

- Born Digital Collections
- Digital Forensics Lab
- Evaluation of Forensic Software
- Challenges



- ~ 18,000 pieces of digital media
- at risk of permanent loss
 - Stephen Cabrinety
 - Robert Creeley Papers
 - Stephen Jay Gould Papers
 - Peter Koch Fine Art Press
 - Xanadu Project Collection –

Software

Documents

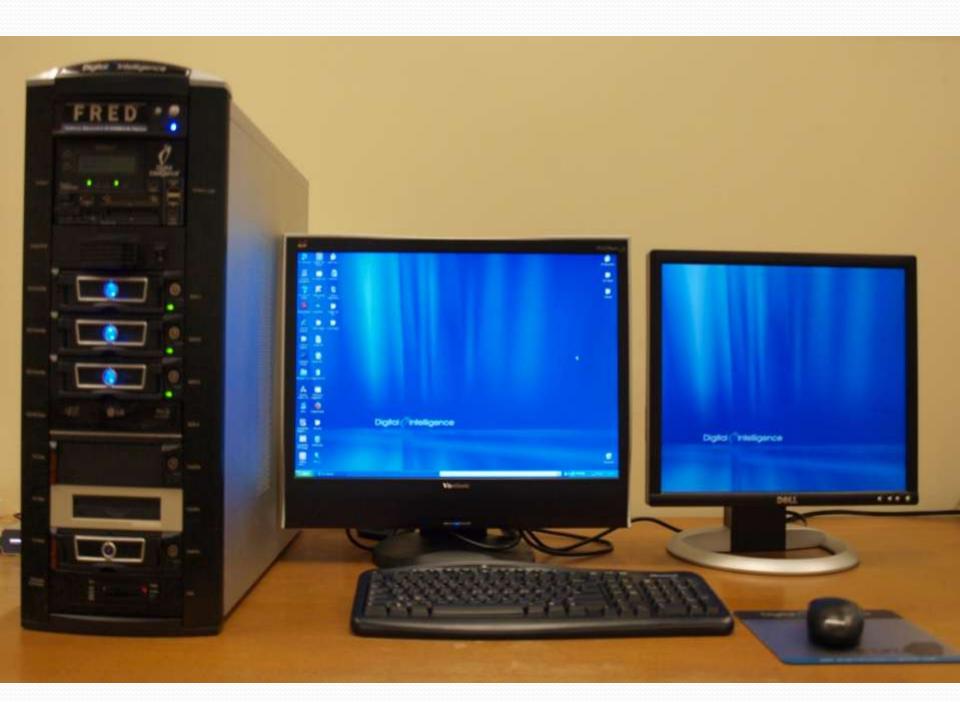
Documents

Graphics

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Digital Forensics Lab

- 2 Forensic Recovery of Evidence Devices (workstation and laptop)
 - 2 Catweasels (floppy disk controller cards)
- Multiple 3 $\frac{1}{2}$, 5 $\frac{1}{4}$, tape, Zip drives
- Copy stand, SLR digital camera
- Assorted write blockers



Forensic Imaging Statistics

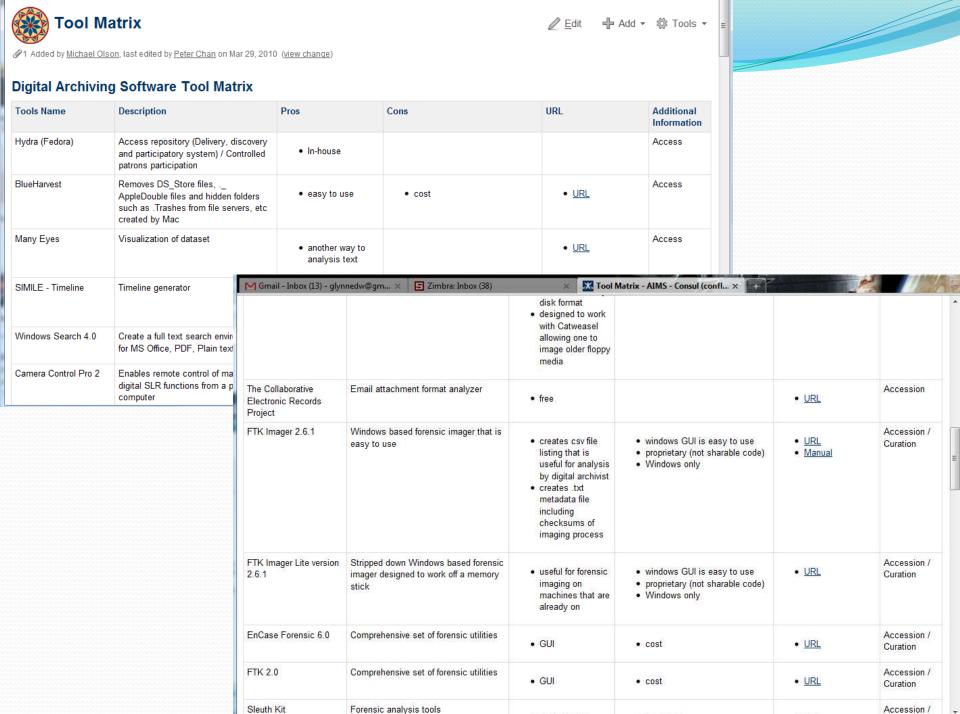
- 139 forensically imaged (media creation dates 1990-1995)
- 5 1/4" and 3 1/2" diskettes
- 3.7% failure rate (bad sectors)
- 2.3% unable to image hardware incompatibility

Software in the Lab

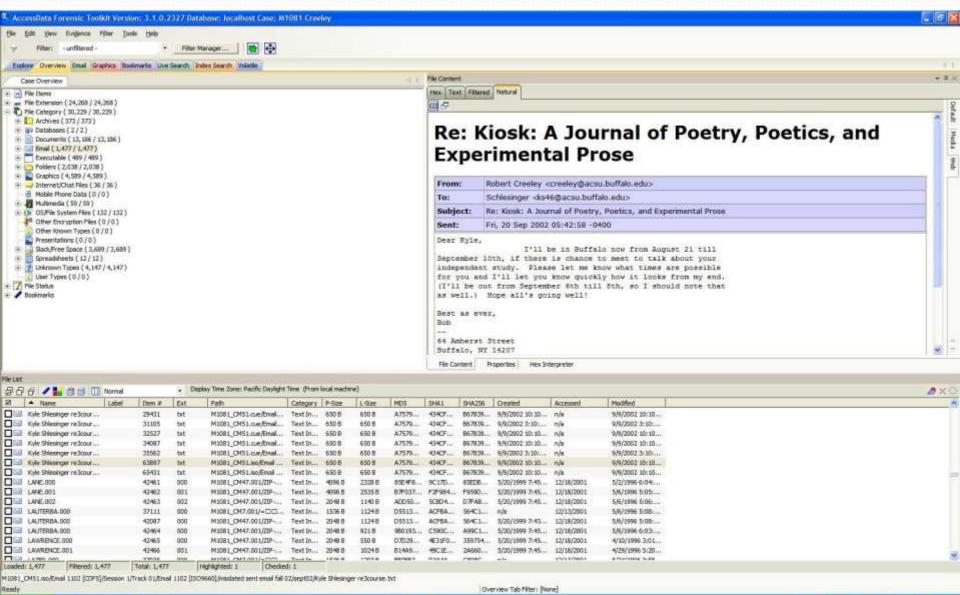
- FTK imager
- Forensic toolkit (FTK) version 3.1.1
- EnCase Forensic version 6.14
- DROID (Digital Record Object Identification)
- Sleuth Kit
- many others.....

Software Evaluation Criteria

- Skills / training is required
- Cost
- Open Source / Commercial
- Feature set
- Supported file formats and metadata outputs
- Suitability for lab tasks (forensic imaging or analysis)



FTK: Forensic Toolkit Creeley email diskette



Preliminary Findings

- Software requires specialized training
- Tool selection depends upon collection

Challenges

- Hardware obsolescence (finding the right drive)
- Validation of forensic images?
- Prioritizing and increasing lab throughput
- Methods for describing born digital collections
- Preservation

Virtual Machine for Gould Word Perfect document

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