









Information is an extremely valuable asset in the world's increasingly globally networked environment [1].

Cisco is predicting that annual global IP traffic will reach 667 Exabyte's by 2013 [3]

Cisco is also predicting that "Mobile data traffic will roughly double each year from 2008 to 2013" [3]



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The file system is responsible for the organization of the files, i.e., it is responsible for the logical placement of the files on the storage drive.

- File system manipulates sectors so that they are treated as clusters
- Clusters are then manipulated so that they can store files

Understanding this interaction is critical to the retrieval of data that has been accidentally or intentionally deleted on various types of files systems like:

- File Allocation Table (FAT) system,
- New Technology File System (NTFS),
- High Performance File System (HPFS)
- Hierarchical File System (HFS)



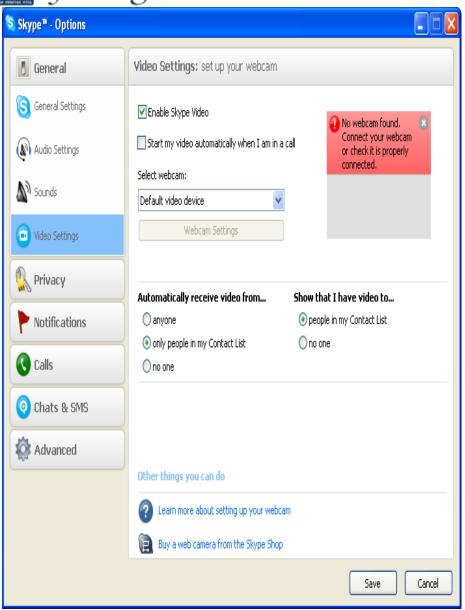
As encrypted documents become more prevalent how does the Archivist handle this situation?

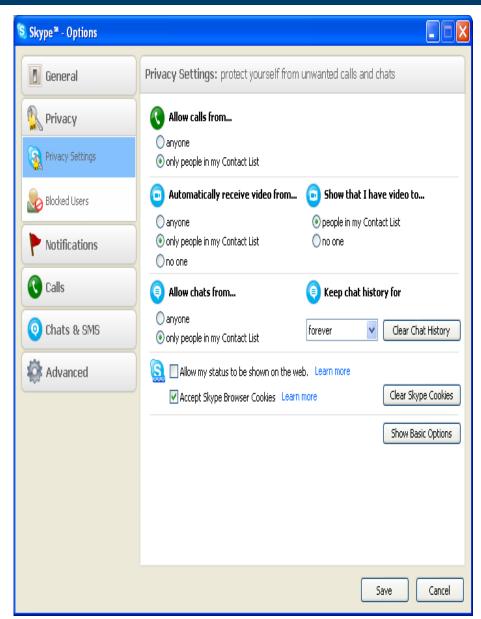
FTK's PRTK

How do you handle a drive that has Bit Locker implemented?

- Find the Recovery Key and/or Startup Key
- The user is prompted to insert the USB flash drive that holds the recovery key and/or start-up key.
- For recovery purposes, BitLocker uses the Recovery Key (a key used for recovering data encrypted on a BitLocker volume) or the Recovery Password (numerical password), so that an authorized user can still access the system in case of a security, hardware, or other failure.











C:\Documents and Settings\Computer_Id\Application Data\Skype\brad.glisson

Phone Call Records

File Transfer Activity

Display Icons

Contact List

Voice Messages

Profile Information

Log file indicates the type of data being tracked and the size of the log

Chatmsg256.dbb

Chatmsg512.dbb

Chatmsg1024.dbb

Chatmsg2048.dbb

Chatmsg4096.dbb

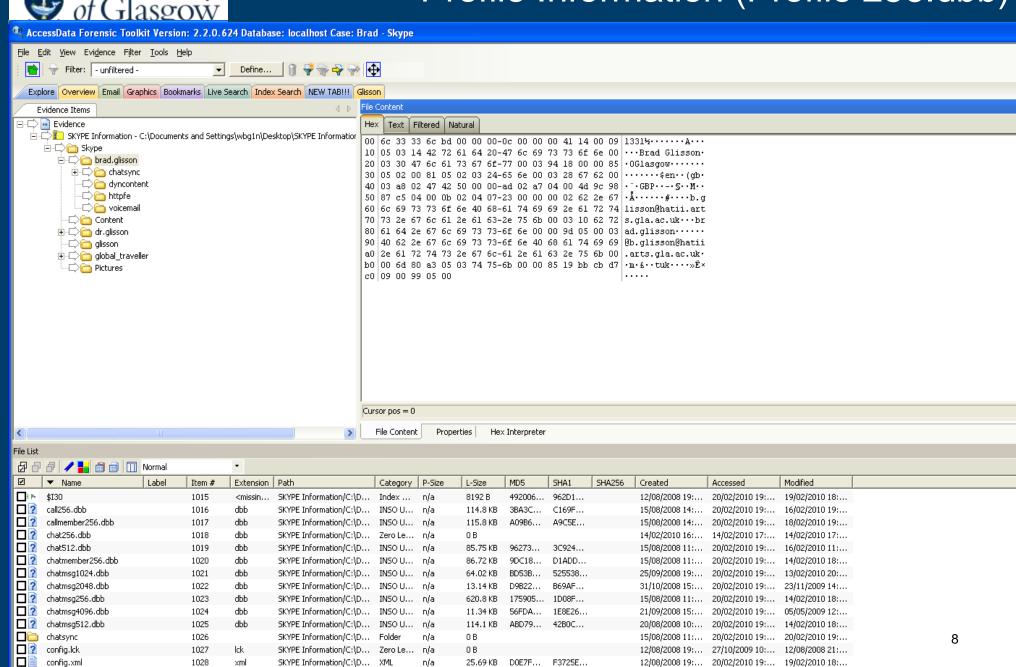
The numbers represent the size of the record entry not the actual file size



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Profile Information (Profile 256.dbb)

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SKYPE Information (C:\(\D\)... INSO II...



Lots of Issues in Mobile forensics

- Manufactures constantly updating and changing firmware
- Manufactures changing the way individual makes and models handled memory storage
- Different manufactures approach to memory storage
- Increasing phone functionality Pace of Technology
 - iPhone overtaken by Android in the US
 - Mobile forensics is rapidly becoming a hot topic in the global digital forensics environment. This is, largely, due "to 4.1 billion mobile subscriptions in the world, a global penetration rate of 61.1 percent".

Pearce, James Quintana. *Report: 4.1 Billion Mobile Subscribers Worldwide Helps Reduce Digital Divide (Slightly)* http://moconews.net/article/419-4.1-billion-mobile-subscribers-mobile-helping-reduce-digital-divide-sli/.

 Couple this information with the fact that the iPod Touch [15] and the iPhone are becoming part of the military issued kit.

Mark, Roy. Military Coders Deploy iPod Touch, iPhone on Duty. http://www.pdfzone.com/.



- Does the archivist have an obligation to recover as much information as is possible from the digital media?
- Does the increase of quantity of data potentially contribute to the an increase in knowledge in the field of Digital Curation?
- Under what conditions would it be beneficial for collecting institutions to copy entire drives, i.e. all of the bits, rather than only copying the live files from the drives?
- Are current practices of collecting institutions practical from a business perspective?
- How often, and under what conditions, will the processes and storage arrangements of collecting institutions need to be upheld in a court of law?



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Hardware Documentation & Chain of Custody

Documentation of the handling of original media

Where it was stored?

Who had access to it?

What was done to it?

- No information has been added, deleted or altered in the copying or analysis
- A complete copy of the evidence is made and verified
- A reliable copying process is used
- Ensure all relevant data is copied
- All media is secured

Serial Numbers & Manufacture Information & any information displayed on the outside of the drive

The idea is to provide documentation demonstrating preservation of data integrity.



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Bit Stream Copy & Authentication

A bit-stream copy of the removable media copies every bit on the source drive.

- Clone bootable copy of the drive
- Forensic Image bit-stream copy is saved to an image file

Authentication - typically done through the execution of a oneway hash on both devices to verify that they are identical

- Hashes are used to uniquely identify a specific file. The hash value generated from a file becomes its "digital fingerprint".
- Message-Digest algorithm 5 (MD5) and Secure Hash Algorithm (SHA) are the two most common hash algorithms used in computer forensics.



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Information Storage & Drive Wiping

Wipe Target Drive

Many companies promote a US Department of Defense (DOD) standard on this topic. However, the 2006 National Industry Security Program Operating Manual (that is also referenced as the DOD 5220.22-M) does not specify the number of passes required to achieve sanitation [4].

Defense Security Service (DSS) - "DSS will no longer approve overwriting procedures for the sanitization or downgrading (e.g. release to lower level classified information controls) of IS storage devices (e.g., hard drives) used for classified processing" [5]

Current Research "...that correctly wiped data cannot reasonably be retrieved even if it is of a small size or found only over small parts of the hard drive" [6]

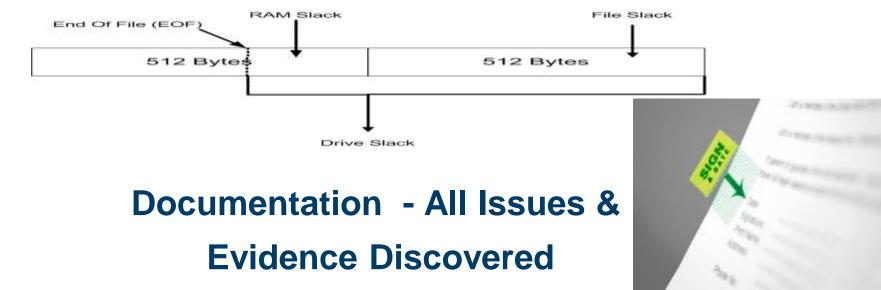


Drive Analysis and Detailed Reporting

Active files are readily identifiable and can be accessed with the appropriate software and, in some cases, the required security information.

Inactive files can be located by carving the unallocated space and slack space off of the drive.

- Cluster Grouping of sectors used to save data by the OS.
- Drive Slack Composed of unused space in a cluster between the end of an active file and the end of a cluster
- Ram Slack Composed of the unused space between the end of the File (EOF) and the end of the sector
- File Slack Comprised of unused space in sectors until the end of the cluster (EOC)



Data Keys Commonly Use FAT

Deletion of a file:

- 1. The first character of the file is replaced with a non-readable character
- 2. The FAT entries linking the sector clusters are zeroed out.

If additional data has been saved to the system after a file has been deleted, the old data may have been over written.

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Examination of the current process used in the field of digital curation

- Conducting survey inquiries with collecting institutions in several different countries.
- The investigation and development of a digital recovery methodology specifically for use in digital curation.
- A targeted educational effort toward librarians and archivists on relevant tools and the operation of specific file systems
- Followed by empirical studies of the practicality and effectiveness of the developed methodologies to meet the needs of collecting institutions and their target user communities

