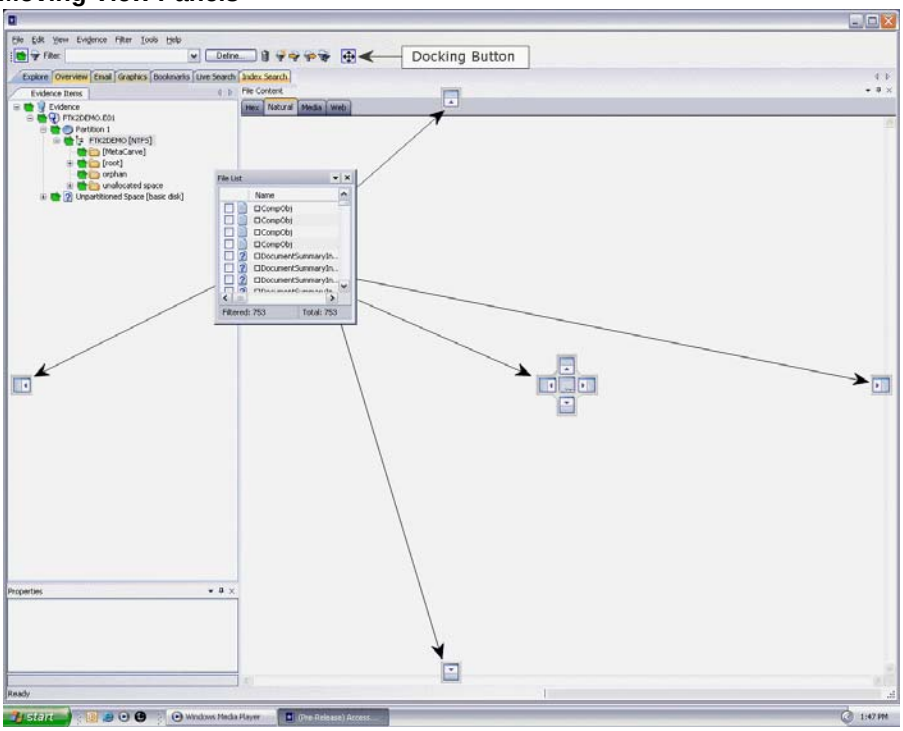
Tab Layout Menu Options

Option	Description
Save	Saves the changes made to the current tab.
Restore	Restores the *Examiner* window to the settings from the last saved layout. Custom settings can be restored.
Reset to Default	Sets the window to the setting that came with the program. Custom settings will be lost.
Remove	Removes the selected tab from the window.
Save All Layouts	Saves the changes made to all tabs.
Lock Panes	Locks the panes in place so that they cannot be moved until they are unlocked.
Add New Tab Layout	Adds a new tab to the window. The new tab will be like the one selected when this option is used. Customize the tab as needed and save it for future use.

Moving View Panels

Move view panes on the interface by placing the cursor on the title of the pane, clicking, dragging, and dropping the pane on the location desired. Holding down the mouse button undocks the pane. Use the guide icons to dock the pane in a pre-set location. The pane can be moved outside of the interface frame.

Moving View Panels



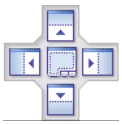
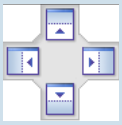
To place the view panel at a specific location on the application

1. Place the mouse (while dragging a view pane) onto a docking icon. The icon changes color.
2. Release the mouse button and the panel seats in its new position.
   The following table indicates the docking options available:

Docking Icons

Docking Icon	Description
	Docks the view panel to the top half of the tab.
	Docks the view panel to the right half of the tab.
	Docks the view panel to the left half of the tab.

Docking Icons (Continued)

Docking Icon	Description
	Docks the view panel to the bottom half of the tab.
	Docks the view panel to the top, right, left, bottom, or center of the pane. When docked to the center, the new pane overlaps the original pane, and both are indicated by tabs on the perimeter of the pane.
	Docks the view panel to the top, right, left, or bottom of the tree pane. The tree panes cannot be overlapped.
	Locks the panels in place, making them immovable. When the lock is applied, the blue box turns grey. This button is found on the toolbar.

Creating Custom Tabs

Create a custom tab to specialize an aspect of an investigation, add desired features, and apply filters as needed to accommodate conditions specific to a case.

To create a custom tab

1. Click on the tab that is most like the tab you want to create.
2. Click **View > Tab Layout > Add New Tab Layout**.
3. Enter a name for the new tab and click **OK**. The resulting tab is a copy of the tab you were on when you created the new one.
4. From the View menu, select the features you need in your new tab.

   Note: Features marked with diamonds are mutually exclusive; only one can exist on a tab at a time. Features with check marks can coexist in more than one instance on a tab.

5. Choose from the following:
   - Click *Save* to save this new tab's settings
   - Click *View* > *Tab Layout* > *Save*.
   - Click *View* > *Tab Layout* > *Save All* to save all changes and added features on all tabs.

To remove tabs

1. Highlight the tab to be removed
2. Click *View* > *Tab Layout* > *Remove*.

Managing Columns

Shared Columns use the same familiar windows and dialogs that Local Columns use.

To create a Shared Column Template

1. In *Case Manager*, click **Manage > Columns**.
   The *Manage Shared Column Settings* dialog opens.
2. Highlight a default *Column Template* to use as a basis for a *Custom Column Template*.
3. Click **New**.
4. Enter a new name in the *Column Template Name* field.
5. Select the Columns to add from the *Available Columns* pane, and click **Add >>** to move them to the *Selected Columns* pane.
6. Select from the *Selected Columns* pane and click **Remove** to clear an unwanted column from the *Selected Columns*.
7. When you have the new column template defined, click **OK**.

Customizing File List Columns

The Column Settings dialog box allows the modification or creation of new definitions for the file properties and related information that display in the File List, and in what order. Columns display specific information about, or properties of, the displayed files.

Column settings are also used to define which file information appears in case reports. Use custom column settings in defining reports to narrow the File List Properties information provided in the Bookmark and File List sections.

Additional states have been added to keep track of users' Label selections. For example, if the user has already checked a Label name, that filename and path will turn red, and it remains red as long as it remains different from the original status. Clicking it again will cycle it back to its original status and its color will return to black.

Note: Checking the Label name before choosing **Apply Labels To**, unchecks the Label name. Choose **Apply Labels To** first, then check or select the files to apply the Label to.

Column Settings can be customized and shared.

To define or customize Column Settings

1. From the *File List*, click **Column Settings** to open the *Manage Column Settings* dialog.
   From the *Manage Column Settings* dialog you can do any of the following tasks:

Button	Action
New	Create a new column template. This option opens a blank template you can use to create a new template from scratch.
Edit	Edit existing custom column templates. Use this option to make changes to an existing custom column template. You cannot edit default templates.

Button	Action
Copy Selected	Copy existing default or custom column templates. Start with the settings in an existing template to customize it to your exact needs without starting from scratch.
Delete	Delete existing custom column templates. You cannot delete default templates
Import	Import custom column templates XML files from other cases. Use Import to utilize a template from another source or that was created after you created your case.
Export	Export custom column templates to XML files for others to use. Export a custom column to use in another system.
Make Shared	Case Administrators can Share custom column templates to the database so they are available to all new cases. Once custom columns are Shared, the Application Administrator manages them. However, the original remains in the case so the Case Administrator has full control of it. Case Reviewers do not have sufficient permissions to create custom column templates.
Apply	Apply the selected column template

2. To define column settings using a new or copied template, click **New**, **Edit**, or **Copy Selected** to open the familiar Column Settings dialog.
3. In the Column Template Name field, type a name for the template.
4. In the Available Columns list, select a category from which you want to utilize a column heading.
   - You can add the entire contents of a category or expand the category to select individual headings.
   - You can move any item in the list up or down to position that column in the File List view. The top position is the first column from left to right.
5. When you are finished defining the column setting template, click **OK** to save the template and return to the Manage Column Settings dialog.
6. Highlight the template you just defined, and click **Apply** to apply those settings to the current File List view.

Creating User-Defined Custom Columns for the File List view

You can define your own custom columns for use in the File List view. You must first export a file list to a TSV or a CSV file from a case, then populate the spreadsheet with custom column names and your own data as it relates to items that are listed by the ObjectID. To add the resulting custom columns to the File List view, you simply import the TSV or CSV file that you created, add the custom columns to the template, and apply the template.

If you import a custom column sheet that contains a column that you do not want to import, but you do not want to delete the column, you can type IGNORE in the first row of the column.

Files saved as TSV or CSV are encoded UTF-8.

To define custom columns for the File List view

1. Open CCExample.CSV in a spreadsheet program. The default path to the file is C:\Program Files\AccessData\Forensic Toolkit\[*version_number*]
   Use this example file to help you create your own custom columns.

2. In the *File List*, select the files that you want to add to your custom columns settings template.
3. From the *File List*, click **Export File List** .
4. In the *Save in* text box, browse to and select the destination folder for the exported file.
5. In the **File name** text box, type the first name of the file, but do not specify the extension.

> **Note:** You can overwrite user created column setting files by giving the column template the same name as an existing user created template. Be sure you provide a file name that is unique if you don't want to overwrite the original or existing column template file.

6. In the **Save As type** text box, click the drop-down and choose **CSV (Comma delimited) (*.**CSV**)**
7. In the **File List items to export** group box, click **All Highlighted**.
8. Click **Column Settings**.
9. In the Column Settings dialog box, ensure that **Item Number** is in the **Selected Columns** list. If desired, you can move it to the top of the list, or remove all other columns headings that are listed in the **Selected Columns** list.
10. Click **OK**.
11. In the *Choose Columns* drop-down, select the Column Setting you just created or modified.
12. Click **Save**.
13. Open the **CSV** file that you just created with the Export File List.
14. Copy the item numbers in the Item Number column.
15. In the opened **CCexample.CSV** file, paste the item numbers in the OBJECTID column.
16. Edit the column headings the way you want them.

    For example, the spreadsheet column, "MyCustomInt:INT" displays as the column heading "MyCustomInt" in the File List view.

    - Edit "MyCustomInt" to be whatever you want:
    - The INT portion allows integer values in the column
    - MyCustomBool:BOOL column allows true or false values
    - CustomStr:STRING heading allows text values.
17. Save the **CCExample.CSV** file with a new name, and in a place where you have rights to save and access the file as needed.
18. Close the **FileList.CSV** (or whatever name you gave the Export File List file.
19. On the Evidence menu, click **Import Custom Column File**.
20. Navigate to the **CSV** file that you just saved, then click **Open**.
21. In the "Custom column data imported" dialog box, click **OK**.
22. On the **Manage** menu, click **Column > Manage Columns**, or click Column Settings on the File List toolbar.
23. Choose a column template to copy, or create a new one.
24. Add the custom column headings to a new or existing template.
25. In the Column Settings dialog box, click **OK**.
26. In the Manage Column Settings dialog box, select the template that contains the custom headings, and then click **Apply**.

Deleting Custom Columns

You can remove and delete custom columns that you have added to any column templates. You can delete custom columns even if the File List view is turned off.

Note: The data is not deleted; only the custom columns that allowed you to see that specific data are deleted.

To delete custom column data

1. On the Evidence menu, click **Delete Custom Column Data**.
2. Click **Yes** to confirm the deletion.

Navigating the Available Column Groups

The Column Settings dialog box groups column settings according to the following:

Available Column Groups	
• Common Features	• Custom Columns (When a custom column template has been created or imported.)
• Disk Image Features	• Email Features
• Entropy Stats	• File Status Features
• File System Features	• Mobile Phones (When an MPE AD1 or other cell phone image has been processed.)
• ZIP-specific Features	• Office-specific Features
• Cerberus Static Analysis Features	• Microsoft IIS Internet Server
• Log2t	• Internet Data
• Geolocation	• All Features

Within each grouping, you can choose from a list of various column headings that you want to add. You can also delete selected columns or arrange them in the order you want them to appear in the File List view.

To view the name, short name, and description of each available column

1. On the **Manage** menu, click **Columns > Managed Shared Columns**.
2. Do one of the following:
   - Select a category.
   - Open a category and select an individual column setting name.
3. Do either of the following:
   - Click **Add >>** to move your selection to the Selected Columns list.
   - Double-click your selection to add it to the Selected Columns list.
4. Do either of the following.
   - Use standard Windows column sizing methods to resize the column margins, thereby allowing you to read each description.
   - Click anywhere in the Select Columns list box, and then hover over a column description to see the entire description.
5. Click **OK**.

Note: The following information may be useful when navigating or viewing Available Columns and Groups.

- When you view data in the File List view, use the type-down control feature to locate the information you are looking for. Sort on the Filename column, then select the first item in the list.

  Type the first letter of the filename you are searching for. As you continue to type, next filename that matches the letters you have typed will be highlighted in the list.

  If at some point you see the file you are looking for displayed in the list, simply click on it. You may type the entire file name for the exact name to be fully highlighted in the list.

- A new column has been added, “Included by Filters” within the All Features group. This column tells you which filter caused a file to display in the File List pane. The Included by Filters column is not sortable.

- In the past, the “Processed” column was able to display only two states, Yes, and No. It has been changed to display different states, such as the following:

  P = Default (may be a null value)

  C = Complete

  Note: *M* = User’s manually carved items

Chapter 36
Working with Evidence Reports

You can create a case report about the relevant information of a case any time during or after the investigation and analysis of a case. Reports can be generated in different formats, including HTML and PDF. The PDF report is designed specifically for printing hard copies with preserved formatting and correct organization. The HTML report is better for electronic distribution.

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- Adding Case Information to a Report (page 501)
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Creating a Case Report

You can use the *Report Wizard* to create a report. The the settings that you specify in the *Report Wizard* are persistent, and remain until they are changed by the user. You do not need to click **OK** until all the report creation information is entered or selected. If you inadvertently close the Report Wizard, you can re-open it by clicking *File* > *Report*.

To Create a Case Report

1. In the *Examiner*, click **File > Report** to run the *Report Wizard*.
2. Define your requirements for the following:

Option	Description
Case Information	See Adding Case Information to a Report (page 501)
Bookmarks	See Adding Bookmarks to a Report (page 502)
Graphics	See Adding Graphics Thumbnails and Files to a Report (page 504)
Videos	See Adding a Video to a Report (page 505)
File Path List	See Adding a File Path List to a Report (page 506)
File Properties ListSee	See Adding a File Properties List to a Report (page 507)
Registry Selections	See Adding Registry Selections to a Report (page 508)

3. When you have completed defining the report, click **OK** to open the *Report Output* options dialog. See Selecting the Report Output Options (page 510)

Adding Case Information to a Report

The *Case Information* dialog lets you add basic case information to a report, such as the investigator and the organization that analyzed the case.

For information about other items you can define for a report, See Creating a Case Report (page 500).

To Add Case Information to a Report

1. In the *Examiner*, click **File > Report**.
2. In the left pane, under *Report Outline*, highlight **Case Information** to display the *Case Information* options in the right pane.

   You can select the **Case Information** check box to include a case information section in the report. You can deselect the **Case Information** check box to exclude a case information section from the report.
3. In the *Default Entries* pane, deselect any entries that you do not want to include in the report.

   If you inadvertently remove a default entry that you require, close and reopen the case to have the default entries displayed again.
4. Double-click the **Value** field to enter information.
5. Add and remove entries with the **Add** and **Remove** buttons under the *Default Entries* section.
6. Provide a label (Name) and a value (Information) for the included entries.
7. (Optional) Select the **Include File Extensions** option to include a file extensions list and count in the File Overview portion of the report.

   The list of file extensions appears in the report under *Case Information*, after *File Items* and *File Category*, and before *File Status*. The *File Extensions List* can be very long and may span many pages. If you intend to print the report, this may not be desirable.

Adding Bookmarks to a Report

The *Bookmarks* dialog lets you create a section in the report that lists the bookmarks that were created during the case investigation. Each bookmark can have a unique sorting option and a unique column setting.

For information about other items you can define for a report, See Creating a Case Report (page 500).

To add Bookmarks to a Report

1. In the *Examiner*, click **File > Report**.
2. In the left pane, under *Report Outline*, highlight **Bookmarks** to display the *Bookmarks* options in the right pane.

   You can select the **Bookmarks** check box to include bookmarks in the report. You can deselect the **Bookmarks** check box to exclude bookmarks from the report.
3. In the right pane, click **Filter** to open the filters list.
4. Select one the filters from the list. The empty line at the top of the list lets you apply no filter to the bookmarks.
5. Select the options to indicate which bookmarks you want to include. Choose **Shared** and/or **User** bookmarks by group, or individually.
6. For each bookmark you choose to include, you can choose options from the *Bookmark* section on the right. Options include:
   - *Include email attachments*
     - This setting applies to all email children, not only common attachments.
     - Selecting this setting activates the **Export Options** button.
   - *Export files & include links*
     - Selecting this setting activates the **Export Options** button.
   - *Export Cerberus analysis html files*
   - *Include thumbnail for each object*
7. Choose a *Thumbnail Arrangement* option for each bookmark or bookmark group as follows:
   - *Number of thumbnails per row*
   - *Include all thumbnails at end of each bookmark section*
   - *Group all file paths at the end of thumbnails*
8. Specify if you want to export the bookmarked files and include links to them in the report when it is generated.
9. Specify if you want to include graphic and video thumbnails that may be part of any bookmarks. If you want to create links to original files in the report, choose both to export the original files and to include graphic and video thumbnails when the report is generated.
10. In the *Report Options* dialog, click **Bookmarks**.
11. Click **Sort Options** and do the following:
    - Click the plus (+) to add a criterion, or click minus (-) to delete a criterion.
    - Click the down arrow button on the right side of each line to open the drop down of available sort columns.
    - Click **OK** to save the selected Sort Options and close the dialog.

    Note: The sort options you see are determined by the Columns Template you have selected

    For more information on customizing columns, see Customizing File List Columns (page 494).

12. Specify if you want to apply all settings for this bookmark to child files.

Bookmark Export Options

The *Bookmark Export Options* dialog contains the following three options:

- *Link to exported email attachments and filter out attachments in bookmark*
  - When selected, this option creates links to exported email attachments and filters out the attachments in the bookmark.
- *Include re-constructed web pages*
  - When selected, this option exports all of the files necessary to view re-constructed web pages. The files are stored in the **Report_Files** folder in a sub folder called **reconstructedpage**.
- *Export selections as their own file*
  - When selected, this option saves each bookmark selection as an individual file.

Adding Graphics Thumbnails and Files to a Report

The *Graphics* section in the Report Options dialog lets you define whether-or-not to create a section in the report that displays thumbnail images of the case graphics. You can also link the thumbnails to a full sized version of the original graphics if desired.

For information about other items you can define for a report, See Creating a Case Report (page 500).

To add graphics thumbnails and files to a report

1. In the *Examiner*, click **File > Report**.
2. In the left pane, under *Report Outline*, highlight **Graphics** to display the *Graphics* options in the right pane.

   You can select the **Graphics** check box to include graphics in the report. You can deselect the **Graphics** check box to exclude graphics from the report.
3. To apply a filter to any included graphics files in a report, click **Filter** and select a filter to apply to the graphics.
4. To export and link full-sized graphics in the report, click the **Export and link full-size graphics to thumbnails** option.
5. Select one of the following options
   - **Include checked graphics only**
   - **Include all graphics in the case**
6. To sort the graphics by name or by path, click **Sort Options**. In the *Sort Options* dialog, use the Plus (+) and Minus (-) buttons to add and remove sort options. Click the drop-down arrow on the right side of the line to select either **Name** or **Path**.
7. Specify the number of graphics thumbnails to display per row and choose whether-or-not to **Group all filenames at end of report.**

Adding a Video to a Report

The Video section in the Report Options dialog lets you define lets you define whether-or-not to create a section in the report that displays the thumbnail images and/or the rendered MP4 files of the case videos. You can also choose to include a link to the original full sized version of the video. These thumbnails and MP4 videos are created during evidence processing or during additional analysis.

See Generating Thumbnails for Video Files (page 334).

See Creating Common Video Files (page 335).

To add video thumbnails and files to a report

1. In the *Examiner*, click **File > Report**.
2. In the left pane, under *Report Outline*, highlight **Videos** to display the *Video* options in the right pane.

   You can select the **Videos** check box to include videos in the report. You can deselect the **Videos** check box to exclude videos from the report.
3. To apply a filter to any included video files in a report, click **Filter** and select a filter to apply to the videos.
4. To export and link the original videos in the report, click the **Export and link original videos** option.
5. To include a link to the rendered MP4 videos that were created during evidence processing or during additional analysis, check **Export rendered videos**.
6. To include the thumbnails of the videos in the report that were created during evidence processing or during additional analysis, check **Export rendered thumbnails**.
7. Select one of the following options
   - **Include checked videos only**
   - **Include all videos in the case**
8. To sort the videos by name or by path, click **Sort Options**. In the *Sort Options* dialog, use the Plus (+) and Minus (-) buttons to add and remove sort options. Click the drop-down arrow on the right side of the line to select either **Name** or **Path**.
9. Specify the number of video thumbnails to display per row in the *Rendered Thumbnail Arrangement* group box.
10. Click **Columns**. In the *Manage Column Settings* dialog, select the Settings Template to copy or edit.

    For detailed information on creating and modifying Columns Templates, see Customizing File List Columns (page 494).

Adding a File Path List to a Report

The *File Paths* dialog lets you create a section in the report that lists the file paths of files in selected categories. The *File Paths* section displays the files and their file paths; it does not contain any additional information.

For information about other items you can define for a report, See Creating a Case Report (page 500).

To add a File Path List to a Report

1. In the *Examiner*, click **File > Report**.
2. In the left pane, under *Report Outline*, highlight **File Path** to display the *File Path* options in the right pane.

   You can select the **File Path** check box to include a file path section in the report. You can deselect the **File Path** check box to exclude a file path section from the report.
3. Select a filter from the *Filter* drop-down, to apply a filter to the items you want to include a file path list. You can leave the filter option empty to not apply a filter.
4. Select from the *Available Categories* list to include the category or categories in the report by dragging the category to the *Selected Categories* list.
5. To also export and link to the selected files in the File Path list, select the check-boxes box next to the items in the *Selected Categories* box.

   If you do not select a check-box *Selected Categories* list, the File Path is included in the report, but the files themselves are not exported and linked to the *File Path* in the report.

Adding a File Properties List to a Report

The *File Properties* dialog lets you create a section in the report that lists the file properties of files in selected categories. Several options let you make the *File Properties List* in the report as specific or as general as you want it to be.

For information about other items you can define for a report, See Creating a Case Report (page 500).

To Add a File Properties List to a Report

1. In the *Examiner*, click **File > Report**.

   In the left pane, under *Report Outline*, highlight **File Properties** to display the File Properties options in the right pane.

   You can select the **File Properties** check box to include a file properties section in the report. You can deselect the **File Properties** check box to exclude a file properties section from the report.
2. Either click the **Filter** drop-down arrow and selecting the desired filter, or choose no filter by selecting the blank entry at the top of the filter drop-down list.
3. Drag and drop the categories that you want to include from the *Available Categories* window into the *Selected Categories* window.
4. Check a category in the *Selected Categories* window to export related files and link them to the *File Properties* list in the report.

   Checking an item automatically selects the files and folders under it. If you do not want to include all sub-items, expand the list and select and deselect each item individually.
5. In the *Report Options* dialog, click **File Properties**.
6. In the *File Properties* options area, click **Columns**.
7. In the *Manage Column Settings* dialog, select the Settings Template to copy or edit.

   For detailed information on creating and modifying Columns Templates, see Customizing File List Columns (page 494).
8. When you are done defining the columns settings, click **OK**.

   You might want to define how the data is sorted, according to column heading. In the *File List* view you are limited to a primary and secondary search. In the Report wizard, you can define many levels of sorting.
9. In the *Report Options* dialog, click **File Properties**.
10. In the *File Properties* options area, click **Sort Options** and do the following:
    - Click the plus (+) to add a criterion, or click minus (-) to delete a criterion.
    - Click the down arrow button on the right side of each line to open the drop down of available sort columns.
    - Click **OK** to save the selected Sort Options and close the dialog.

    Note: The sort options you see are determined by the Columns Template you have selected

    For more information on customizing columns, see Customizing File List Columns (page 494).

Adding Registry Selections to a Report

If your drive image contains Registry files, you can include them in your report.

When creating a Report that includes Registry files, a **DAT** extension is being added to the link. If the link does not open in the report, it can be exported and opened in Notepad.

For information about other items you can define for a report, See Creating a Case Report (page 500).

To Add Registry Selections to a Report

1. In the *Examiner*, click **File > Report**.

   In the left pane, under *Report Outline*, highlight **Registry Selections** to display the registry selections options in the right pane.

   You can select the **Registry Selections** check box to include a Registry Selections section in the report. You can deselect the **Registry Selections** check box to exclude a Registry Selections section from the report.
2. In the *Registry File Types* window, check the file types for which you want to include headings for in your report.
3. In the right window, check the registry file paths that you want included in your report.
4. Mark the box **Include user generated reports (if any)** if you have generated Registry Reports using Registry Viewer, and you want to include them in this report.

   Note: User-generated reports must exist in the case before generating the report, otherwise, this option is disabled. These reports are generated in Registry Viewer and can be collected from the Registry data found on the source drive.
5. Mark the box **Select Auto Reports**, to view and select which registry reports to include in the report from those that were generated automatically based on the registry reports selection in *Case Manager* **> Case > New > Detailed Options > Evidence Refinement**.

   Note: If you did not select this option during pre-processing, this option is disabled in the *Report Options* dialog.

Adding Screen Captures from Examiner

You can now capture screen shots within the Examiner interface. You can include the screen captures when creating reports. You can use screen captures to include information that is not easy to export or include in reports, such as:

- The contents of the Natural view (File Content pane)
- The contents and information in the File List
- The contents of visualization pages

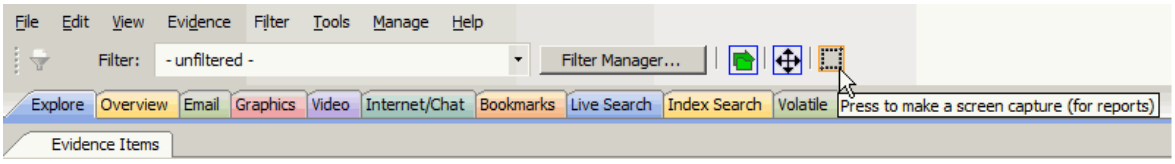
These UI elements can include information that is useful as evidence, but there is no way to present it outside of the UI.

When you create a screen capture, the following occurs:

- The file is saved in the case folder under a **Screenshots** sub-folder. (Do not manually rename the captured files, otherwise the Report dialog will not find them.)
- The file is saved in the original size and in a smaller size that may be needed to fit in a report.
- The name and description of the file is saved in the database so that they can be displayed in the *Report Options* dialog.

To create a screen capture

1. In the *Examiner*, click the screen capture icon.



2. Click and drag the + cursor to select the area that you want to capture.
3. In the *Screen Capture Info* dialog, give the screen capture file a name.
4. Enter a description.
   This is recorded with the filename in the database.
5. Click **Save**.
6. To cancel a screen capture, click Esc.

To include a screen capture in a report

1. In the Examiner, click **File** > **Report**.
2. In the *Report Options,* click **Screen Capture**.
3. Select the screen captures that you want to include in the report.
4. (Optional) You can edit the description of the files, but not the filename.
5. Configure the other options for the report.
   When the report is created, the image files are copied to the report folder.

Selecting the Report Output Options

The *Report Output* dialog lets you select the location, language, report formats, and other details of the report. You can also recreate the directory structure of exported items.

For information about other items you can define for a report, See Creating a Case Report (page 500).

To select the report output options

1. When you have completed defining the report, from the *Report Options* dialog, click **OK** to open the *Report Output* options dialog.
2. Type the destination folder name for the saved report, or use the *Browse* button to locate and select a location.
3. Use the drop-down arrow to select the language for the written report. Available languages are as follows:

Arabic (Saudi Arabia)	Chinese (Simplified, PRC)
English (United States)	German (Germany)
Japanese (Japan)	Korean (Korea)
Portuguese (Brazil)	Russian (Russia)
Spanish (Spain, Traditional Sort)	Swedish (Sweden)
Turkish (Turkey)	

4. Indicate the formats for publishing the report. You can choose any or all of the output formats.

   To view a report made in any of the supported formats, you must have the appropriate application installed on your computer. Options are as follows:

PDF (Adobe Reader)	HTML (Windows Web Browser)
XML (Windows Web Browser)	RTF (Rich Text Format: Most Text Editors)
WML (Unix Web Browser)	DOCX (MS Office Word 2007)
ODT (Open Document Interchange: Sun Microsystems OpenOffice Documents)	
Load File	

Note: Some report output formats require J#, either 1.1 or 2.0. If you select RTF format, for example, and J# is not installed, you will see an error.

5. Under Export Options do the following:
   - Check the *Use object identification number for filename* to shorten the paths to data in the report. Links are still created for proper viewing of the files.
   - The unique File ID numbers, when used in a report, keep the pathnames shorter. This makes burning the report to a CD or DVD more reliable.
   - Check the *Append extension to filename if bad/absent* box to add the correct extension where it is not correct, or is missing.

6. Under HTML Report Customization, choose from the following:
   - If you wish to use your own custom graphic or logo, mark the *Use custom logo graphic* box, then browse to the file and select it. Use GIF, JPG, JPEG, PNG, or BMP file types.
   - If you wish to use a custom CSS file, mark the **Use custom CSS** box. Select the folder where the custom CSS files have been saved. Click **OK**. The folder you selected displays in the "Use Custom CSS" text box.
7. Click **OK** to run the report.

   If the report folder you selected is not empty, you will see the following error message:

   Choose to **Delete** or **Archive** the contents of the folder, or to **Cancel** the report. Delete the contents of the current destination folder, or change to a different destination folder, then recreate the report or import it if you saved it during creation.

Creating a Load File

It is possible to create a load file, which enables you to export data from an existing or new case and import it into litigation document management applications such as AccessData Summation and eDiscovery.

To Create a Load File

1. In the *Examiner*, click **File > Report**.
2. In the left pane, under the *Report Outline*, select the check boxes for the options you would like to include in your load file. Be sure to highlight each item selected and fill out the appropriate information. You can add information to these areas using the methods described in the previous segments. When finished, press **OK**.
3. In the *Report Output* dialog, enter the path to the *Report Folder*. This is where your report will be located.
4. Select the appropriate *Language* and *Time Zone*.
5. Select the correct *Export Option*. Options include:
   - *Use object identification number for filename*
     - This setting makes it so the object identification number used in the existing or new case is also used as the filename in the load file.
   - *Append extension to filename if bad/absent*
     - Selecting this setting will append the correct or assigned filename to a file if none is present or if the current one is bad.
6. In the *Formats* area, check the box next to *Load File* and click the **Options** button.
7. In the *Load File Export Options* dialog, enter a *Load File Name*.
8. Select a *Format* for your load file. Options include:
   - *Browser Briefcase*
     - This option generates an HTML format that provides links to the native documents, images, and text files. You can have multiple links for image, native, and text documents. You can also work with production sets exported previously in iBlaze Browser Briefcase format. This allows you to have greater control over the production set.
   - *CaseVantage*
     - This option generates a DII file specifically formatted for use with the AD Summation CaseVantage program.
   - *Concordance*
     - This option generates a DAT file that can be used in Concordance.
   - *EDRM*

        - This option generates an XML file that meets the EDRM v1.2 standard.
    - *Generic*
        - This option generates a standard delimited text file.
    - *iCONECT*
        - This option generates an XML file formatted for use with the iConect program.
    - *Introspect*
        - This option generates an IDX file specifically formatted for use with the Introspect program.
    - *Relativity*
        - This option generates a DAT file that can be used in Relativity.
    - *Ringtail (MDB)*
        - This option generates a delimited text file that can be converted to be used in Ringtail.
    - *Summation eDII*
        - This option generates a DII file specifically formatted for use with the AD Summation iBlaze or Enterprise programs.

Note: If you are outputting a Concordance, Relativity, or Generic load file, and include rendered images, you will also get an OPT and LFP file in the export directory.

9. Choose an *Encoding* option for your load file from the following:
    - *ANSI*
    - *UTF-8*
    - *UTF-16*
10. If you are creating a Concordance, Generic, Introspect, or Relativity load file, you need to specify the following options:
    - Choose whether to *Include a Header Row* by clicking on the checkbox.
    - Select the *Multi-Entry Separator*.
    - Select the *Field Mapping*.
    - Select the *Text Identifier*.
    - Select the *Newline*.
11. For the Browser Briefcase, CaseVantage, EDRM, iConect, Ringtail, or Summation eDII options, select only the *Multi-Entry Separator*.
12. In the *Available Fields* pane, select the options you want to appear in your report. Highlight each field you would like to include and click the **>>** button to move it to the *Selected Fields* pane. If you would like to change the order of appearance for these items in the report, highlight the item you would like to move in the *Selected Fields* pane and click on the **Up** or **Down** button until it is in the right place.
13. The *Files To Include* tab contains the following three options:
    - *Export Native Files*

    When selected, this option allows you to export the emails contained in PST/NSF in one of three different ways:
        - *OUtput a reduced version of the original PST/NSF file*
        - *Output messages as individual HTML/RTF files*
        - *Output messages as individual MSG files*
    - *Export Rendered Images*

    When selected, this option allows you to select how rendered images appear in the load file. You can export using one or both of the following options:
        - *Use existing image*

- *Use SWF image*

You can also select the *File Format* and *Page Size* for displaying these images.

- *Export Text*

When selected, this option allows you to choose the *Export Priority* from the following options:

- *Export extracted text over OCR text*
- *Export OCR text over extracted text*
- *Export both extracted text and OCR text*

14. When finished selecting these options, click **OK** in both the *Load File Export Options* and *Report Output* dialogs.
15. The progress of load file generation will appear in the *Data Processing Status* dialog. Once the load file is generated, you can find it in the folder entered in Step 3. This folder will contain the load file as well as the original files for any items included in the report.

Note: Best results occur when you select the Summation defaults and the *Enable Standard Viewing* feature during processing when creating the case.

Customizing the Report Graphic

When you select HTML as an output format, you can add your own graphic or logo to the report.

To add your own graphic or logo

1. In the *Examiner*, click **File > Report** to open the Report wizard.
2. From the *Report Options* dialog, after you are done making selections for the Report Outline, click **OK**.
3. In the *Report Output* dialog, under Formats, mark **HTML**. This activates the HTML Report Customization options.
4. Under HTML Report Customization, mark **Use custom logo graphic**.
5. Click the **Browse** button to open the Windows Explorer view and browse to the graphic file to use for the report. The file format can be JIF, JPG, JPEG, PNG, or BMP.
6. Click **Open**.
7. When all Report options have been selected, click **OK**.

   The progress bar dialog indicates the progress of the report.

   Note: When selected, the finished HTML and/or PDF reports open automatically.

   You can process only one set of reports at a time. If you select the options to create several different report formats before clicking **OK** to generate the report, all will process concurrently. However, if you start that process and then decide to create a new report, you will not be able to until the current report is finished generating.

   If you start another report too soon, you will be prompted to wait, if you chose to create either HTML or PDF format for the report, it will automatically open when creation is complete. Otherwise, to view the report, click **Yes** when prompted.

Using Cascading Style Sheets

The formatting of reports can be customized with Cascading Style Sheets (CSS). Reports stores a file path you select (default or custom) to the folder containing the custom CSS files. When CSS is not selected, Reports use the default settings.

For reports to utilize the cascading style sheets, three CSS files are necessary, and must all be located in the specified CSS folder:

- Common.CSS
- Bookmarks.CSS
- Navigation.CSS

The original CSS files are found in the following path if no changes were made to the default:

C:\Program Files\AccessData\Forensic Toolkit\<version>\bin\ReportResources

Copy the *CSS files to a different directory before making changes to any of these files. Do not make changes to the original files.

To utilize the customized CSS files, click **Use custom CSS**, and select the path to the folder where the customized CSS files are stored.

When CSS is selected, Reports checks for those files in the specified directory. If any of the three files is missing you are notified and the report does not proceed.

Note: The UI option consists of a check box and a text path string. The path string points to the path directory that contains the three needed CSS files.

Note: The UI options settings are persistent per Windows login user. Thus, your selections will be persistent across the Case List for the currently authenticated user.

Important: In versions, the cascading style sheets have been updated for a better user experience. Updates include persistent highlighting on the navigation tree (so examiners know which item they are viewing) and better organization of data within the report.

However, if you have created personalized templates in previous versions, you will need to re-create them for 5.1.

Viewing and Distributing a Report

The report contains the information that you selected in the Report Wizard. When included in the report, files appear in both raw data and in the report format.

To view the report outside of Examiner

1. Browse to the report file
2. Click on the report file:
   - Click on index.htm to open an HTML document in your Web browser.
   - Click on the file [*report*].PDF to open the report in a PDF viewer.

Modifying a Report

Modify the report by changing the report settings, and recreating it. Add the new evidence or change report settings to modify the report to meet your needs.

Change the report settings for each report as needed.

All previously distributed reports should be retracted to keep all recipients current.

Note: If you want to keep a previous report, save the new report to a different folder that is empty.

Exporting and Importing Report Settings

Report settings are automatically saved whenever you generate a report. You can export the settings that you used as an XML file. You can then later import and reapply those same settings to use with new reports that you generate.

To export report settings

1. In the *Examiner*, click **File > Report**.
2. In the *Report Options* dialog box, click **Export**.
3. In the *Export Sections* dialog, select the sections that you want to export.
4. Click **OK**.
5. Click **Browse** to select a folder to save the settings.
6. You can accept the default name for the report settings file, or you can type a name for the settings file. An XML extension is automatically added when the report is created.
7. Click **Save** for each item you have selected in the Report Outline list.
8. Click **OK**.

To import saved settings for a new report

1. In the *Examiner*, click **File > Report**.
2. In the *Report Options* dialog, click **Import**.
3. Browse to a settings XML file that you want to apply, and select it.
4. Click **Open** to import and apply the settings file to your current report.

Writing a Report to CD or DVD

You can write a report to a CD or DVD, depending on the report's size. It is recommended that you select **Use object identification number for filename**, in the *Report Output* options dialog. This option keeps paths shorter, so they do not exceed the limits of the media format.

After you create the report, write only the contents from the root of the report folder, and not the report folder itself. The autorun automatically launches the report's main page (index.htm) using the default browser when the CD is read on a Windows computer.

Note: The following information pertains to burning reports to a CD or DVD.

- When burning some reports to a CD, some Registry Viewer Auto Reports links may be broken, where they work when viewing on the computer. To avoid this issue, make sure that longer Joliet filenames are enabled when burning report to a CD.
- To launch the report, the computer must be configured to automatically execute autorun files.
- If you burn the folder that contains the report to the CD or DVD, the autorun will not be at the root of the disk, and will not work properly.
- To prevent broken links to report files, use File Item numbers instead of names to keep paths short, and / or use the Joliet file naming to allow longer file paths.

Part 6

Reference

This part contains additional reference information and contains the following appendices

- Working with Windows Registry Evidence (page 518)
- Supported File Systems and Drive Image Formats (page 527)
- Recovering Deleted Material (page 530)
- Managing Security Devices and Licenses (page 532)
- Configuring a Multi-box Setup (page 551)
- AccessData Distributed Processing (page 554)

Chapter 37

Working with Windows Registry Evidence

This appendix contains information about the Windows Registry and what information can be gathered from it for evidence. It includes the following topics:

- Understanding the Windows Registry (page 518)
- Windows XP Registry Quick Find Chart (page 523)

Understanding the Windows Registry

For forensic work, registry files are particularly useful because they can contain important information such as the following:

- Usernames and passwords for programs, email, and Internet sites
- A history of Internet sites accessed, including dates and times
- A record of Internet queries (i.e., searches performed on Internet search engines like Google, Yahoo, etc.)
- Lists of recently accessed files (e.g., documents, images, etc.)
- A list of all programs installed on the system

AccessData Registry Viewer allows you to view the contents of Windows operating system registries. Unlike the standard Windows Registry Editor, which only displays the current system's registry, Registry Viewer lets you examine registry files from any Windows system or user. Registry Viewer also provides access to a registry's protected storage, which contains passwords, usernames, and other information not accessible from within Windows Registry Editor.

The files that make up the registry differ depending on the version of Windows. The tables below list the registry files for each version of Windows, along with their locations and the information they contain.

Windows 9x Registry Files

The following table describes each item on the Windows 9*x* registry files.

Windows 9x Registry Files

system.dat	\Windows	• Protected storage for all users on the system. Protected Storage is an access-restricted area of the registry that stores confidential user information including usernames and passwords for Internet web sites, email Internet passwords for Microsoft Outlook or Outlook Express, and a record of queries (i.e., searches performed on Internet search engines like Google, Yahoo, etc.), including the time and date when they were performed. • Lists installed programs, their settings, and any usernames and passwords associated with them. • Contains the System settings.
user.dat	\Windows If there are multiple user accounts on the system, each user has a user.dat file located in \Windows\profiles\user account	• MRU (Most Recently Used) list of files. MRU Lists maintain a list of files so users can quickly re-access files. Registry Viewer allows you to examine these lists to see what files have been recently used and where they are located. Registry Viewer lists each program's MRU files in order from most recently accessed to least recently accessed. • User preference settings (desktop configuration, etc.).

Windows NT and Windows 2000 Registry Files

The following table describes each item in the Windows NT and Windows 2000 registry files.

Windows NT and Windows 2000 Registry Files

NTUSER.DAT	\Documents and Settings\[*user account*] If there are multiple user accounts on the system, each user has an ntuser.dat file.	• Protected storage for all users on the system. Protected Storage is an access-restricted area of the registry that stores confidential user information including usernames and passwords for Internet web sites, email passwords for Microsoft Outlook or Outlook Express, and a record of Internet queries (i.e., searches performed on Internet search engines like Google, Yahoo, etc.), including the time and date when they were performed. • All installed programs, their settings, and any usernames and passwords associated with them. • User preference settings (desktop configuration, etc.).
default	\Winnt\system32\config	System settings.
SAM	\Winnt\system32\config	User account management and security settings.
SECURITY	\Winnt\system32\config	Security settings.
software	\Winnt\system32\config	All installed programs, their settings, and any usernames and passwords associated with them.
system	\Winnt\system32\config	System settings.

Windows XP Registry Files

The following table describes each item in the Windows XP registry files.

Windows XP Registry Files

NTUSER.DAT	\Documents and Settings\[*user account*] If there are multiple user accounts on the system, each user has an ntuser.dat file.	• Protected storage for all users on the system. Protected Storage is an access-restricted area of the registry that stores confidential user information including usernames and passwords for Internet web sites, email passwords for Microsoft Outlook or Outlook Express, and a record of Internet queries (i.e., searches performed on Internet search engines like Google, Yahoo, etc.), including the time and date when they were performed. • All installed programs, their settings, and any usernames and passwords associated with them. • User preference settings (desktop configuration, etc.)
default	\Winnt\system32\config	System settings.
SAM	\Winnt\system32\config	User account management and security settings.
SECURITY	\Winnt\system32\config	Security settings.
software	\Winnt\system32\config	All installed programs, their settings, and any usernames and passwords associated with them.
system	\Winnt\system32\config	System settings.

The logical registry is organized into the following tree structure:

The top level of the tree is divided into hives. A hive is a discrete body of keys, subkeys, and values that is rooted at the top of the registry hierarchy. On Windows XP systems, the registry hives are as follows:

- HKEY_CLASSES_ROOT (HKCR)
- HKEY_CURRENT_USER (HKCU)
- HKEY_LOCAL_MACHINE (HKLM)
- HKEY_USERS (HKU)
- HKEY_CURRENT_CONFIG (HKCC)
- HKEY_DYN_DATA (HKDD)

HKEY_LOCAL_MACHINE and HKEY_USERS are the root hives. They contain information that is used to create the HKEY_CLASSES_ROOT, HKEY_CURRENT_USER, and HKEY_CURRENT_CONFIG hives.

HKEY_LOCAL_MACHINE is generated at startup from the system.dat file and contains all the configuration information for the local machine. For example, it might have one configuration if the computer is docked, and another if the computer is not docked. Based on the computer state at startup, the information in HKEY_LOCAL_MACHINE is used to generate HKEY_CURRENT_CONFIG and HKEY_CLASSES_ROOT.

HKEY_USERS is generated at startup from the system User.dat files and contains information for every user on the system.

Based on who logs in to the system, the information in HKEY_USERS is used to generate HKEY_CURRENT_USER, HKEY_CURRENT_CONFIG, and HKEY_CLASSES_ROOT.

Keys and sub-keys are used to divide the registry tree into logical units off the root.

When you select a key, Registry Editor displays the key's values; that is, the information associated with that key. Each value has a name and a data type, followed by a representation of the value's data. The data type tells you what kind of data the value contains as well as how it is represented. For example, values of the REG_BINARY type contain raw binary data and are displayed in hexadecimal format.

Possible Data Types

The following table lists the Registry's possible data types.

Registry Data Types

REG_BINARY	Binary Value	Raw binary data. Most hardware component information is stored as binary data and is displayed in hexadecimal format.
REG_DWORD	DWORD Value	Data represented by a number that is 4 bytes long (a 32-bit integer). Many parameters for device drivers and services are this type and are displayed in binary, hexadecimal, or decimal format. Related values are REG_DWORD_LITTLE_ENDIAN (least significant byte is at the lowest address) and REG_DWORD_BIG_ENDIAN (least significant byte is at the highest address).
REG_EXPAND_SZ	Expandable String Value	A variable-length data string. This data type includes variables that are resolved when a program or service uses the data.
REG_MULTI_SZ	Multi-String Value	A multiple string. Values that contain lists or multiple values in a format that people can read are usually this type. Entries are separated by spaces, commas, or other marks.
REG_SZ	String Value	A text string of any length.
REG_RESOURCE_LIST	Binary Value	A series of nested arrays designed to store a resource list used by a hardware device driver or one of the physical devices it controls. This data is detected by the system and is displayed in hexadecimal format as a Binary Value.
REG_RESOURCE_REQUIREMENTS_LIST	Binary Value	A series of nested arrays designed to store a device driver's list of possible hardware resources that it, or one of the physical devices it controls, can use. This data is detected by the system and is displayed in hexadecimal format as a Binary Value.
REG_FULL_RESOURCE_DESCRIPTOR	Binary Value	A series of nested arrays deigned to store a resource list used by a physical hardware device. This data is displayed in hexadecimal format as a Binary Value.
REG_NONE	None	Data with no particular type. This data is written to the registry by the system or applications and is displayed in hexadecimal format as a Binary Value.
REG_LINK	Link	A Unicode string naming a symbolic link.
REG_QWORD	QWORD Value	Data represented by a number that is a 64-bit integer.

Additional Considerations

If there are multiple users on a single machine, you must be aware of the following issues when conducting a forensic investigation:

- If there are individual profiles for each user on the system, you need to locate the USER.DAT file for the suspects.
- If all the users on the system are using the same profile, everyone's information is stored in the same USER.DAT file. Therefore, you will have to find other corroborating evidence because you cannot associate evidence in the USER.DAT file with a specific user profile.
- On Windows *9x* systems, the USER.DAT file for the default user is used to create the USER.DAT files for new user profiles. Consequently, the USER.DAT files for new profiles can inherit a lot of junk.

To access the Windows registry from an image of the suspect's drive, you can do any of the following:

- Load the suspect's drive image and export his or her registry files to view them in Registry Editor.
- Mount a restored image as a drive, launch Registry Editor at the command line from your processing machine, export the registry files from the restored image, then view them in a third-party tool.

> **Note:** The problem with this method is that you can only view the registry as text. Registry Editor displays everything in ASCII so you can't see hex or binary values in the registry.

- Use Registry Viewer. Registry Viewer integrates seamlessly with the *Examiner* to display registry files within the image and create reports.

Important: Registry Viewer shows everything you normally see in live systems using the Windows Registry Editor. However, unlike Registry Editor and other tools that use the Windows API, Registry Viewer decrypts protected storage information so it displays values in the Protected Storage System Provider key (PSSP). Registry Viewer also shows information that is normally hidden in null-terminated keys.

Seizing Windows Systems

Information stored in the registry— Internet Messenger sessions, Microsoft Office MRU lists, usernames and passwords for internet Web sites accessed through Internet Explorer, and so forth—are temporarily stored in HKEY_CURRENT_USER. When the user closes an application or logs out, the hive's cached information is pulled out of memory and written to the user's corresponding USER.DAT.

> **Note:** Passwords and MRU lists are not saved unless these options are enabled.

Important: Because normal seizure procedures require that there be no alteration of the suspect's computer in any way, you must be able to articulate why you closed any active applications before pulling the plug on the suspect's computer. Sometimes it is better to simply pull the plug on the computer; other times, it makes more sense to image the computer in place while it is on. It may depend on what is the most important type of data expected to be found on the computer.

For example, Windows updates some program information in the registry when the changes are made. Other information is not updated until a program is closed. Also, if the computer's drive is encrypted and you cannot decrypt it or don't have the Key or password, you may have no choice except to image the live drive.

The Registry Quick Find Chart shown below gives more information.

Windows XP Registry Quick Find Chart

The following charts describe common locations where you can find data of forensic interest in the Windows Registry.

System Information

Windows XP Registry System Information

Registered Owner	Software	Microsoft\Windows NT\CurrentVersion	This information is entered during installation, but can be modified later.
Registered Organization	Software	Microsoft\Windows NT\CurrentVersion	This information is entered during installation, but can be modified later.
Run	Software	Microsoft\Windows\Current Version\Run	Programs that appear in this key run automatically when the system boots.
Logon Banner Message	Software	Microsoft\Windows\Current Version\Policies\System\Legal NoticeText	This is a banner that users must click through to log on to a system.
Mounted Devices	System	MountedDevices	Database of current and prior mounted devices that received a drive letter.
Current Control Set	System	Select	Identifies which control set is current.
Shutdown Time	System	ControlSetXXX\Control\Windows	System shutdown time.
Event Logs	System	ControlSetXXX\Services\Eventlog	Location of Event logs.
Dynamic Disk	System	ControlSetXXX\Services\DMIO\Boot Info\Primary Disk Group	Identifies the most recent dynamic disk mounted in the system.
Pagefile	System	ControlSetXXX\Control\Session Manager\Memory Management	Location, size, set to wipe, etc.
Last User Logged In	Software	Microsoft\Windows NT\CurrentVersion\Winlogon	Last user logged in - can be a local or domain account.
Product ID	Software	Microsoft\Windows NT\CurrentVersion	
O\S Version	Software	Microsoft\Windows NT\CurrentVersion	
Logon Banner Title	Software	Microsoft\Windows\Current Version\Policies\System\Legal NoticeCaption	User-defined data.
Logon Banner Message	Software	Microsoft\Windows\Current Version\Policies\System\Legal NoticeCaption	User-defined data.
Time Zone	System	ControlSet001(or002)\Control\TimeZoneInformation\Standard Name	This information is entered during installation, but can be modified later.

Networking

Windows XP Registry Networking Information

Map Network Drive MRU	NTUSER.DAT	Software\Microsoft\Windows\CurrentVersion\Explorer\Map Network Drive MRU	Most recently used list of mapped network drives.
TCP\IP data	System	ControlSetXXX\Services\TCPIP\Parameters	Domain, hostname data.
TCP\IP Settings of a Network Adapter	System	ControlSetXXX\Services\adapter\Parameters\TCPIP	IP address, gateway information.
Default Printer	NTUSER.DAT	Software\Microsoft\Windows NT\CurrentVersion\Windows	Current default printer.
Default Printer	NTUSER.DAT	\printers	Current default printer.
Local Users	SAM	Domains\Account\Users\Names	Local account security identifiers.
Local Groups	SAM	Domains\Builtin\Aliases\Names	Local account security identifiers.
Profile list	Software	Microsoft\Windows NT\CurrentVersion\ProfileList	Contains user security identifiers (only users with profile on the system).
Network Map	NTUSER.DAT	Documents and Settings\username	Browser history and last-viewed lists attributed to the user.

User Data

Windows XP Registry User Data

Run	NTUSER.DAT	Software\Microsoft\Windows\CurrentVersion\Run	Programs that appear in this key run automatically when the user logs on.
Media Player Recent List	NTUSER.DAT	Software\Microsoft\Media Player\Player\ RecentFileList	This key contains the user's most recently used list for Windows Media Player.
O\S Recent Docs	NTUSER.DAT	Software\Microsoft\Windows\CurrentVersion\Explorer\RecentDocs	MRU list pointing to shortcuts located in the recent directory.
Run MRU	NTUSER.DAT	\Software\Microsoft\Windows\CurrentVersion\Explorer\RunMRU	MRU list of commands entered in the “run” box.
Open And Save As Dialog Boxes MRU	NTUSER.DAT	\Software\Microsoft\Windows\CurrentVersion\Explorer\ComDlg32	MRU lists of programs\files opened with or saved with the “open” or “save as” dialog boxes.
Current Theme	NTUSER.DAT	Software\Microsoft\Windows\CurrentVersion\Themes	Desktop theme\wallpaper.

Windows XP Registry User Data (Continued)

Last Theme	NTUSER.DAT	Software\Microsoft\Windows\CurrentVersion\Themes\Last Theme	Desktop theme\wallpaper.
File Extensions\ Program Association	NTUSER.DAT	Software\Microsoft\Windows\CurrentVersion\Explorer\FileExts	Identifies associated programs with file extensions.

User Application Data

Windows XP Registry User Application Data

Word User Info	NTUSER.DAT	Software\Microsoft\office\ version\Common\UserInfo	This information is entered during installation, but can be modified later.
Word Recent Docs	NTUSER.DAT	Software\Microsoft\office\ version\Common\Data	Microsoft word recent documents.
IE Typed URLs	NTUSER.DAT	Software\Microsoft\ Explorer\TypedURLs	Data entered into the URL address bar.
IE Auto- Complete Passwords	NTUSER.DAT	\Software\Microsoft\Internet Internet Explorer\IntelliForms	Web page auto complete password-encrypted values.
IE Auto-Complete Web Addresses	NTUSER.DAT	\Software\Microsoft\Protected Storage System Provider	Lists Web pages where auto complete was used.
IE Default Download Directory	NTUSER.DAT	Software\Microsoft\Internet Explorer	Default download directory when utilizing Internet Explorer.
Outlook Temporary Attachment Directory	NTUSER.DAT	Software\Microsoft\office\ version\Outlook\Security	Location where attachments are stored when opened from Outlook.
AIM	NTUSER.DAT	Software\America Online\AOL Instant Messenger\ CurrentVersion\Users\username	IM contacts, file transfer information, etc.
Word User Info	NTUSER.DAT	Software\Microsoft\office\ version\Common\UserInfo	This information is entered during installation, but can be modified later.
ICQ	NTUSER.DAT	\Software\Mirabilis\ICQ*	IM contacts, file transfer information, etc.
MSN Messenger	NTUSER.DAT	Software\Microsoft\MSN Messenger\ListCache\.NET MessngerService*	IM contacts, file transfer information, etc.
Kazaa	NTUSER.DAT	Software\Kazaa*	Configuration, search, download, IM data, etc.
Yahoo	NTUSER.DAT	Software\Yahoo\Pager\ Profiles*	IM contacts, file transfer information, etc.
Google Client History	NTUSER.DAT	Software\Google\NavClient\ 1.1\History	
Adobe	NTUSER.DAT	Software\Adobe*	Acrobat, Photo deluxe, etc.

Chapter 38

Supported File Systems and Drive Image Formats

This appendix lists the file systems and image formats that are analyzed. It includes the following topics:

- File Systems (page 527)
- Whole Disk Encrypted Products (page 528)
- Hard Disk Image Formats (page 528)
- CD and DVD Image Formats (page 529)

File Systems

The following table lists AccessData identified and analyzed file systems.

Identified and Analyzed File Systems

• FAT 12, FAT 16, FAT 32	• NTFS
• Ext2FS	• HFS, HFS+
• Ext3FS	• CDFS
• Ext4FS	• exFAT
• ReiserFS 3	• Windows 8 and Server 2012 ReFS
• VxFS (Veritas File System)	• Windows 10

Whole Disk Encrypted Products

The following table lists identified and analyzed Whole Disk Encryption (WDE) decryption products (these all require the investigator to enter the password, AccessData forensic products don't "crack" these).

Recognized and Analyzed Whole Disk Encryption Formats

• AFF (Advanced Forensic Format)	• Utimaco Safeguard Easy
• PGP®	• Utimaco SafeGuard Enterprise
• Dell Encryption	• Guardian Edge
• SafeBoot	• EFS
• JFS	• LVM
• VMWare	• LVM2
• UFS1	• UFS2
• Apple FileVault	• Apple FileVault 2

Hard Disk Image Formats

The following table lists identified and analyzed hard disk image formats.

Supported Hard Disk Image Formats

• Encase, including 'incomplete' Tableau-created files	• SnapBack
• Safeback 2.0 and under	• Expert Witness
• Linux DD	• ICS
• Ghost (forensic images only)	• SMART
• AccessData Logical Image (AD1)	• MSVHD (MS Virtual Hard Disk)
• DMG (Mac)	• Lx0, Lx01

CD and DVD Image Formats

The following table lists identified and analyzed CD and DVD image formats.

Identified and Analyzed CD and DVD File Systems and Formats

• Alcohol (*.mds)	• IsoBuster CUE
• PlexTools (*.pxi)	• CloneCD (*.ccd)
• Nero (*.nrg)	• Roxio (*.cif)
• ISO	• Pinnacle (*.pdi)
• Virtual CD (*.vc4)	• CD-RW,
• VCD	• CD-ROM
• DVD+MRW	• DVCD
• DVD-RW	• DVD-VFR
• DVD+RW Dual Layer	• DVD-VR
• BD-R SRM-POW	• BD-R
• BD-R SRM	• BD-R DL
• HD DVD-R	• HD DVD-RW DL
• SVCD	• HD DVD
• HD DVD-RW	• DVD-RAM,
• CD-ROM XA	• CD-MRW,
• DVD+VR	• DVD+R
• DVD+R Dual Layer	• BD-RE
• DVD-VRW	• BD-ROM
• HD DVD-R DL	• BD-R RRM
• BDAV	• Virtual CD (*.vc4)
• HD DVD-RAM	• DVD+RW
• CD-R	• VD-R
• SACD	• DVD-R Dual Layer
• DVD-ROM	• BD-R SRM+POW
• DVD-VM	• BD-RE DL
• DVD+VRW	•

Chapter 39
Recovering Deleted Material

You can find deleted files on supported file systems by their file header.

This appendix includes the following topics:

- FAT 12, 16, and 32 (page 530)
- NTFS (page 531)
- Ext2 (page 531)
- Ext3 (page 531)
- HFS (page 531)

FAT 12, 16, and 32

When parsing FAT directories, deleted files are identified by their names. In a deleted file, the first character of the 8.3 filename is replaced by the hex character 0xE5.

The file's directory entry provides the file's starting cluster (C) and size. From the size of the file and the starting cluster, the total number of clusters (N) occupied by the file are computed.

The File Allocation Table (FAT) is examined and the number of unallocated clusters are counted, starting at C (U). The recovered file [min (N, U)] clusters starting at C are then assigned.

If the deleted file was fragmented, the recovered file is likely to be incorrect and incomplete because the information that is needed to find subsequent fragments was wiped from the FAT system when the file was deleted.

If present, the long filename (LFN) entries are used to recover the first letter of the deleted file's short filename. If the LFN entries are incomplete or absent, it uses an exclamation mark ("!") as the first letter of the filename.

The volume free space for deleted directories that have been orphaned are searched with a meta-carve process. An orphaned directory is a directory whose parent directory or whose entry in its parent directory has been overwritten.

NTFS

The Master File Table (MFT) is examined to find files that are marked deleted because the allocation byte in a record header indicates a deleted file or folder. It then recovers the file's data using the MFT record's data attribute extent list if the data is non-resident.

If the deleted file's parent directory exists, the recovered file is shown in the directory where it originally existed. Deleted files whose parent directories were deleted are shown in their proper place as long as their parent directory's MFT entry has not been recycled.

Ext2

Nodes that are marked deleted are searched for. The link count is zero and the deletion timestamp is nonzero.

For each deleted inode, the block pointers are processed and blocks are added to the deleted file. However, if an indirect block is marked allocated or references an invalid block number, the recovered file is truncated at that point because the block no longer contains a list of blocks for the file that the application is attempting to recover.

The filenames for files deleted on ext2 systems are not recovered. Instead, deleted files are identified by inode number because ext2 uses variable-length directory entries organized in a linked list structure. When a file is deleted, its directory entry is unlinked from the list, and the space it occupied becomes free to be partially or completely overwritten by new directory entries. There is no reliable way to identify and extract completely deleted directory entries.

Ext3

Deleted files from ext3 volumes are not recovered because ext3 zeroes out a file's indirect block pointers when it is deleted.

HFS

Deleted files from HFS are not recovered.

Chapter 40

Managing Security Devices and Licenses

This appendix includes information AccessData product licenses, Virtual CodeMeter activation, and Network License Server configurations.

Installing and Managing Security Devices

AccessData products require a licensing security device that communicates with the program to verify the existence of a current license.

You must install the security device software and drivers before you can manage licenses with LicenseManager. This section explains installing and using the CodeMeter Runtime software and the License Manager.

Installing the Security Device

AccessData products require a licensing security device that communicates with the program to verify the existence of a current license. The device is a WIBU-SYSTEMS (Wibu) CodeMeter (CmStick). This USB device requires specific software to be installed prior to connecting the devices and running your AccessData products. You will need the WIBU-SYSTEMS CodeMeter Runtime software with a WIBU-SYSTEMS CodeMeter (CmStick), either the physical USB device, or the Virtual device.

Store the CmStick or dongle in a secure location when it is not in use.

Installing the CodeMeter Runtime Software

When you purchase a product, AccessData provides a USB CmStick with the product package. To use the CmStick, you must first install the CodeMeter Runtime software, either from the shipping disc or from the setup file downloaded from the AccessData Web site.

Note: The CodeMeter software is automatically installed as part of the FTK suite.

To download the CodeMeter installer from the AccessData web site

1. Go to the AccessData download page at: http://www.accessdata.com/product-download.
2. On the download page, click **CodeMeter**.
3. Click **Download Page**.

4. Click **Download Now**.
5. Save the installation file to your download directory or other temporary directory on your drive.

To install CodeMeter

1. Do one of the following:
   - Launch the installer from the FTK installer by doing the following:
     1a. Launch the FTK installer **Autorun.exe** file.
     1b. Click **Other Products**.
     1c. Click Install License Manager.
   - Launch the installer from the download by doing the following:
     1a. Navigate to, and double-click the installation file.
2. Wait for the *Preparing to Install* processes to complete.
3. In the Welcome dialog, click **Next**.
4. Read and accept the License Agreement
5. Enter User Information.
6. Click **Next**.
7. Select the features you want to install.
8. Click **Next**.
9. Click **Install**.
10. Click **Finish**.
11. Click **OK**.

CodeMeter Error

If you are not using NLS for your security device configuration, after clicking **No,** you will see the following additional message.

Security Device Not Found

To remedy, click **OK**, then install the correct CodeMeter Runtime software, and connect the CmStick or run License Manager to generate your Virtual CmStick. Then, restart FTK.

Installing LicenseManager

LicenseManager lets you manage product and license subscriptions using a security device or device packet file.

You can can access the LicenseManager installer from the Web or from the FTK installer.

To download the LicenseManager installer from the AccessData web site

1. Go to the AccessData download page at: http://www.accessdata.com/product-download.
2. On the download page, click **LicenseManager**.
3. Click **Download Page**.
4. Click **Download Now**.
5. Save the installation file to your download directory or other temporary directory on your drive.

To install LicenseManager

1. Do one of the following:
   - Launch the installer from the FTK installer by doing the following:
     1a. Launch the FTK installer **Autorun.exe** file.
     1b. Click **Other Products**.
     1c. Click Install License Manager.
   - Launch the installer from the download by doing the following:
     1a. Navigate to, and double-click the installation file.
2. Wait for the *Preparing to Install* processes to complete.
3. Click **Next** on the Welcome screen
4. Read and accept the License Agreement.
5. Click **Next**.
6. Accept the default destination folder, or select a different one.
7. Click **Next**.
8. In the Ready to Install the Program dialog, click **Back** to review or change any of the installation settings. When you are ready to continue, click **Install**.
9. Wait while the installation completes.
10. If you want to launch LicenseManager after completing the installation, mark the **Launch AccessData LicenseManager** check box.
11. Select the **Launch AccessData LicenseManager** check box to run the program upon finishing the setup. The next section describes how to run LicenseManager later.
12. Click **Finish** to finalize the installation and close the wizard.

Starting LicenseManager

To launch LicenseManager

1. Launch LicenseManager by clicking the **LicenseManager** icon on your desktop.

   When starting, LicenseManager reads licensing and subscription information from the installed and connected WIBU-SYSTEMS CodeMeter Stick, or Keylok dongle.

   Note: If using a Keylok dongle, and LicenseManager either does not open or displays the message, "Device Not Found"

2. Verify the correct dongle driver is installed on your computer.
3. With the dongle connected, check in Windows Device Manager to make sure the device is recognized. If it has an error indicator, right click on the device and choose Uninstall.
4. Remove the dongle after the device has been uninstalled.
5. Reboot your computer.
6. After the reboot is complete, and all startup processes have finished running, connect the dongle.
7. Wait for Windows to run the Add New Hardware wizard. If you already have the right dongle drivers installed, do not browse the internet, choose, "No, not this time."
8. Click **Next** to continue.
9. On the next options screen, choose, "Install the software automatically (Recommended)
10. Click **Next** to continue.
11. When the installation of the dongle device is complete, click Finish to close the wizard.
12. You still need the CodeMeter software installed, but will not need a CodeMeter Stick to run LicenseManager.

    Note: If using a CodeMeter Stick, and LicenseManager either does not open or displays the message, "Device Not Found"

13. Make sure the CodeMeter Runtime 4.20b software is installed. It is available at **www.accessdata.com/support**. Click Downloads and browse to the product. Click on the download link. You can **Run** the product from the Website, or **Save** the file locally and run it from your PC. Once the CodeMeter Runtime software is installed and running, you will see a gray icon in your system tray.
14. Make sure the CodeMeter Stick is connected to the USB port.

If the CodeMeter Stick is not connected, LicenseManager still lets you to manage licenses using a security device packet file if you have exported and saved the file previously.

To open LicenseManager without a CodeMeter Stick installed

1. Click **Tools** > **LicenseManager**.

   LicenseManager displays the message, "Device not Found".

2. Click **OK**, then browse for a security device packet file to open.

Note: Although you can run LicenseManager using a packet file, AccessData products will not run with a packet file alone. You must have the CmStick or dongle connected to the computer to run AccessData products that require a license.

Using LicenseManager

LicenseManager provides the tools necessary for managing AccessData product licenses on a WIBU-SYSTEMS CodeMeter Stick security device, a Keylok dongle, a Virtual Dongle, or in a security device packet file.

LicenseManager displays license information, allows you to add licenses to or remove existing licenses from a dongle or CmStick. LicenseManager, and can also be used to export a security device packet file. Packet files can be saved and reloaded into LicenseManager, or sent via email to AccessData support.

In addition, you can use LicenseManager to check for product updates and in some cases download the latest product versions.

LicenseManager displays CodeMeter Stick information (including packet version and serial number) and licensing information for all AccessData products. The Purchase Licenses button connects directly to the AccessData website and allows you to browse the site for information about products you may wish to purchase. Contact AccessData by phone to speak with a Sales Representative for answers to product questions, and to purchase products and renew licenses and subscriptions.

The LicenseManager Interface

The LicenseManager interface consists of two tabs that organize the options in the LicenseManager window: the Installed Components tab and the Licenses tab.

The Installed Components Tab

The Installed Components tab lists the AccessData programs installed on the machine. The Installed Components tab is displayed in the following figure.

The following information is displayed on the Installed Components tab:

LicenseManager Installed Components Tab Features

Program	Lists all AccessData products installed on the host.
Installed Version	Displays the version of each AccessData product installed on the host.
Newest Version	Displays the latest version available of each AccessData product installed on the host. Click **Newest** to refresh this list.
Product Notes	Displays notes and information about the product selected in the program list.
AccessData Link	Links to the AccessData product page where you can learn more about AccessData products.

The following buttons provide additional functionality from the Installed Components tab:

LicenseManager Installed Components Buttons

Help	Opens the LicenseManager Help web page.

LicenseManager Installed Components Buttons (Continued)

Install Newest	Installs the newest version of the programs checked in the product window, if that program is available for download. You can also get the latest versions from our website using your Internet browser.
Newest	Updates the latest version information for your installed products.
About	Displays the About LicenseManager screen. Provides version, copyright, and trademark information for LicenseManager.
Done	Closes LicenseManager.

Use the Installed Components tab to manage your AccessData products and stay up to date on new releases.

The Licenses Tab

The Licenses tab displays CodeMeter Stick information for the current security device packet file and licensing information for AccessData products available to the owner of the CodeMeter Stick, as displayed in the following figure.

The Licenses tab provides the following information:

LicenseManager Licenses Tab Features

Program	Shows the owned licenses for AccessData products.
Expiration Date	Shows the date on which your current license expires.
Status	Shows these status of that product's license: ● **None**: the product license is not currently owned ● **Days Left**: displays when less than 31 days remain on the license. ● **Never**: the license is permanently owned. This generally applies to Hash Tables and Portable Office Rainbow Tables.
Name	Shows the name of additional parameters or information a product requires for its license.
Value	Shows the values of additional parameters or information a product contained in or required for its license.
Show Unlicensed	When checked, the License window displays all products, whether licensed or not.

The following license management actions can be performed using buttons found on the License tab:

License Management Options

Remove License	Removes a selected license from the Licenses window and from the CodeMeter Stick or dongle. Opens the AccessData License Server web page to confirm success.
Refresh Device	Connects to the AccessData License Server. Downloads and overwrites the info on the CodeMeter Stick or dongle with the latest information on the server.
Reload from Device	Begins or restarts the service to read the licenses stored on the CodeMeter Stick or dongle.

License Management Options (Continued)

Release Device	Click to stop the program reading the dongle attached to your machine, much like Windows' Safely Remove Hardware feature. Click this button before removing a dongle. This option is disabled for the CodeMeter Stick.
Open Packet File	Opens Windows Explorer, allowing you to navigate to a .PKT file containing your license information.
Save to File	Opens Windows Explorer, allowing you to save a .PKT file containing your license information. The default location is My Documents.
Finalize Removal	Finishes the removal of licenses in the unbound state. Licenses must be unbound from the CmStick or dongle before this button takes effect.
View Registration Info	Displays an HTML page with your CodeMeter Stick number and other license information.
Add Existing License	Allows you to bind an existing unbound license to your CodeMeter Stick, through an internet connection to the AccessData License Server.
Purchase License	Brings up the AccessData product page from which you can learn more about AccessData products.
About	Displays the About LicenseManager screen. Provides version, copyright, and trademark information for LicenseManager.
Done	Closes LicenseManager.

Opening and Saving Dongle Packet Files

You can open or save dongle packet files using LicenseManager. When started, LicenseManager attempts to read licensing and subscription information from the dongle. If you do not have a dongle installed, LicenseManager lets you browse to open a dongle packet file. You must have already created and saved a dongle packet file to be able to browse to and open it.

To save a security device packet file

1. Click the **Licenses** tab, then under License Packets, click **Save to File**.
2. Browse to the desired folder and accept the default name of the .PKT file; then click **Save**.

> **Note:** In general, the best place to save the .PKT files is in the AccessData LicenseManager folder. The default path is C:\Program Files\AccessData\Common Files\AccessData LicenseManager\.

To open a security device packet file

1. Select the **Licenses** tab.
2. Under License Packets, click **Open Packet File**.
3. Browse for a dongle packet file to open. Select the file and click **Open**.

Adding and Removing Product Licenses

On a computer with an Internet connection, LicenseManager lets you add available product licenses to, or remove them from, a dongle.

To move a product license from one dongle to another dongle, first remove the product license from the first dongle. You must release that dongle, and connect the second dongle before continuing. When the second dongle is connected and recognized by Windows and LicenseManager, click on the Licenses tab to add the product license to the second dongle.

Removing a License

To remove (unassociate, or unbind) a product license

1. From the Licenses tab, mark the program license to remove.

   This action activates the Remove License button below the Program list box.
2. Click **Remove License** to connect your machine to the AccessData License Server through the internet.
3. When you are prompted to confirm the removal of the selected licenses from the device, click **Yes** to continue, or **No** to cancel.
4. Several screens appear indicating the connection and activity on the License Server, and when the license removal is complete, the following screen appears.
5. Click **OK** to close the message box.

   Another internet browser screen appears from LicenseManager with a message that says, “The removal of your licenses from Security Device was successful!” You may close this box at any time.

Adding a License

To add a new or released license

1. From the Licenses tab, under Browser Options, click **Add Existing License.**

   The AccessData LicenseManager Web page opens, listing the licenses currently bound to the connected security device, and below that list, you will see the licenses that currently are not bound to any security device. Mark the box in the Bind column for the product you wish to add to the connected device, then click **Submit**.
2. An AccessData LicenseManager Web page will open, displaying the following message, “The AccessData products that you selected has been bound to the record for Security Device *nnnnnnn* within the Security Device Database.

   “Please run LicenseManager’s “Refresh Device” feature in order to complete the process of binding these product licenses to this Security Device.” You may close this window at any time.
3. Click **Yes** if LicenseManager prompts, “Were you able to associate a new product with this device?”
4. Click **Refresh Device** in the Licenses tab of LicenseManager. Click **Yes** when prompted.

You will see the newly added license in the License Options list.

Adding and Removing Product Licenses Remotely

While LicenseManager requires an Internet connection to use some features, you can add or remove licenses from a dongle packet file for a dongle that resides on a computer, such as a forensic lab computer, that does not have an Internet connection.

If you cannot connect to the Internet, the easiest way to move licenses from one dongle to another is to physically move the dongle to a computer with an Internet connection, add or remove product licenses as necessary using LicenseManager, and then physically move the dongle back to the original computer. However,

if you cannot move the dongle—due to organization policies or a need for forensic soundness—then transfer the packet files and update files remotely.

Adding a License Remotely

To remotely add (associate or bind) a product license

1. On the computer where the security device resides:
   1a. Run LicenseManager.
   1b. From the **Licenses** tab, click **Reload from Device** to read the dongle license information.
   1c. Click **Save to File** to save the dongle packet file to the local machine.
2. Copy the dongle packet file to a computer with an Internet connection.
3. On the computer with an Internet connection:
   3a. Remove any attached security device.
   3b. Launch LicenseManager. You will see a notification, “No security device found”.
   3c. Click OK.
   3d. An “Open” dialog box will display. Highlight the **.**PKT file, and click **Open**.
   3e. Click on the **Licenses** tab.
   3f. Click **Add Existing License.**
   3g. Complete the process to add a product license on the Website page.
   3h. Click **Yes** when the LicenseManager prompts, “Were you able to associate a new product with this dongle?”
   3i. When LicenseManager does not detect a dongle or the serial number of the dongle does not match the serial number in the dongle packet file, you are prompted to save the update file, **[serial#].wibuCmRaU.**
   3j. Save the update file to the local machine.
4. After the update file is downloaded, copy the update file to the computer where the dongle resides:
5. On the computer where the dongle resides:
   5a. Run the update file by double-clicking it. (**[serial#].wibuCmRaU** is an executable file.)
   5b. After an update file downloads and installs, click **OK.**
   5c. Run LicenseManager.
   5d. From the Licenses tab, click **Reload from Device** to verify the product license has been added to the dongle.

Removing a License Remotely

To remotely remove (unassociate, or unbind) a product license

1. On the computer where the dongle resides:
   1a. Run LicenseManager.
   1b. From the Licenses tab, click **Reload from Device** to read the dongle license information.
   1c. Click **Save to File** to save the dongle packet file to the local machine.
2. Copy the file to a computer with an Internet connection.
3. On the computer with an Internet connection:
   3a. Launch LicenseManager. You will see a notification, “No security device found”.

3b. Click **OK**.

3c. An “Open” dialog box will display. Highlight the **.**PKT file, and click **Open**.

3d. Click on the Licenses tab.

3e. Mark the box for the product license you want to unassociate; then click **Remove License.**

3f. When prompted to confirm the removal of the selected license from the dongle, click **Yes**.

3g. When LicenseManager does not detect a dongle or the serial number of the dongle does not match the serial number in the dongle packet file, you are prompted save the update file.

3h. Click **Yes** to save the update file to the local computer.

3i. The Step 1 of 2 dialog details how to use the dongle packet file to remove the license from a dongle on another computer.

3j. Save the update file to the local machine.

4. After the update file is downloaded, copy the update file to the computer where the dongle resides.
5. On the computer where the dongle resides:

5a. Run the update file by double-clicking it. This runs the executable update file and copies the new information to the security device.

5b. Run LicenseManager

5c. On the Licenses tab, click **Reload from Device** in LicenseManager to read the security device and allow you to verify the product license is removed from the dongle.

5d. Click **Save to File** to save the updated dongle packet file to the local machine.

6. Copy the file to a computer with an Internet connection.

Updating Products

You can use LicenseManager to check for product updates and download the latest product versions.

Checking for Product Updates

To check for product updates, on the Installed Components tab, click **Newest**. This refreshes the list to display what version you have installed, and the newest version available.

Downloading Product Updates

To install the newest version, mark the box next to the product to install, then click **Install Newest**.

Note: Some products are too large to download, and are not available. A notification displays if this is the case.

To download a product update

1. Ensure that LicenseManager displays the latest product information by clicking the Installed Components tab. Click **Newest** to refresh the list showing the latest releases, then compare your installed version to the latest release.

   If the latest release is newer than your installed version, you may be able to install the latest release from our Website.
2. Ensure that the program you want to install is not running.
3. Mark the box next to the program you want to download; then click **Install Newest**.

4. When prompted, click **Yes** to download the latest install version of the product.
   4a. If installing the update on a remote computer, copy the product update file to another computer.
5. Install the product update. You may need to restart your computer after the update is installed.

Purchasing Product Licenses

Use LicenseManager to link to the AccessData Web site to find information about all our products.

Purchase product licenses through your AccessData Sales Representative. Call 801-377-5410 and follow the prompt for Sales, or send an email to sales@accessdata.com.

Note: Once a product has been purchased and appears in the AccessData License Server, add the product license to a CodeMeter Stick, dongle, or security device packet file by clicking **Refresh Device**.

Sending a Dongle Packet File to Support

Send a security device packet file **only** when specifically directed to do so by AccessData support.

To create a dongle packet file

1. Run LicenseManager
2. Click on the Licenses tab.
3. Click **Load from Device**.
4. Click **Refresh Device** if you need to get the latest info from AD's license server.
5. Click **Save to File**, and note or specify the location for the saved file.
6. Attach the dongle packet file to an e-mail and send it to: **support@accessdata.com**.

Virtual CodeMeter Activation Guide

Introduction

A Virtual CodeMeter (VCM) allows the user to run licensed AccessData products without a physical CodeMeter device. A VCM can be created using AccessData License Manager, but requires the user to enter a Confirmation Code during the creation process.

The latest revision of this guide can be found at:

http://accessdata.com/downloads/media/VCM_Activation_Guide.pdf

Preparation

- Contact your AccessData sales rep to order a VCM confirmation code.
- Install CodeMeter Runtime 4.10b or newer (available on the AccessData download page).
- Install the latest release of License Manager (available on the AccessData download page).
- The following steps are to be run on the system where you want to permanently attach the VCM.

Note: Once created, the VCM cannot be moved to any other system.

- AD Lab WebUI and eDiscovery administrators, please also follow steps outlined under in Additional Instructions for AD Lab WebUI and eDiscovery (page 545) in order to enable VCM licensing on the AccessData License Service.

Setup for Online Systems

To setup a Virtual CodeMeter

1. Unplug any AccessData dongles you currently have connected.
2. Launch License Manager.

Note: When creating a VCM on Windows Server 2003 or 2008, please refer to the special set of steps written for those platforms. See Creating a Virtual CM-Stick with Server 2003/2008 Enterprise Editions (page 544).

3. Select **Create A Local Virtual CMStick**
4. Click **OK.**
   The Confirmation Code Required dialog appears.
5. Enter your confirmation code.
6. Click **OK**, AccessData License Manager will automatically synchronize with the License Server over the Internet.
7. Click **OK** when the update completes. License Manager will then create the VCM on your system.
8. At this point, AccessData License Manager now displays a serial number for the VCM on the Licenses tab and the VCM can now operate in a similar way to a hardware CodeMeter device.

Setting up VCM for Offline Systems

You can setup a Virtual CodeMeter on a system that is not connected to the internet (offline). You must also have one machine that connects to the internet to perform certain steps. This section details what to do on which machine.

Perform these steps on the Online system

1. Unplug any AccessData dongles you currently have connected.
2. Launch License Manager.

> **Note:** When creating a VCM on Windows Server 2003 or 2008 Enterprise Edition, please refer to the special set of steps written for those platforms. See Creating a Virtual CM-Stick with Server 2003/2008 Enterprise Editions (page 544).

3. Select **Create Empty Virtual CMStick (offline)**.
4. Click **OK.**
5. The resulting dialog prompts you to save the ***.wibucmrau** file. Enter a name and path for the file, then click **Save**.
6. Transfer the ***.wibucmrau** to the Online system.

Perform these steps on the Online system

7. Unplug any AccessData dongles you currently have connected.
8. Launch License Manager.
9. Select **Create Activation File (online)**.
10. Click **OK**.
11. In the Confirmation Code Required dialog, enter your confirmation code and click **OK**.
12. AccessData License Manager will automatically synchronize with the License Server over the internet. Data synchronized from the server will be written to the ***.wibucmrau** file. Click **OK** when the update completes.
13. Transfer ***.wibucmrau** back to the offline system.

Perform these steps on the Offline system

14. Unplug any AccessData dongles you currently have connected.
15. Launch License Manager.
16. Select **Create Activate Virtual CMStick (offline)**.
17. Click **OK**.
18. The resulting dialog prompts you to browse to the location of the newly updated *.**wibucmrau** file. Locate the file, then click **Open**. License Manager creates the VCM on your system.
19. 19.At this point, AccessData License Manager should now display a serial number for the VCM on the “Licenses” tab and the VCM can now operate in a similar way to a hardware CodeMeter device.

Creating a Virtual CM-Stick with Server 2003/2008 Enterprise Editions

This section contains special instructions for using a VCM with Windows Server 2003 or 2008 Enterprise Editions. Complete each section in order.

To Create an Empty CodeMeter License Container

1. On the Server 2003/2008 machine, unplug any CodeMeter devices.
2. Open the CodeMeter Control Center. Make sure the window on the License tab is, empty indicating that no licenses are currently loaded.
3. Select **File > Import License.**
4. Browse to the License Manager program files directory.
   - 32 bit systems: `C:\Program Files\AccessData\LicenseManager\`
   - 64 bit systems: `C:\Program Files (x86)\ AccessData\LicenseManager\`
5. Highlight the `TemplateDisc5010.wbb` file, then click **Import**.
6. Click the **Activate License** button.
7. When the *CmFAS Assistant* opens, click **Next**.
8. Select **Create license request**, and click **Next**.
9. Confirm the desired directory and filename to save `.WibuCmRaC`. (Example: `Test1.WibuCmRaC`)
10. Click **Commit**.
11. Click **Finish**.

To Copy to another machine

1. Copy the new `.WibuCmRaC` to another machine that is not running Windows Server 2003/2008 Enterprise.

   Note: The destination system must have an active internet connection.

2. Unplug any AccessData dongles you currently have connected.
3. Launch *License Manager*.
4. Select **Create Activation File (online)**.
5. Click **OK**.
6. In the Confirmation Code Required dialog enter your confirmation code and click **OK**.
7. AccessData License Manager will automatically synchronize with the License Server over the internet. Data synchronized from the server will be written to the `*.wibucmrau` file. Click **OK** when the update completes.

To Finish the activation on the Windows Server 2003/2008 Enterprise system

1. Copy the activated `.WibuCmRaC` file to the Server 2003/2008 machine.
2. On the Server 2003/2008 machine, unplug any CodeMeter devices.
3. Open the CodeMeter Control Center. Make sure the window on the License tab empty indicating that no licenses are currently loaded.
4. Select **File > Import License.**
5. Browse to the location where the activated `.WibuCmRaC` is stored. Click **Import**.
6. AccessData License Manager now displays a serial number for the VCM on the Licenses tab and the VCM can now operate in a similar way to a hardware CodeMeter device.

Additional Instructions for AD Lab WebUI and eDiscovery

This section provides additional information for enabling the Web User Interface to recognize a VCM.

To enable AD Lab WebUI and eDiscovery to use VCM

1. Open Registry Editor.
2. Navigate to the following key:

   HKEY_LOCAL_MACHINE\SOFTWARE\AccessData\Products

   Add the following DWORD registry string to the key and set the value to 1:

   HKEY_LOCAL_MACHINE\SOFTWARE\AccessData\Products | EnableACTTest

The *AccessData License Service* will know to expect a VCM when *EnableACTTest* is set to "1."

Virtual CodeMeter FAQs

Q: How do I get a Virtual CodeMeter (VCM)?

A: Contact your AccessData product sales representative. They will provide you with a VCM confirmation code.

Q: How do VCMs work?

A: A VCM operates in almost exactly the same way as a hardware CodeMeter device, except that they exist as a file stored on the hard disk. During activation, the VCM file (named with a WBB extension) is tied to the hardware of the system using unique hardware identifiers. Those unique identifiers make VCMs non-portable. When AccessData License Manager is launched, it will automatically load the VCM and display its license information. From there, you can refresh, remove, add existing licenses, etc just the same you would with a hardware security device.

Q: Are VCMs supported on virtual machines (VM)?

A: No. Due to the fact that virtual machines are portable and VCMs are not, VCMs are not supported on virtual machines. Currently it is recommended to use AccessData Network License Service (NLS) to license systems running as virtual machines. CLICK HERE for more information.

Q: Does the AccessData Network License Service (NLS) support VCMs?

A: The current release of NLS does not support using VCM as a network dongle. AccessData is considering this support for a future release.

Q: How can I "unplug" a VCM?

A: If you want to prevent License Manager from automatically loading the VCM you can "unplug" it by stopping the CodeMeter Runtime Service server and then moving (cut and paste) the WBB file to a new location (renaming the file does not suffice). By default the WBB file is located at:

32 bit systems:

C:\Program Files\CodeMeter\CmAct\

64 bit systems:

C:\Program Files (x86)\CodeMeter\CmAct\

Q: I have activated a VCM on my system, but now I need to activate it on a different system. What should I do?

A: Since a VCM is uniquely tied to the system on which it is activated, it cannot be moved to any other system. If you need to activate a VCM on a different system, you need to contact your AccessData Sales Representative.

Q: What if I need to reinstall Windows, format my drive, change my system's hardware, or back up my VCM in case of a disaster? Will the VCM still work?

A: The VCM can be backed up by simply copying the WBB file to a safe location. It can be restored by copying the WBB file to the CmAct folder. The VCM cannot be restored without a WBB file. If you do not have a backup of your WBB file, you will need to get a new confirmation code from your AccessData Sales Representative.

Q: My AccessData product does not seem to recognize the license stored on a VCM. What am I doing wrong?

A: VCMs are supported by the following versions of AccessData products:

- FTK 1.81.6 and newer
- FTK 3.1.0 and newer
- PRTK 6.5.0 and newer
- DNA 3.5.0 and newer
- RV 1.6.0 and newer
- eDiscovery 3.1.2 and newer
- AD Lab 3.1.2 and newer
- AD Enterprise 3.1.0 and newer
- MPE+ 4.0.0.1 and newer

Ensure that the version of the product you are running support VCMs. If the version you are running is listed as supported, verify that according to License Manager, the release date of the version you are running falls before the expiration date of the license.

Network License Server (NLS) Setup Guide

Introduction

This section discusses the installation steps and configuration notes needed to successfully setup an AccessData Network License Server (NLS).

Note: Click on this link to access the latest version of this guide:

Network License Server (NLS) Setup Guide.

Preparation Notes

- CodeMeter Runtime 3.30a or newer must be installed on all Client and Server systems
- AccessData License Manager must be used to prepare the network dongle. The system running License Manager must have internet access and have CodeMeter Runtime installed.
- The current release of NLS supports the following versions of Windows:
  - Windows XP 32/64 bit
  - Windows Server 2003 32/64 bit
  - Windows Vista 32/64 bit
  - Windows Server 2008 R1 32/64 bit
  - Windows 7 32/64 bit
  - Windows Server 2008 R2 64 bit

Setup Overview

To setup NLS

1. Download the latest release of NLS located in the utilities section of the AccessData download page.
2. Extract contents of ZIP to a folder of your choice.
3. On the NLS server system, run through the NLS Installation MSI and accept all defaults.
4. Prepare network dongle:
   4a. Provide the serial number to AD Support and request to have the “Network Dongle Flag” applied.
   4b. Migrate any additional licenses to the network dongle
   4c. Refresh the network dongle device using AccessData License Manager.
5. Launch the AccessData product on the NLS client system.
6. Enter the NLS server configuration information:
   - IP address or hostname of NLS server system
   - Port 6921
7. Click, **OK**.

If you encounter any problems, please read the notes below for troubleshooting information.

Network Dongle Notes

- AccessData License Manager 2.2.6 or newer should be installed in order to manage licenses on the network dongle.
- Network dongles can hold up to 120 physical licenses. Each License has a capacity to hold thousands of sub licenses (i.e. Client count or worker count).
- Contact AccessData Technical Support to have your CodeMeter device flagged as a Network Dongle (required for NLS).

NLS Server System Notes

- Make sure the CodeMeter device is flagged as Network Dongle (i.e. License Manager will show the serial as “1181234N”. To have this flag set on your CodeMeter device, please contact AccessData Technical Support).
- Server system must be configured to allow incoming and outgoing traffic on TCP port 6921.
- A web interface to view and revoke licenses all licenses is accessible at

  `http://localhost:5555`

  This page can be reached only from a web browser running locally on the NLS server system.
- A Network Dongle cannot be used to run AccessData products locally unless the NLS server is running locally.
- Some versions of Windows may not find a local NLS server when the DNS hostname of the server is provided. In those cases, it is recommended to use a static IP address.
- When using the NLS across domains, users must have permissions to access resources on both domains (either by dual-domain membership or cross-domain trust).
- When running NLS on Windows Server 2008, Terminal Services must be installed and accepting connections. If Terminal Services is not configured it will not open the port and share out the licenses correctly.
- The name of the service according to Windows is “AccessData Network License Service.”

NLS Client System Notes

- When launched, any NLS client application that needs to lease a license from the NLS server will automatically check for the following values within the Windows Registry.
  - **NetDonglePath**: The IP address or DNS hostname of the system hosting the Network License Server service which is found in the following registry key on the client system:

    `HKEY_LOCAL_MACHINE\SOFTWARE\AccessData\Products\Common`
  - **NetDonglePort**: The TCP port number through which the client and server systems have been configured to use. This value is located in the same key as NetDonglePath.
  - **uniqueId**: In order to lease a license from the server, the client system must first posses a unique identification value. This value is automatically generated by applications such as FTK, PRTK, or DNA. (Registry Viewer and FTK 1.x cannot be used setup initial client NLS configuration at this time.)

    You can find the each client system’s uniqueId by inspecting the following registry key:

    `HKEY_LOCAL_MACHINE\SOFTWARE\AccessData\Shared`
- The Client system must be configured to allow all incoming and outgoing traffic on TCP port 6921.
- The following products support the ability to lease a license from a NLS server:
  - FTK 2.2.1 and newer
  - FTK 1.81.2 and newer

    - FTK Pro 3.2 and newer
    - PRTK 6.4.2 and newer
    - DNA 3.4.2 and newer
    - Registry Viewer 1.5.4 and newer
    - AD Enterprise 3.0.3 and newer
    - AD Lab 3.0.4 and newer
    - AD Lab Lite 3.1.2 and previous
    - Mobile Phone Examiner 3.0 and newer
    - Explicit Image Detection (EID) Add-on
    - Glyph Add-on
- Use AccessData License Manager (ver. 2.2.4 or newer) to migrate licenses off other devices and onto a network device.
- When running AccessData products on Windows Vista, 7, or Server 2008 you must choose **Run as administrator** at least once in order to lease a license from a NLS server.
- If the NLS client application is having trouble leasing a license either from the NLS server, AccessData recommends that you reset the licensing configuration to default.
- To reset the licensing configuration, delete and recreate the NLS registry key located at:

  HKEY_LOCAL_MACHINE\SOFTWARE\AccessData\Products\Common

Chapter 41

Configuring a Multi-box Setup

Configuration for a Multi-box Setup

A multi-box setup is a configuration where all components are not installed or contained on the same computer. For example, you may have the database installed on a separate computer from the application, or the application and the database are installed on one computer and the case files are stored on a different computer.

Some configuration changes must be performed manually by the system administrator to properly configure a multi-box installation. Please note that a multi-box setup requires that all computers be in the same domain.

Configuration Overview

The following steps are required before you can perform multi-box case back ups and restoration.

- Create a service account common to all systems involved. See Create a Service Account on page 551.
- Share the case folder and assign appropriate permissions. See Share the Case Folder on page 552.
- Configure the database services to run under service account. See Configure Database Services on page 552.
- Share back up destination folder with appropriate permissions. See Share the Backup Destination Folder on page 553.

Note: When prompted to select the backup destination folder, *always* use the UNC path of that shared folder, even when the backup destination folder is local.

Each of these items is explained in detail later in this chapter.

Create a Service Account

To function in a distributed configuration, all reading and writing of case data should be performed under the authority of a single Windows user account. Throughout the rest of this document, this account is referred to as the “service account.”

Choose (or create) a domain user account that will function as the service account. Verify that the chosen domain user has local administrator privilege on both the Examiner host system and the database host system.

To verify the domain user account privileges

1. Open the “Local Users and Groups” snap-in.
2. View the members of the Administrators group.

3. Ensure that the account selected earlier is a member of this group (either explicitly or by effective permissions).
4. Perform this verification for both the examination and the database host systems.

Share the Case Folder

On the system hosting the Examiner, create a network share to make the main case folder available to other users on the network. The case folder is no longer assigned by default. The user creating the case creates the case folder. It is that folder that needs to be shared.

For this example, it is located at the root of the Windows system volume, and the pathname is:

C:\FTK-Cases.

To share the case folder

1. Before you can effectively share a folder in Windows you must make sure that network file sharing is enabled. Windows XP users should disable Simple File Sharing before proceeding. Windows Vista/7 users will find the option in the Sharing and Discovery section of the Network and Sharing Center. If you encounter any issues while enabling file sharing, please contact your IT administrator.
2. Open the *Properties* dialog for the case folder.
3. Click the **Sharing** tab to share the folder.
4. Edit the permissions on both the *Sharing* and *Security* tabs to allow the one authoritative user Full Control permissions.
5. Test connectivity to this share from the database system:
   5a. Open a Windows Explorer window on the system hosting the database.
   5b. Type *servername**sharename* in the address bar, where “servername” = the hostname of the Examiner host system, and “sharename” = the name of the share assigned in Step 1.
   For example: If the name of the system hosting the Examiner is ForensicTower1 and you named the share “FTK-Cases” in Step #1 above, the UNC path would be \\forensictower1\FTK-Cases.
   5c. Click **OK**. Check to see if the contents of the share can be viewed, and test the ability to create files and folders there as well.

Configure Database Services

To ensure access to all the necessary resources, the services upon which the database relies must be configured to log on as a user with sufficient permissions to access those resources.

To configure the database service(s) to Run As [service account]

1. On the database server system, open the Windows Services Management console:
   1a. Click **Start > Run**.
   1b. Type services.msc.
   1c. Press **Enter.**
2. Locate the following services:
   Oracle
   - Oracle TNS Listener service listed as OracleFTK2TNSListener or OracleAccessDataDBTNSListener (Found on Oracle System)

- OracleServiceFTK2 (Found on Oracle System)

PostgreSQL

- postgresql-x64-9.0

  or

- postgresql-x86-9.0

3. Open the properties of the service and click the **Log On** tab.
4. Choose **This account**.
5. Click **Browse** to locate the service account username on the local system or domain. Ensure that “From this location” displays the appropriate setting for the user to be selected. Note that “Entire Directory” is used to search for a domain user account, while the name of your system will be listed for a workgroup system user.
6. In the object name box, type in the first few letters of the username and click **Check Names**. Highlight the desired username. Click **OK** when finished.
7. Enter the current password for this account and then enter it again in the *Confirm Password* box. Click **Apply** and then **OK**.
8. Repeat Steps #3-8 for each database service.
9. Restart database service(s) when finished.

Share the Backup Destination Folder

Using the same steps as when sharing the main case folder, share the backup destination folder. Use the UNC path to this share when performing backups. For a two-box backup to work correctly, you must use a single UNC path that both the examiner, and the database application have read/write access to.

Test the New Configuration

To test the new configuration

1. Launch the Case Manager and log in normally.
2. Select (highlight) the name of the case you want to backup.
   2a. Click **Case > Back up.**
   2b. Select a back up destination folder.

> **Note:** The path to the backup location must be formatted as a UNC path.

The *Data Processing* window opens, and when the progress bar turns green, the backup is complete. If the *Data Processing* window results in a red progress bar (sometimes accompanied by “Error 120”), the most likely cause is that the database service does not have permission to write to the backup location. Please double check all the steps listed in this document.

Chapter 42

AccessData Distributed Processing

Distributed Processing allows the installation of the Distributed Processing Engine (DPE) on additional computers in your network, allowing you to apply additional resources of up to three additional computers at a time to the processing of your cases.

Distributed Processing may not help reduce processing times unless the number of objects to be processed exceeds 1,000 times the number of cores. For example, on a system with eight cores, the additional distributed processing engine machines may not assist in the processing unless the evidence contains greater than 8,000 items.

This appendix includes the following topics

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- See Installing Distributed Processing on page 556.
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- See Using Distributed Processing on page 560.

Distributed Processing Prerequisites

Before installing the AccessData (AD) Distributed Processing Engine, the following prerequisites must be met (if you are not familiar with any one of these tasks, contact your IT administrator):

- The following software must be installed:
  - Evidence Processing Engine installed on the local examination machine.
  - CodeMeter Runtime software and either a USB or a Virtual CmStick. (For more information regarding the CmStick, see (page 532).)
  - Database either on the same computer, or on a second computer.
  - KFF Library.
  - McAfee Virus Scan must have an exception added for processes added to and run from the Temp Directory.
  - The Windows Temp directory must be set as default.
- A New user account that is a member of the Administrators group on the examiner machine. If you are installing on a Microsoft network with a Domain Controller, this is easily accomplished. Make a note of the user account, domain or workgroup, and the IP address of each machine.
- A familiarity with UNC paths. UNC paths are required whenever a path statement is needed during installation and configuration of the DPE, and when the path to the Case Folder, or the path to the Evidence Folder is required.

- The UNC format is \\[*machine name or IP address*]\[*pathname*]\[*casefolder*].

- All involved machines must be on the same domain and have a shared service account.

  See Create a Service Account on page 551.

- A familiarity with the Windows **Services.msc** to ensure appropriate Login rights for the DPE, and for restarting the service, if necessary.
- A familiarity with IP addresses and how to find them on a computer.
- A knowledge of the case folder path. The case folder must be shared for DPE to access it and write to it as it processes case data.

Using PostgreSQL with Distributed Processing

- When using PostgreSQL, please note the following:
  - If the computer has fewer than 16 cores (< 16), then in the PostgreSQL configuration file, set the max_connections to 60 per computer.

    For example, if there are 4 computers in the Distributed Processing Model in which every computer has fewer than 16 cores, then set max_connections to 240 (60*4).
  - If the computer has 16 or more cores (>= 16), then in the PostgreSQL configuration file, set the max_connections to 125 per computer. For example, if there are 4 computers in the Distributed Processing Model in which 3 computers are 8 core (<16) and 1 computer is 16 core (>=16), then set max_connections to 245 (60*3 + 125*1).
  - If there is just one computer in the Distributed Processing Model, the max_connections should be no less than 100.

Installing Distributed Processing

Important: Do not install the Distributed Processing Engine on the examiner machine. The install required the installation of the local Evidence Processing Engine on that machine.

Installing the Distributed Processing Engine on the examination machine disables both processing engines.

Remedy: If you have already installed both the Evidence Processing Engine and the Distributed Processing Engine on a single machine, you must:

a) stop the processes

b) uninstall from both the examination machine and the Evidence Processing Engine machines

c) restart your machine

d) install on the examination machine.

e) start the Evidence Processing Engine again

To install AccessData Distributed Processing

1. Install the Distributed Processing Engine (AccessData Distributed Processing Engine.EXE) on the computers that are to participate in case processing, (record the IP address of each one for use when configuring the DPE on the examination machine).

   The DPE install file can be found on the installation disc in the following path:

   [*Drive*]:\FTK\AccessData Distributed Processing Engine.EXE

   If you do not know the IP address of the machine you are installing on, do the following:

   1a. Click **Start** on the Windows Startbar.

   1b. Click **Run**.

   1c. Enter cmd.EXE in the *Run* text box.

   1d. If the prompt is not **c:\>**, type **c:** and press **Enter**.

   At the new prompt, type **cd** and press **Enter**.

   The resulting prompt should be **c:\>**.

   1e. At the c:\> prompt, type **ipconfig /all.**

   1f. From the resulting information, locate the Ethernet adapter Local Area Connection, and find the associated IP address. That is what you will need when you configure the Distributed Processing Engine.

   Note: AccessData recommends that you write down the IP addresses for all machines on which the DPE will be installed.

   1g. At the prompt, type **exit** and press **Enter** to close the cmd.EXE box.

   Note: The domain listed here is not necessarily the correct one to use in installation. To find the correct domain or workgroup name, right-click **My Computer** (On Vista or Server 2008, click **Computer**), click **Properties** > **Computer Name**. The Domain or Workgroup name is listed midway down the page. Please make a note of it for future use.

2. If a *Security Warning* appears, click **Run** to continue.
3. If you want to stop the install, click **Cancel** on the Preparing to Install screen.
4. Click **Next** on the Welcome screen to continue the install.
5. Read and accept the License Agreement.

6. Click **Next** to continue.
7. Accept the default destination folder (recommended), or click **Change** to specify a different destination folder.
8. Click **Next** to continue.
9. Enter the credentials to be used for running the service.
   - *User name*: This user account must be a member of the Administrators group on the DPE machine, and must also have access to both the case folder, and the evidence folder. If this user account is not a member of the Administrators group, or if you are not sure, check with your IT services department.
   - While it is not generally necessary on a domain, it is recommended that whether you are on a domain network, a non-domain network, or a workgroup network, you create this same user account with the same password as a member of the Administrators group on all machines involved. This acts as a fail-safe in case the domain server goes down.
   - *Domain*: The name of the domain all related computers are on. If a non-domain or workgroup network is in place, use the local DPE's machine name or IP address in place of the domain name for this step in the installation.
   - *Password*: This user account's password for authenticating to the domain, or to the machine on the non-domain network or workgroup. The password must be the same for this user account on each machine.

   The figure below illustrates the user name and password setup.

   The components on the top row of the figure can be all on one machine, all on separate machines, or on any combination of machines. The key is that the administrator account and password (or user account in the Administrators group—it can be any name as long as the correct permissions are assigned, and the same name/password combination is used on each machine) must exist on all the machines related to the DPE installation, including the examination and database machines, and on both the Case Folder machine and on the Evidence Folder machine. This means physically going to those machines and adding the correct user accounts manually.
10. When you have finished adding the User Credentials, click **Next** to continue.
11. Click **Install** when the Ready to Install the Program screen appears.
12. Wait while the AccessData Distributed Processing Engine files are copied into the selected path on the local machine.
13. The default path is:

    [*Drive*]:\Program Files\AccessData\Distributed Processing Engine\<Version>.
14. Click **Finish** to complete the install and close the wizard.

If the service fails to start

1. Leave the *Retry/Quit* dialog open and launch the Services (**services.msc**) dialog from the run command.
2. Open the *Properties* dialog for the AccessData Processing Engine Service.
3. Click the **Log On** tab.
4. Verify that the logon credentials used have full Administrative rights.
5. Save the settings and exit the *Properties* dialog.
6. Stop and start the service manually.
7. Click **Retry** on the installer screen.

Configuring Distributed Processing

Once the AccessData Distributed Processing Engine is installed on the non-examination machines, configure Distributed Processing to work with the local Processing Engine.

For more information, see https://support.accessdata.com/hc/en-us/articles/211517937-Configuring-Distributed-Processing-in-FTK-AD-Enterprise-AD-Lab

To configure Distributed Processing to work with the local Lab Processing Engine

1. In *Case Manager*, click **Tools > Processing Engine Config**.
2. In the Configuration tab, enter the appropriate information in each field, according to the following guidelines:
   - *Hostname/IP*: Enter the IP address of the computers where the Distributed Processing Engine is installed. The computer name can also be used if the name can be resolved.
   - *Port:* The default port is 34097. This is the port the processing host will use to communicate with the remote processing engines.
   - *Add*: Adds the computer and port to the list. You can add up to three remote processing engines (for a total of 4 engines). When the maximum number of DPE machines is reached, the Add button will become inactive.
   - *Remove*: Removes a processing engine from the list of available engines. The localhost engine cannot be removed.
   - *Enable*: Enables the engine for use by the processing host. Until implemented, each engine you add will be set to enabled (Disabled = False) by default. When implemented, you will be able to change the selected computer's status from Disabled to Enabled.
   - *Disable*: Makes the engine unavailable for use in processing. When implemented, you will be able to change the selected computer's status from Enabled to Disabled. The disabled remote engine will remain on the list, but will not be used.
   - *Disabled = True:* Displays for that engine in the DPE list.
   - *Maintain* UI *performance while processing*: Allows you to decide whether processing speed or UI performance is more important.

     Note: This will slow processing, and when selected, applies to *all* Remote DPEs.
3. When all DPE machines have been added to the Processing Engine Configuration dialog, click **Close**.

If you have not yet configured the Distributed Processing Engine on the remote computers, or if you have, but it is not working properly, you will see a warning.

To correct this

1. On the remote computer having the Distributed Processing Engine installed, click **Start**.
   1a. Right-click **My Computer.**
   1b. Click **Manage.**
   1c. Under *System Tools*, click **Local Users and Groups.**
   1d. Click **Groups**.
   1e. Double-click **Administrators.**
   1f. Verify that the user account name that was used in installation is in this group.
   1g. Click **OK** to close this dialog.

2. Under Local Users and Groups, click **Users.**
   2a. Find the user account name in the list, and double-click it.
   2b. Mark the box **User cannot change password**.
   2c. Mark the box **Password never expires**.
   2d. Click **Apply**.
   2e. Click **OK.**
3. Do one of the following:
   - Under Services and Applications, click **Services**.
   - If you already closed the Computer Management dialog, launch the Services (**services.msc**) dialog from the Run command on the Start menu.

   3a. Open the Properties dialog for the AccessData Processing Engine Service.
   3b. In the General tab, find Startup Type. If it says Automatic, proceed to the next step. If it says anything else, click the drop-down on the right side of the text box and select Automatic from the list. Click **Apply** and proceed to the next step.
   3c. Open the *Log On* tab.
   3d. Verify that the *Log On information* is set to the user name, domain or DPE machine name, and password that matches the user account you just verified (should be the one that was entered during installation).
   3e. Click **OK**.
4. Right-click on the *AccessData Processing Engine Service.*
5. Click **Stop** to stop the service.
6. Click **Start** to re-start the service manually.
7. Click **Retry** on the installer screen.
8. Ensure that the user name provided during installation is a member of the Administrators account.

Using Distributed Processing

To utilize the Distributed Processing Engine when adding evidence to a case

1. Make sure the case folder is shared before trying to add and process evidence.
2. Enter the path to the case folder in the *Create New Case* dialog in UNC format.
3. Click **Detailed Options**, and select options as you normally would.
4. Click **OK** to return to the *New Case Options* dialog.
5. Mark **Open the case** and then click **OK** to create the new case and open it.
6. The new case is opened and the *Manage Evidence* dialog is automatically opened. Click **Add**. Select the evidence type to add. Select the evidence file to add and then click **Open**.
7. The path to the evidence is designated by drive letter by default. Change the path to UNC format by changing the drive letter to the machine name or IP address where the evidence file is located, according to the following syntax:

   \\[*computername_or_IP_address*]\[*pathname*]\[*filename*]
8. Leave the remaining path as is.
9. Click **OK**.

Note: If a case was originally processed using distributed processing, when a reviewer conducts a live search, the system will first attempt to use the computer with the distributed processing engine, but if it is not available, it will use the reviewer's local computer to conduct the search.

Checking the Installation

When you have completed the installation, open the Task Manager on the remote computer, and keep it open while you add the evidence and begin processing. This will allow you to watch the activity of the ProcessingEngine.EXE in the Processes tab.

The Distributed Processing Engine does not activate until a case exceeds approximately 30,000 items. When it does activate, you will see the CPU percentage and Memory usage increase for the ProcessingEngine.EXE in Task Manager.

Monitoring Distributed Processing

In the Lab infrastructure, it is possible to set up multiple distributed processing engines, or DPEs. These engines can be monitored using the Processing Engines Monitor tool. This tool allows users to manage one or more distributed processing engines dynamically, allowing for instant clarity on what each engine is working on.

To access the Processing Engines Monitor:

1. Navigate to one of the following paths:
   - **Case Manager** > **Tools** > **Processing Engine Config**
   - **Examiner** > **View** > **Progress Window** > **Engine Monitor**

   When opened, user must select a processing manager to show in the UI. If using only a single manager, it will automatically populate.
2. Click on the **Status** tab.

About the Status Tab

The Status tab will display the Host Name/IP, Status (connected or disconnected), and Job Count for all existing processing engines. It is possible to view current connection data by clicking the *Refresh Now* button. To set up automatic refreshing, choose a duration in the *Status Auto Refresh* drop down menu.

Select an engine to populate data in the Engine Details pane. When selected, the following data will display:

- Case ID
- Evidence
- Job Type
- Processes
- Job Path

To refresh this information, click the **Refresh Now** button.