Anti-Forensics

Considering a career in Computer Forensics?

Don’t quit your day job…….

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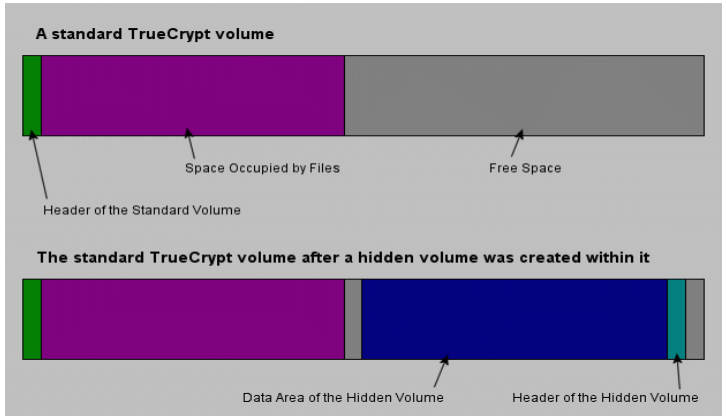
What We Will Cover

- **Encryption**
  - Plausible Deniability
  - Windows Vista
- **Steganography - Use and Detection**
- **Hiding Collections of Pictures**
- **Disk Wiping – The Tools Are Getting Scarily Good**
- **What Good are Known Good/Bad Signatures**
- **MetaSploit**
  - Slacker – Hide tons of data encrypted in slack
  - Timestomp – So much for MAC
  - Transmorgify – One Click Defense
  - Samjuicer – No More DLL Injection
- **Advanced Anti-Forensics – Everything Happens in RAM**
- **Linux Anti-Forensics – Hide Where The Tools Don't Look**

Encryption

- **Encryption is a forensic analysis's nightmare**
  - A handful of advances – PRTK,EFS Tools, Rainbow Tables etc
  - It is only a matter of time before the bad guys adopt current technology encryption
  - Current offerings provide for multiple levels of "Plausible Deniability"
    - Create a hidden encrypted volume within an encrypted volume
      - Bad guy gives up the password to the first level only
      - Second level remains hidden and looks like random data within the volume (undetectable)



TrueCrypt Is Also Stealthy

- **Settings are not stored in the registry**
- **Uses a "key file" rather then a crypto key**
  - Which of the thousands of files on the image did the bad guy use as the key file?
- **Improvements to plausible deniability**
  - Uses LRW to replace CRW eliminating any possible detection of non random data within an image
- **Creates a virtual encrypted disk within a file and mounts it as a disk**

Gaining In Popularity

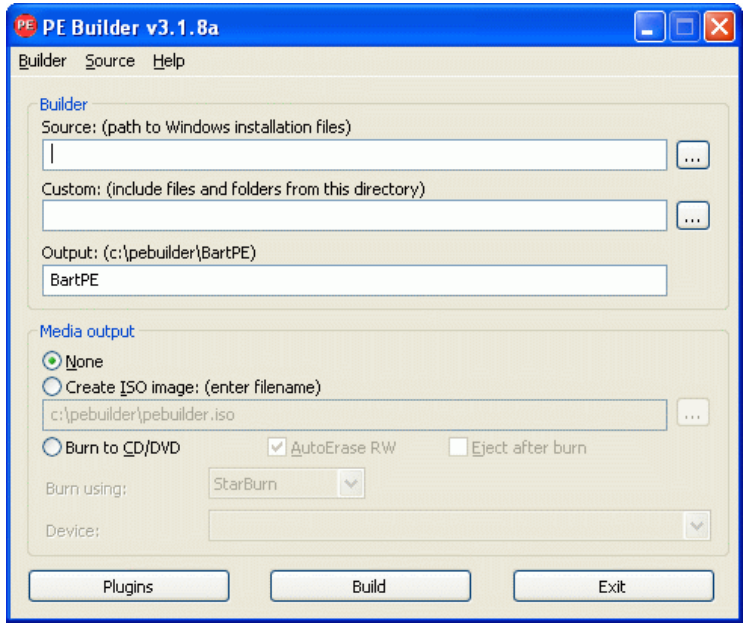
Total Number of Downloads 657,121

Average Downloads per Day 1,135

"Traveler" mode with BartPE

With Out A Trace

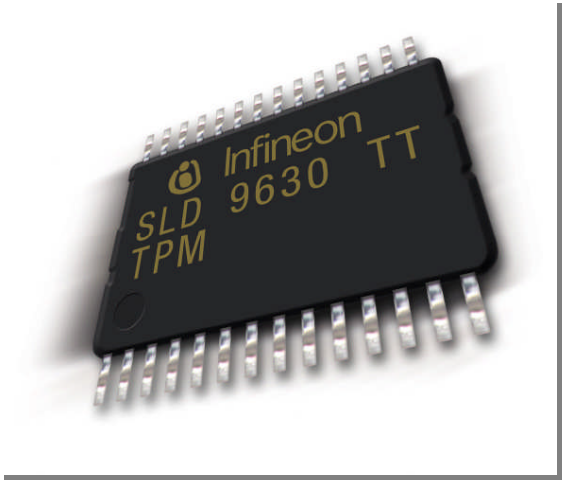
- **Create an XP bootable CD**
- **Boot from the CD and create an encrypted environment on the HD**
- **No trace on the PC**



Trusted Platform Module

TPM Chip Version 1.2

- **Hardware present in the computer, e.g. a chip on the motherboard**
- **Securely stores credentials, such as a private key of a machine certificate and is crypto-enabled**
  - Effectively, the essence of a smart smartcard
- **TPM can be used to request digital signing of code and files and for mutual authentication of devices**
- **See www.trustedcomputinggroup.org**

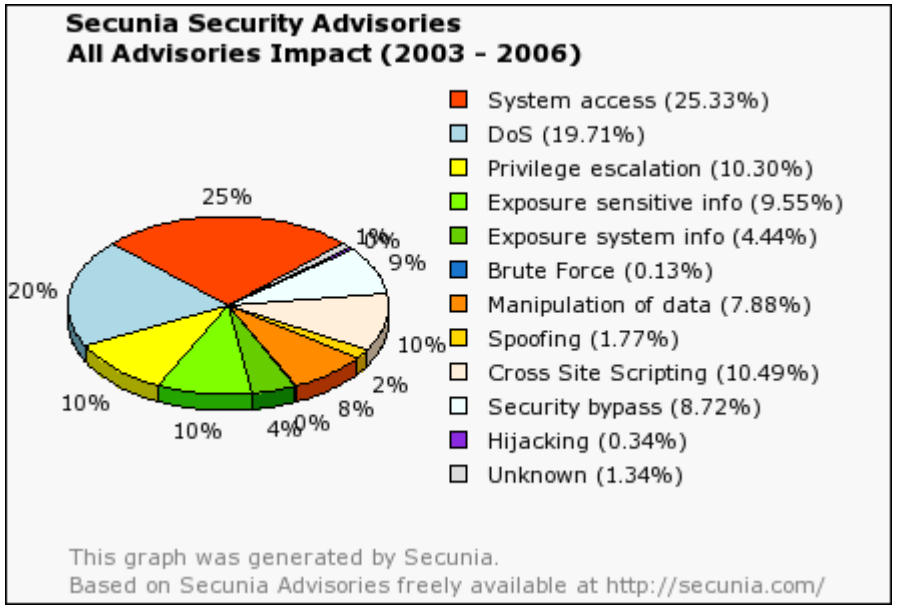


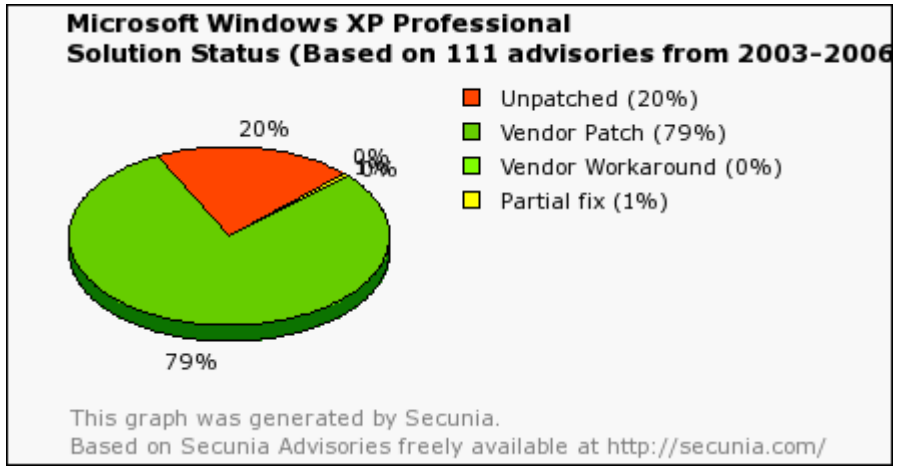
Full Volume Encryption

Bitlocker™ FVE

- **FVE strongly encrypts and signs the entire hard drive**
  - TPM chip provides key management
  - Can use additional protection factors such as a USB dongle, PIN or password
- **Any unauthorised off-line modification to your data or OS is discovered and no access is granted**
  - Prevents attacks which use utilities that access the hard drive while Windows is not running and enforces Windows boot process
- **Protection against data loss when machine (laptop) has been stolen**
- **Essential part of the Secure Startup**
  - Plan data recovery strategy carefully!
- **UK Backdoor Fun**

No Backdoor Effort Needed from MS



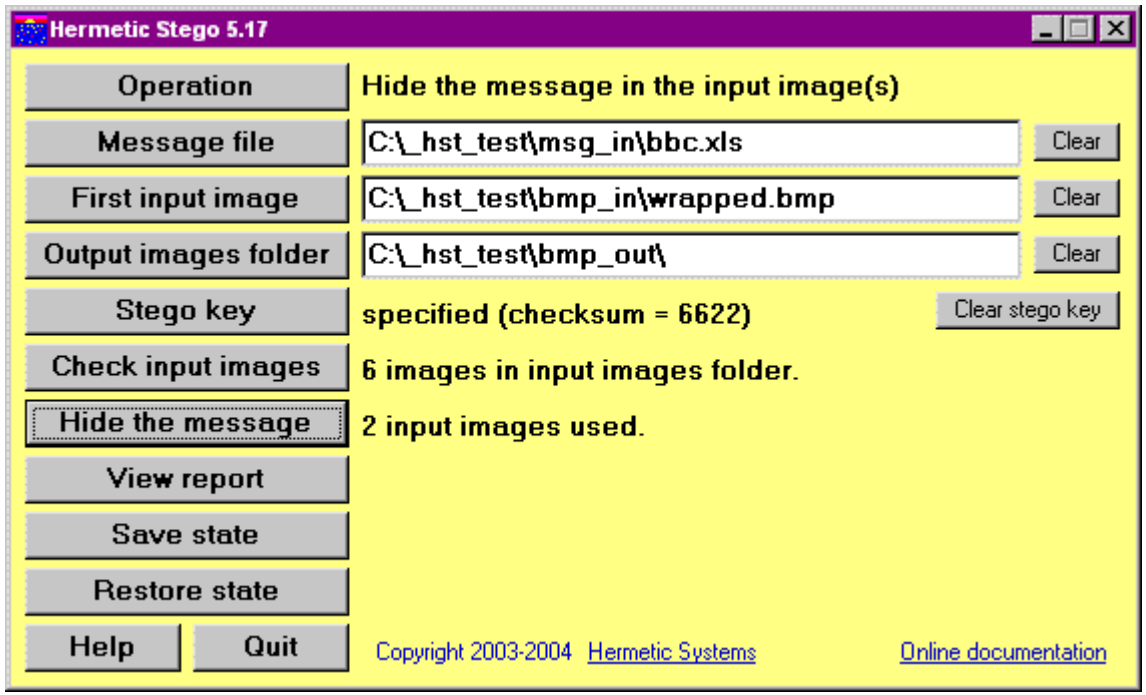


Free On The Fly Encryption

- FreOTFE
- TrueCrypt
- Cryptainer LE
- CryptoExpert 2004 Lite
- CompuSec
- E4M Disk Encryption
- Scramdisk Encryption

Steganography

- Hiding data in graphic or audio files

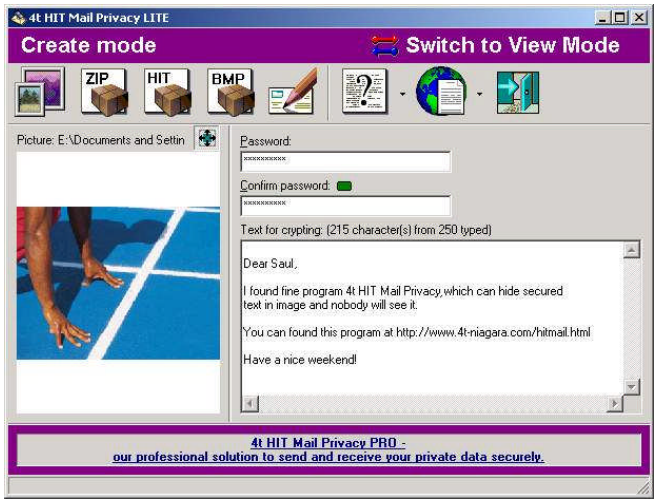


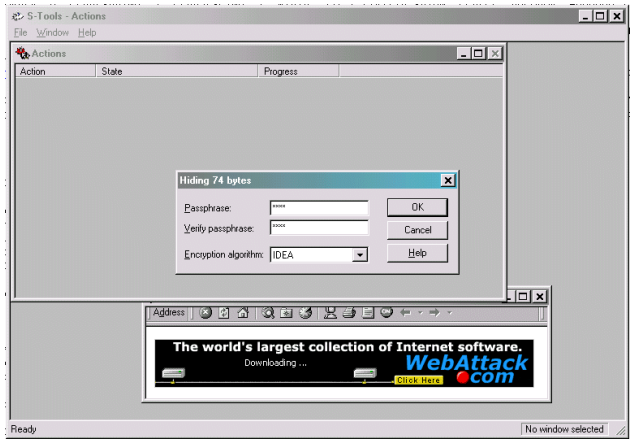
OutGuess

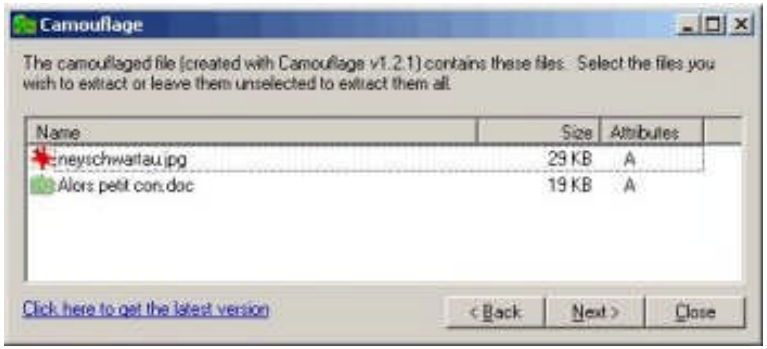
- **Preserves statistics based on frequency counts**
  - Statistical tests based on frequency counts are unable to detect data within an image

Free Steganography

- **S-Tools**
- **4t HIT Mail Privacy Lite**
- **Camouflage**

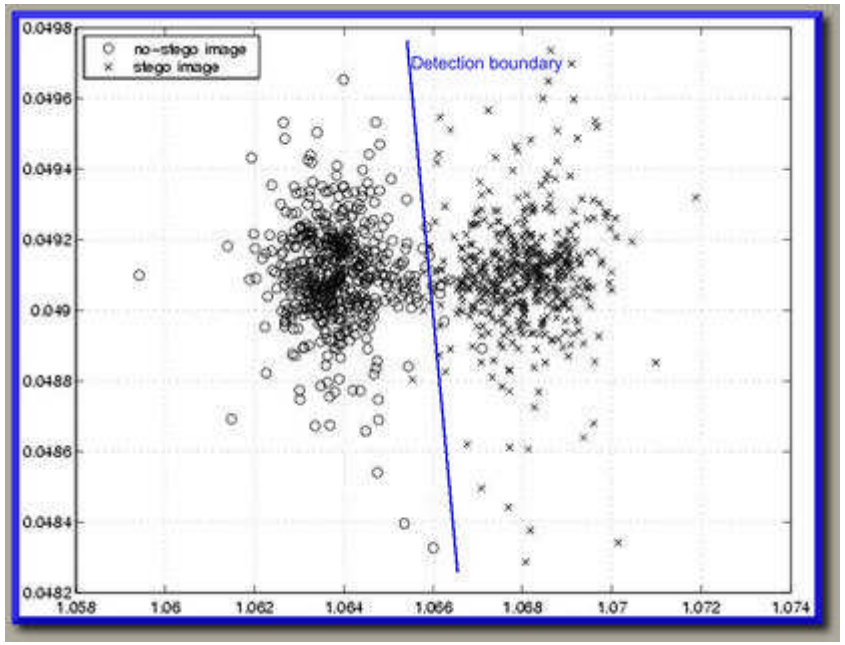






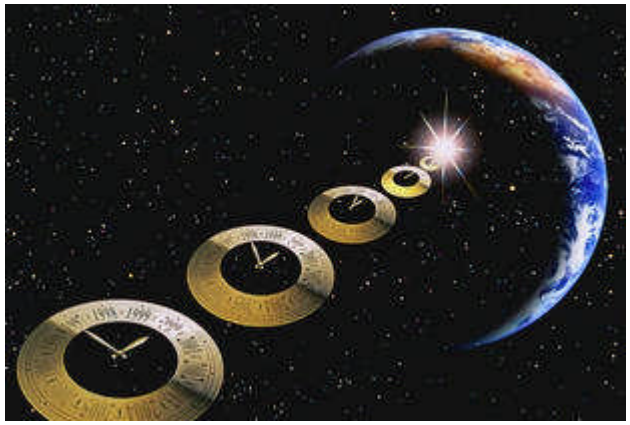
Stegdetect

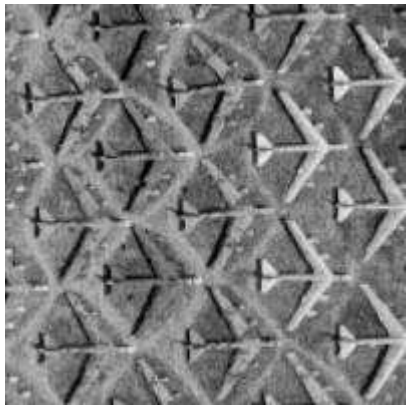
- **Automated detection of data within an image**
- **Works against:**
  - Jsteg
  - Jphide
  - Invisible secrets
  - Outguess
  - F5
  - appendixX and Comouflage



Media Hype - ABC

- **$ stegdetect sovereigntime.jpg sovereigntime.jpg : jsteg(***) $ stegbreak -tj -f wordlist sovereigntime.jpg Loaded 1 files... sovereigntime.jpg : jsteg(abc) Processed 1 files, found 1 embeddings. Time: 1 seconds: Cracks: 1156, 1156.0 c/s**





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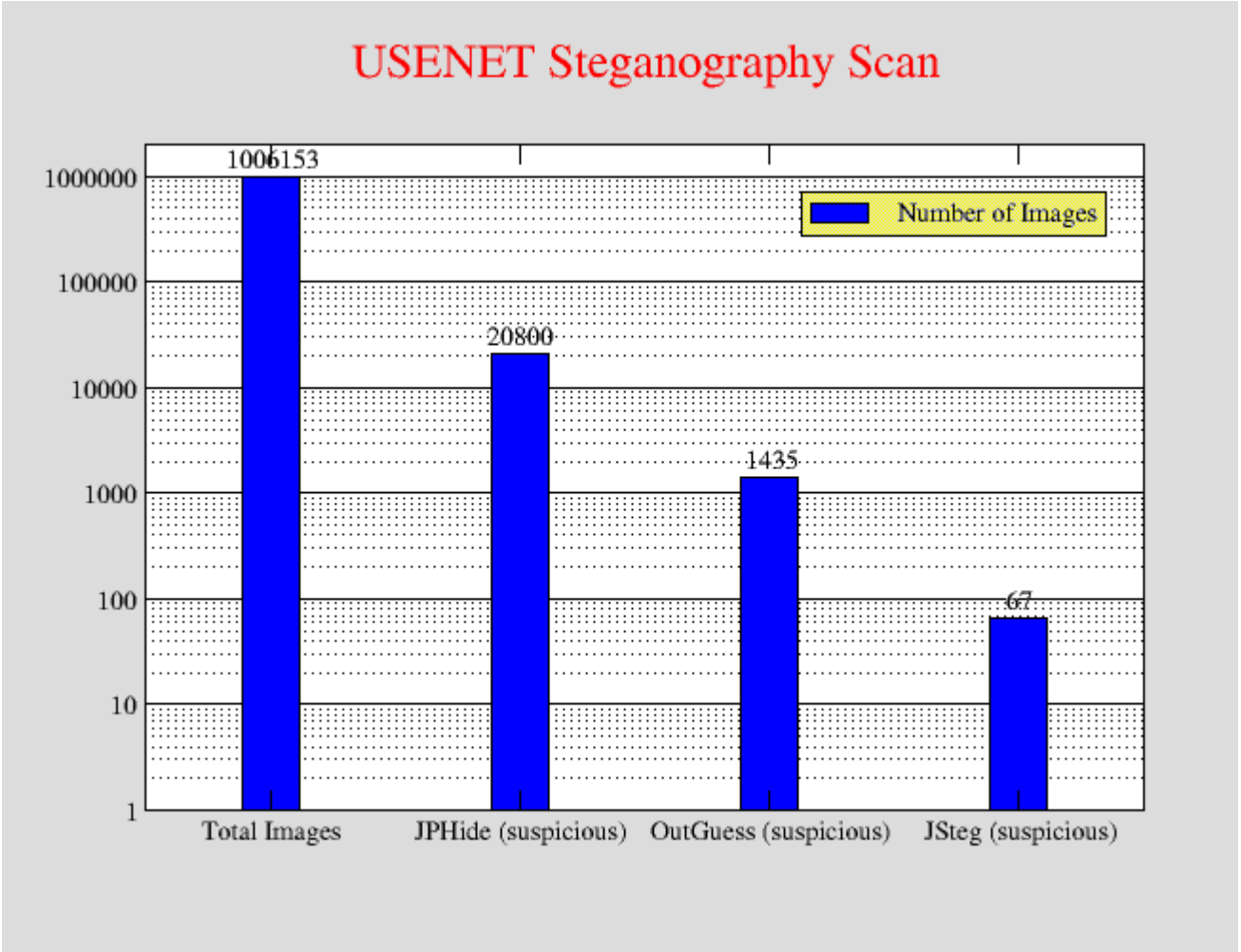
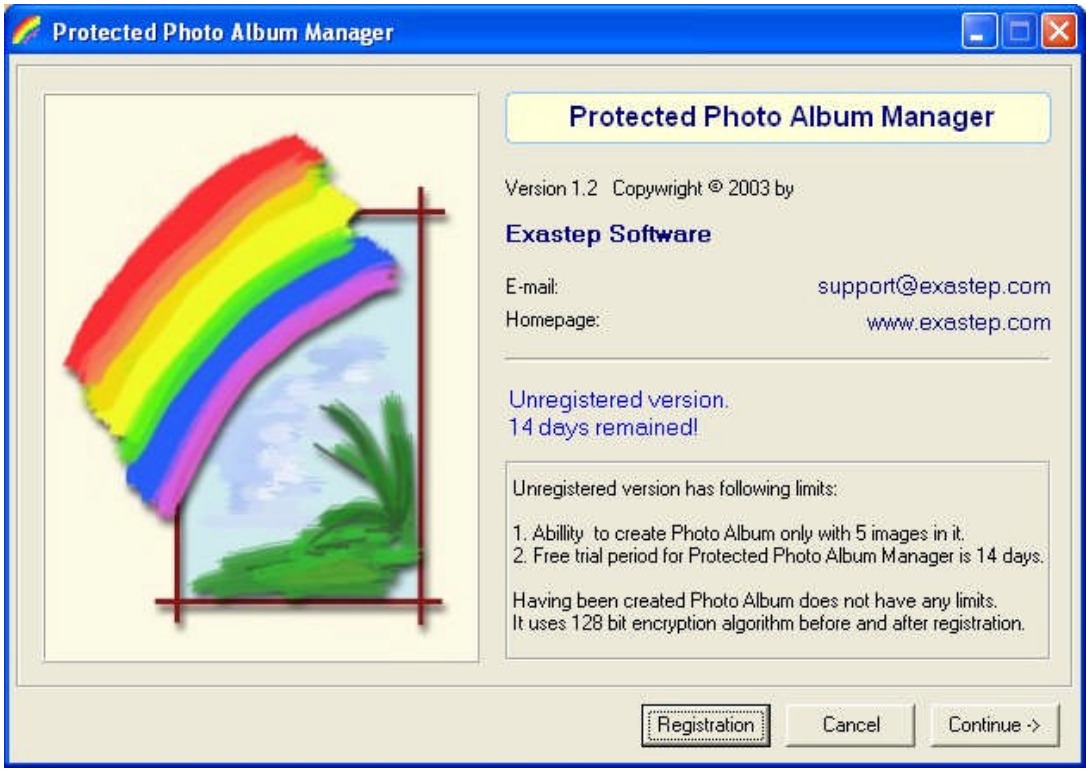


Reality on USENET

- **Processing the one million images with stegdetect results in about 20,000 suspicious images.**
- **They launched a dictionary attack on the JSteg and JPHide positive images.**
  - The dictionary has a size of 1,800,000 words and phrases. The disconcert cluster used to distribute the dictionary attack has a peak performance of roughly 87 GFLOPS.
- ***However, they have not found a single hidden message.***

Old Trick – New Twist

- **Instead of hiding a malicious exe within a picture how about hiding pictures within an encrypted exe**



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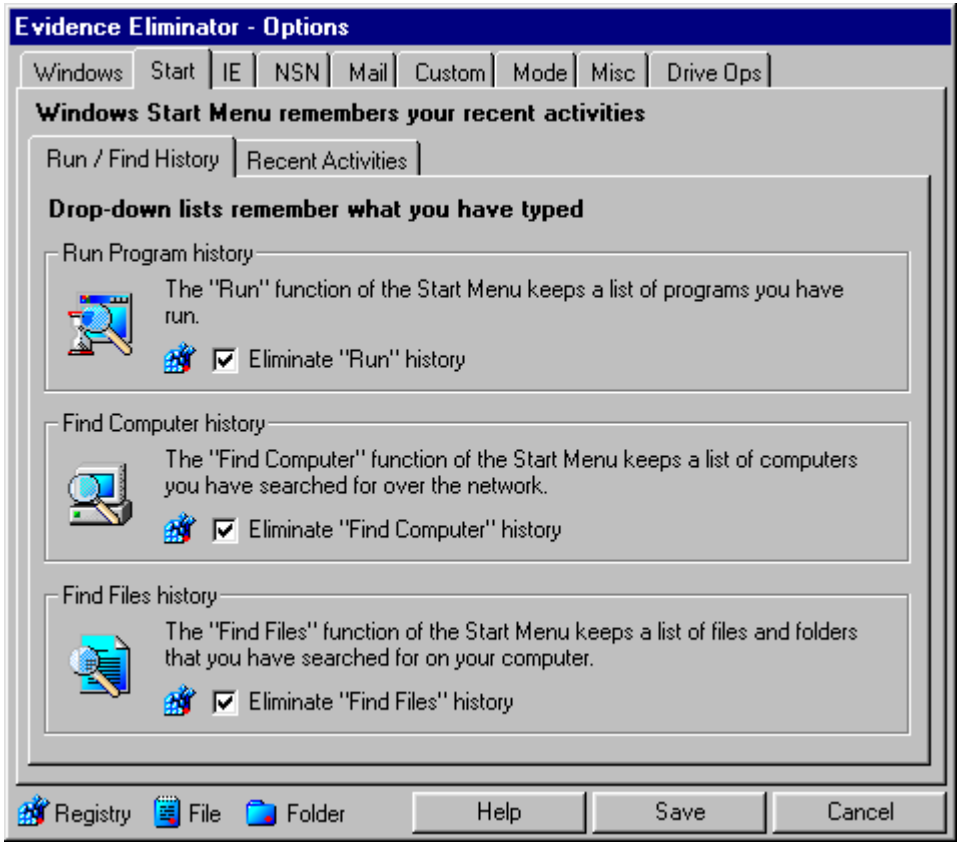

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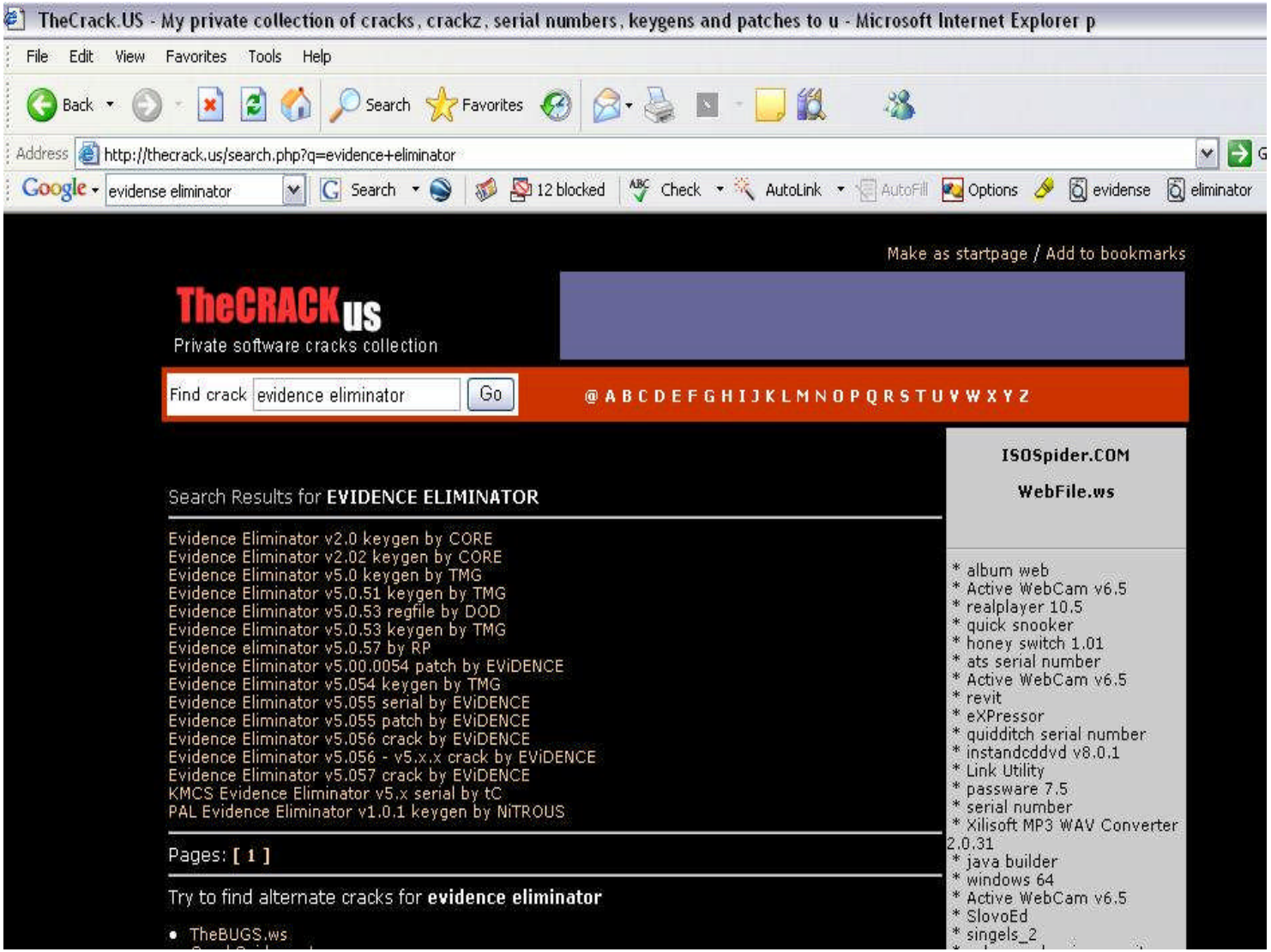
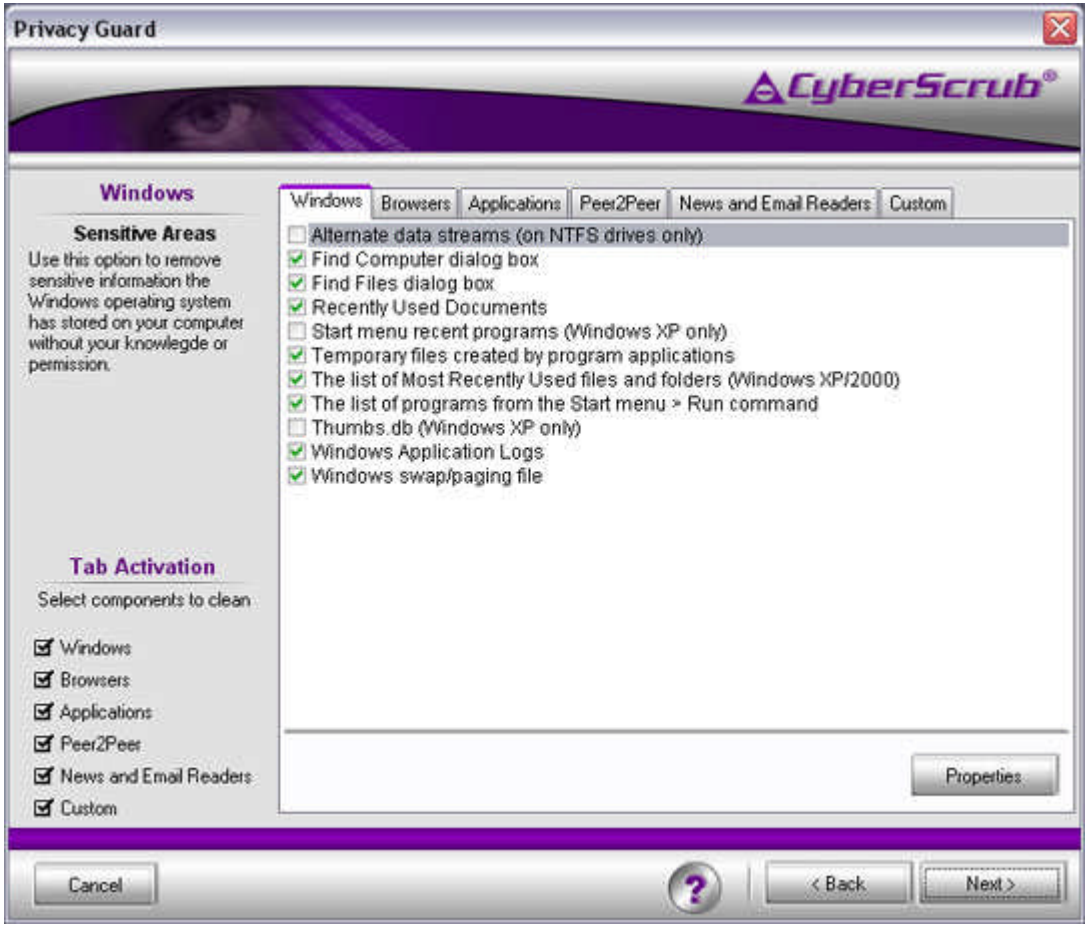
Evidence Eliminator

- Windows SWAP file
- Windows Application logs
- Windows Temporary Files
- Windows Recycle Bin
- Windows Registry Backups
- Windows Clipboard Data
- Start Menu Recent Documents history
- Start Menu Run history
- Start Menu Find Files History
- Start Menu Find Computer History
- Start Menu Order Data
- Start Menu Click History
- Microsoft Internet Explorer temporary typed URLs, index files, cache and history
- Microsoft Internet Explorer AutoComplete memory of form posts and passwords
- Microsoft Internet Explorer Cookies (Selective cookie keeping for versions 5 and above)
- Microsoft Internet Explorer Internet components (Selective keeping of components)
- Microsoft Internet Explorer Download Folder memory
- Microsoft Internet Explorer Favorites List
- Microsoft Outlook Express v5+ database of (Selective keeping of mail and news groups)
- Windows Media Player History
- Windows Media Player PlayLists in Media Library
- America OnLine Instant Messenger contacts
- Netscape Navigator temporary typed URLs, files, cache and history.
- Netscape Navigator Cookies (Selective cookie keeping for versions 4 and above)
- Netscape Mail v4+ sent and deleted e-mails
- Netscape Mail hidden files
- Customizable lists of files and folders, with or without their contents
- Customizable scan lists of file types in specific folders
- Customizable scan lists of file types on all drives
- Deleted filenames, sizes and attributes from drive directory structures
- Free cluster space ("Slack") from all file tips
- Magnetic remenance from underneath existing files/folders
- All free unallocated space on all hard drives
- Evidence of activity in many other programs, using Plug-In modules
- Slack space and deleted entries in the Windows registry
- Created and modified dates and times on all files and folders
- Windows Registry Streams
- Common Dialog load/save location history
- Instant secure deletes of Windows registry data (NT4/2000/XP)

The Bad Guys Won't Pay For It



Disk Wiping


Privacy Guard
CyberScrub®
Windows
Sensitive Areas
Use this option to remove sensitive information the Windows operating system has stored on your computer without your knowlegde or permission.
Tab Activation
Select components to clean
Windows
Browsers
Applications
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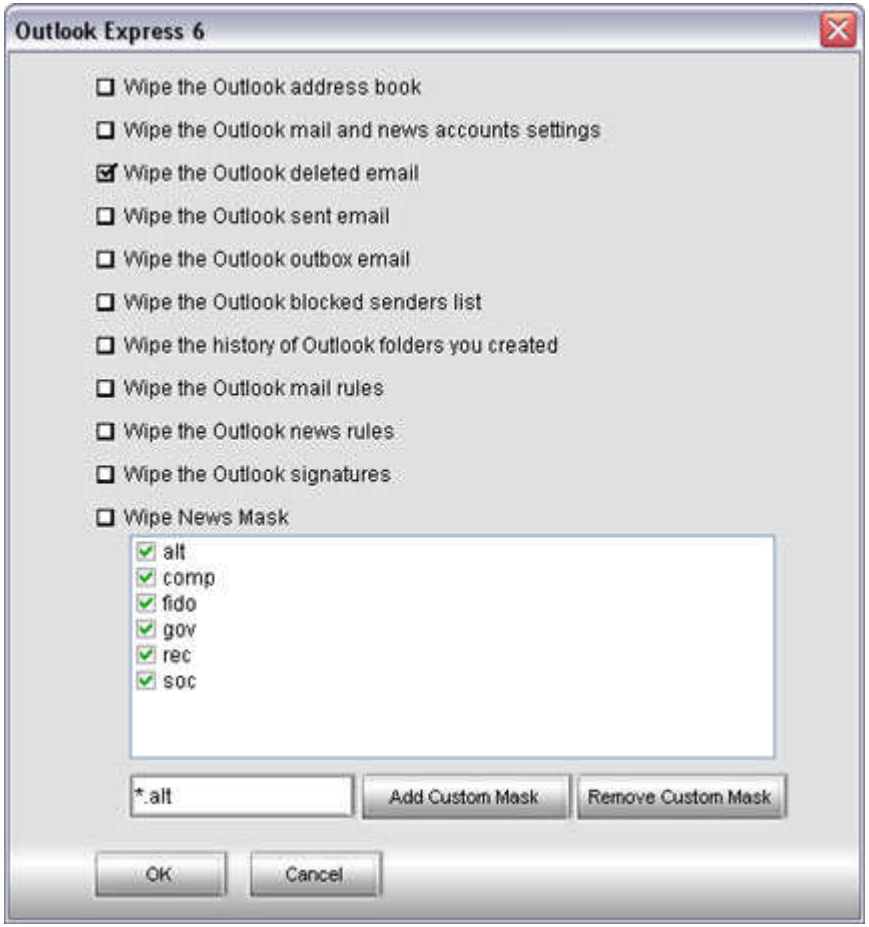
Alternate data streams (on NTFS drives only)
Find Computer dialog box
Find Files dialog box
Recently Used Documents
Start menu recent programs (Windows XP only)
Temporary files created by program applications
The list of Most Recently Used files and folders (Windows XP/2000)
The list of programs from the Start menu > Run command
Thumbs.db (Windows XP only)
Windows Application Logs
Windows swap/paging file
Properties
Cancel
< Back
Next >

Wipes Deeper Then Ever



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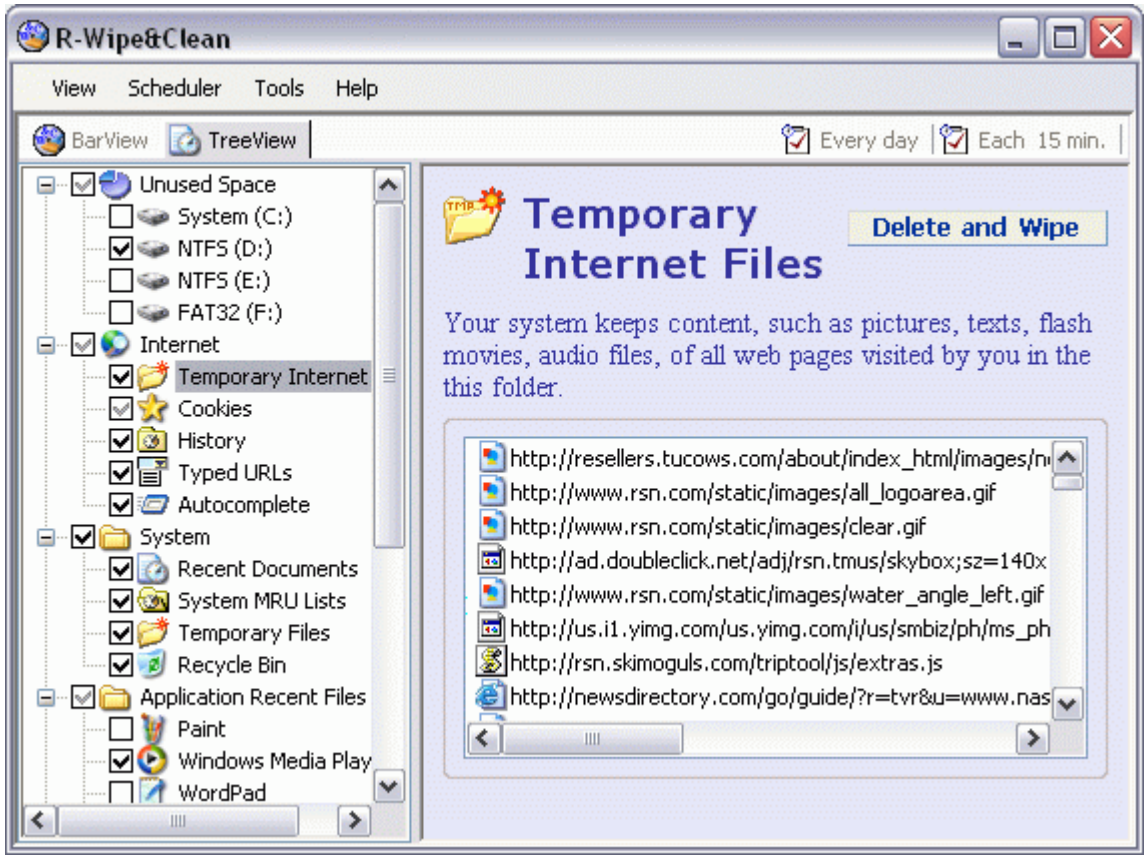
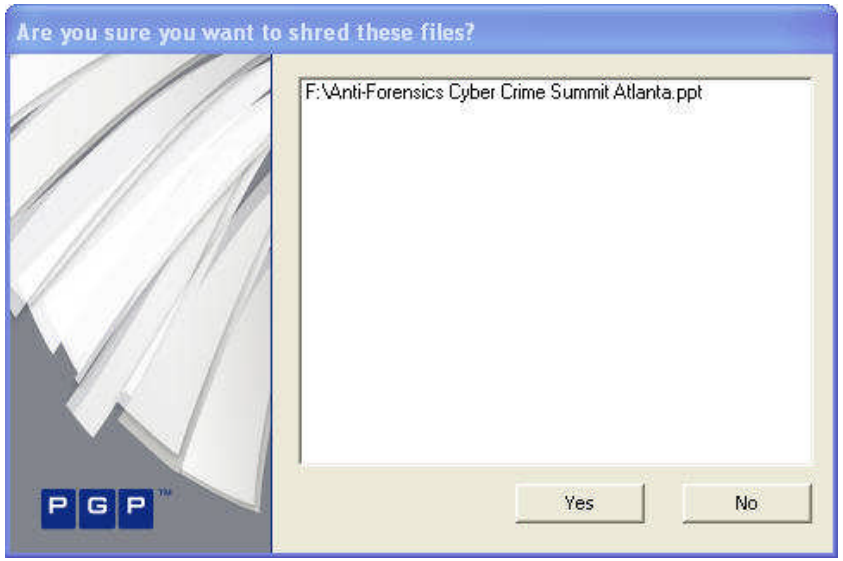


PGP hmmmmm



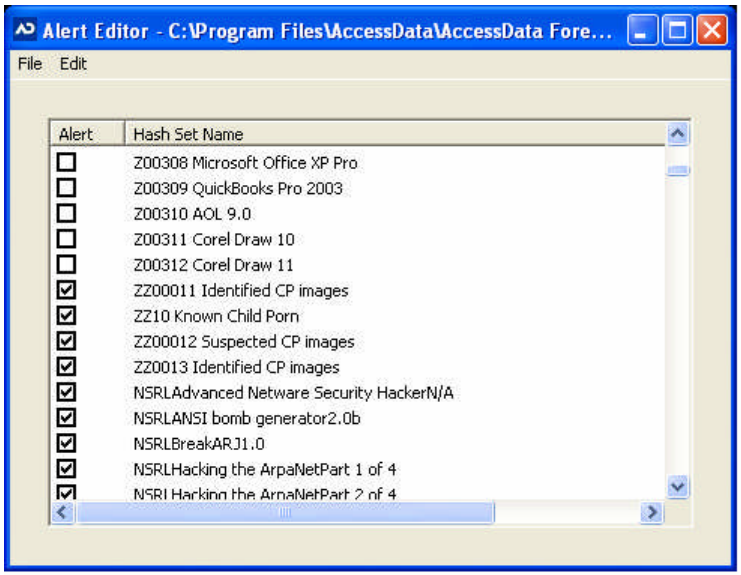
- **Wiping small files: Wiping small files (under 1 K) on some NTFS-formatted disks can leave remnants of the file behind due to an NTFS optimization that stores file data in internal data structures for very small files. These structures are not considered freespace even after deleting a file, and thus they also will not be wiped using PGP Desktop's Freespace Wipe feature. In addition, NTFS supports Journaling, which can save wiped file data in an internal operating system cache. For the highest security wiping on NTFS disks, we recommend starting your system from an OS on a different partition and using PGP Desktop's option in the Freespace Wipe feature to overwrite these NTFS data structures (the Wipe NTFS internal data structures checkbox). This does not affect FAT32 or other supported filesystems. [NBN]**

Other Popular Wiping Tools

- **srm,**
- **dban,**
- **Necrofile,**
- **Tracks Eraser Pro**

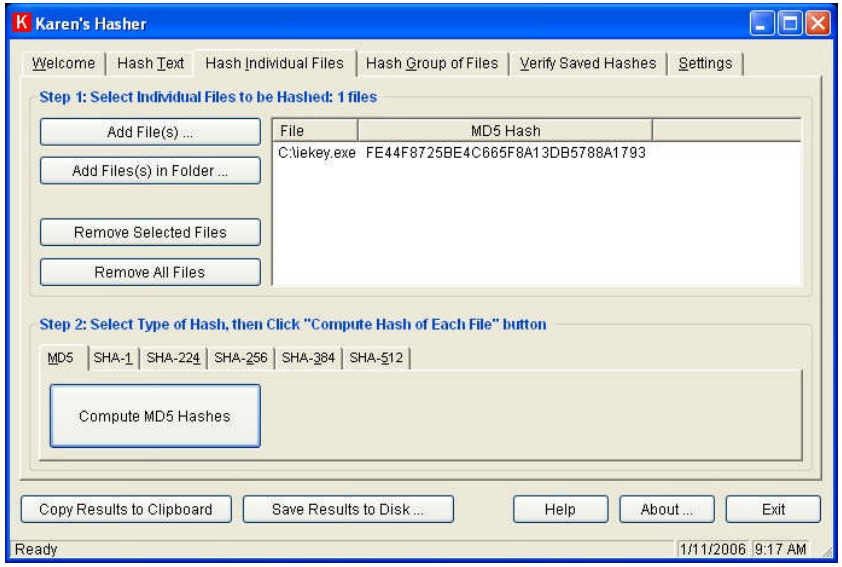
Signatures

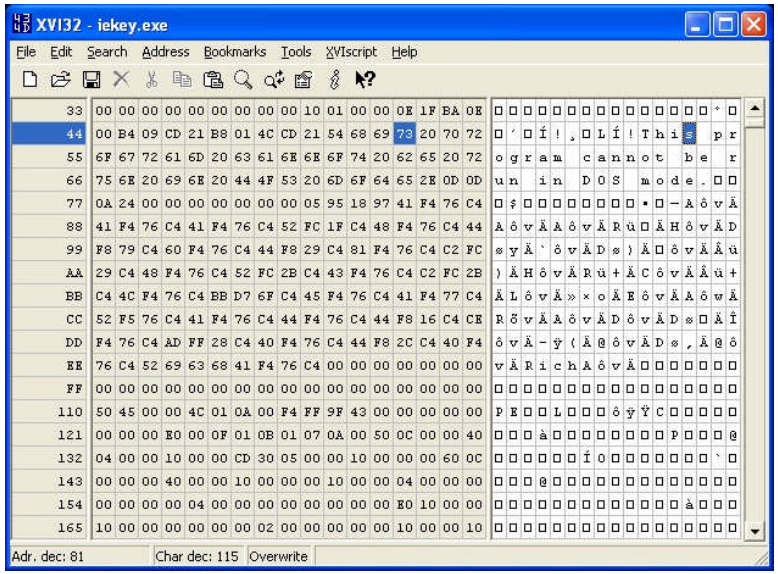
- **Examining hashes is a quick way to determine if specific files are or are not on the image that is being examined**
  - NIST – National Software Reference Library (NSRL)
    - Used to be known good – now simply known
  - Access Data – Has their own and also uses NSRL
  - Encase – Small collection but relies on NSRL



Signatures

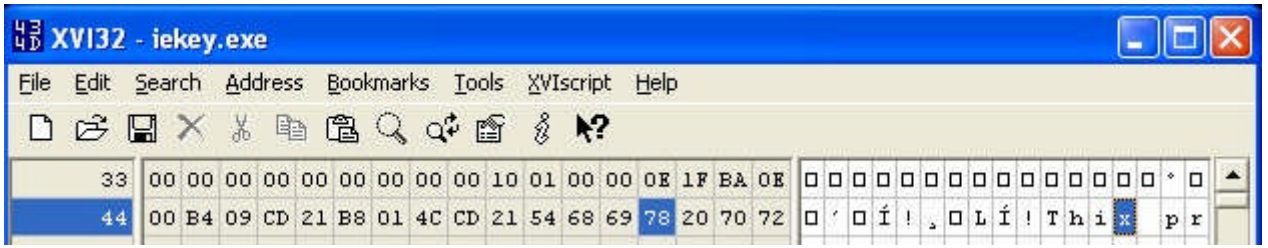
- **However altering a single byte will alter the hash but still leave a malicious program executable**





Unreliable

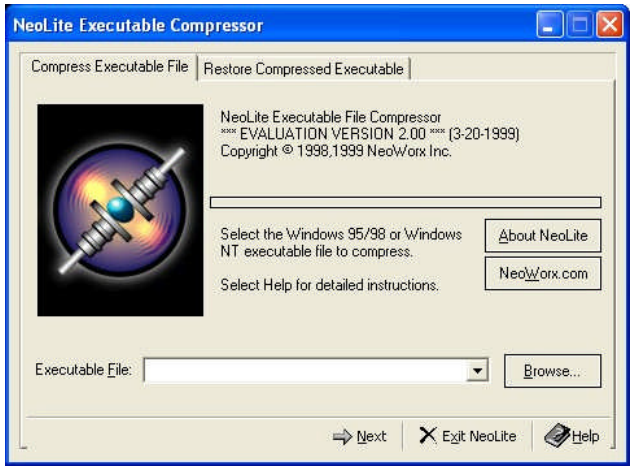
File	MD5 Hash
C:\iekey.exe	FE44F8725BE4C665F8A13DB5788A1793



File	MD5 Hash
C:\iekey.exe	9D8B073866C8F05273B9177629A77B97

EXE Packers

- **A Packer can change the signature of any exe file and render a search for a known MD5 useless**
- **The potentially malicious file will not be found with an antivirus scanner**



Available Packers

- Alloy 4.14
- Aspack 21
- Cexe NT only
- Diet
- Lzexe 1.00a
- Pack 1.0
- Pecompact 1.20
- Pecompact 1.23
- Petite21
- Petite22
- Pklite32
- Stoner_Compress
- Gui for several packers
- UPX101
- wWinlite
- WWpack 3.05b3
- ProTools

Binders

- **Binders combine two or more executable in to a single executable file**
- **Allows the bad guy to attach a Trojan, Key logger or other malicious program to a common exe file**
- **The resulting MD5 will not match a known bad database**
- **37 different free binders are downloadable at http://www.trojanfrance.com/index.php?dir=Binders/**

Downloadable Binders

Dropper Source Generator 0.1
Attach
Asylum Binder 1.0 by Slim
BigJack Joiner
Binder
Binding Suite
BladeJoiner 1.0 by Blade
BladeJoiner 1.5 by Blade
BladeJoiner 1.55 by Blade
Blade-Bogart Joiner
Blade-Stoner Joiner
Concealer
EliteWrap
Embedder 1.50
Exe Bind 1.0
Exe Maker
FC Binder
GoboWrap 1.0b
Infector 2.0
Infector 9.0
Juntador Beta
MultiBinder
PE-intro adder
Rat Packer
RNS Exe Joiner
SaranWrap
Senna Spy One Exe Maker
Senna Spy One Exe Maker 2000
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SilkRope 1.0
SilkRope 1.1
SilkRope 2.0
SilkRope2k
TOP 1.0 by DaRaT
TOP 2.0 by DaRaT
TOP 2.0 beta by DaRaT
TOP 2.1 by DaRaT
TOP 4.0 by DaRaT
TOP GUI by DaRaT
TOP GUI 2 by DaRaT
TrojanMan
WeirdBinder by Weird
X-Exejoiner and Icon changer by Lazarus
Zyon 1.0 multibinder
Sudden Discharge Compresso

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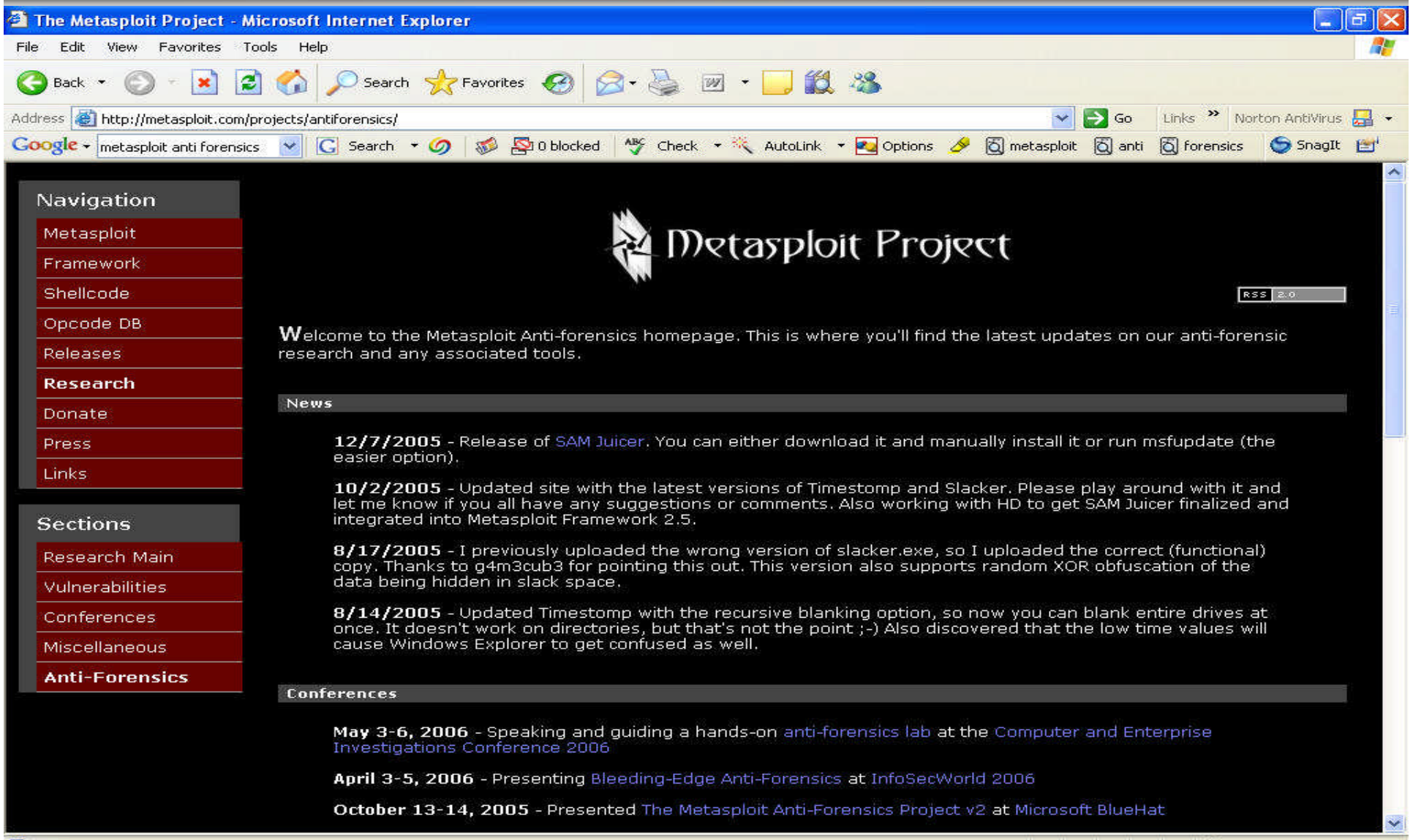

Timestomp

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TimeStomp Usage Information:
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If you mix a lot of options, the behavior is unpredictable. All times
should be entered in local time because the utility automatically
converts to UTC time.

TimeStomp <filename> [options]

        <filename>      the name of the file you wish to modify
                        you may need to surround the full path in ""
options:

        -m <date>       M, set the "last written" time of the file
        -a <date>       A, set the "last accessed" time of the file
        -c <date>       C, set the "created" time of the file
        -e <date>       E, set the "mft entry modified" time of the file
        -z <date>       set all four attributes (MACE) of the file

        <date>          "DayofWeek Month\Day\Year HH:MM:SS [AM|PM]"

        -f <src file>   set MACE of <filename> equal to MACE of <src file>
                        time stamps change, but file attributes are unchanged
        -b              set the MACE timestamps so that EnCase shows blanks
        -r              same as -b except it works recursively on a directory
                        (aka the Craig option)
        -v              show the UTC (non-local time) MACE values for <filename>


        -h              show this menu, help
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Metasploit

AntiForensics

Project

www.metasploit.com/projects/antiforensics/

uses the following Windows system calls:

- NtQueryInformationFile()
- NtSetInformationFile()

doesn't use

- SetFileTime()

Timestomp

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examples:

1) sets the "last written" attribute of targetfile.txt

       TimeStomp targetfile.txt -m "Monday 7/25/2005 5:15:55 AM"

2) sets all four MACE attributes of targetfile.txt

       TimeStomp targetfile.txt -z "Saturday 10/08/2005 2:34:56 PM"

3) set the MACE attributes of targetfile.txt equal to srcfile.exe

       TimeStomp targetfiletxt -f srcfile.exe

4) set the MACE attributes of targetfile.txt equal to values that EnCase doesn't
 know how to display

       TimeStomp targetfile.txt -b

5) show the MACE attributes of targetfile.txt

       TimeStomp targetfile.txt -v
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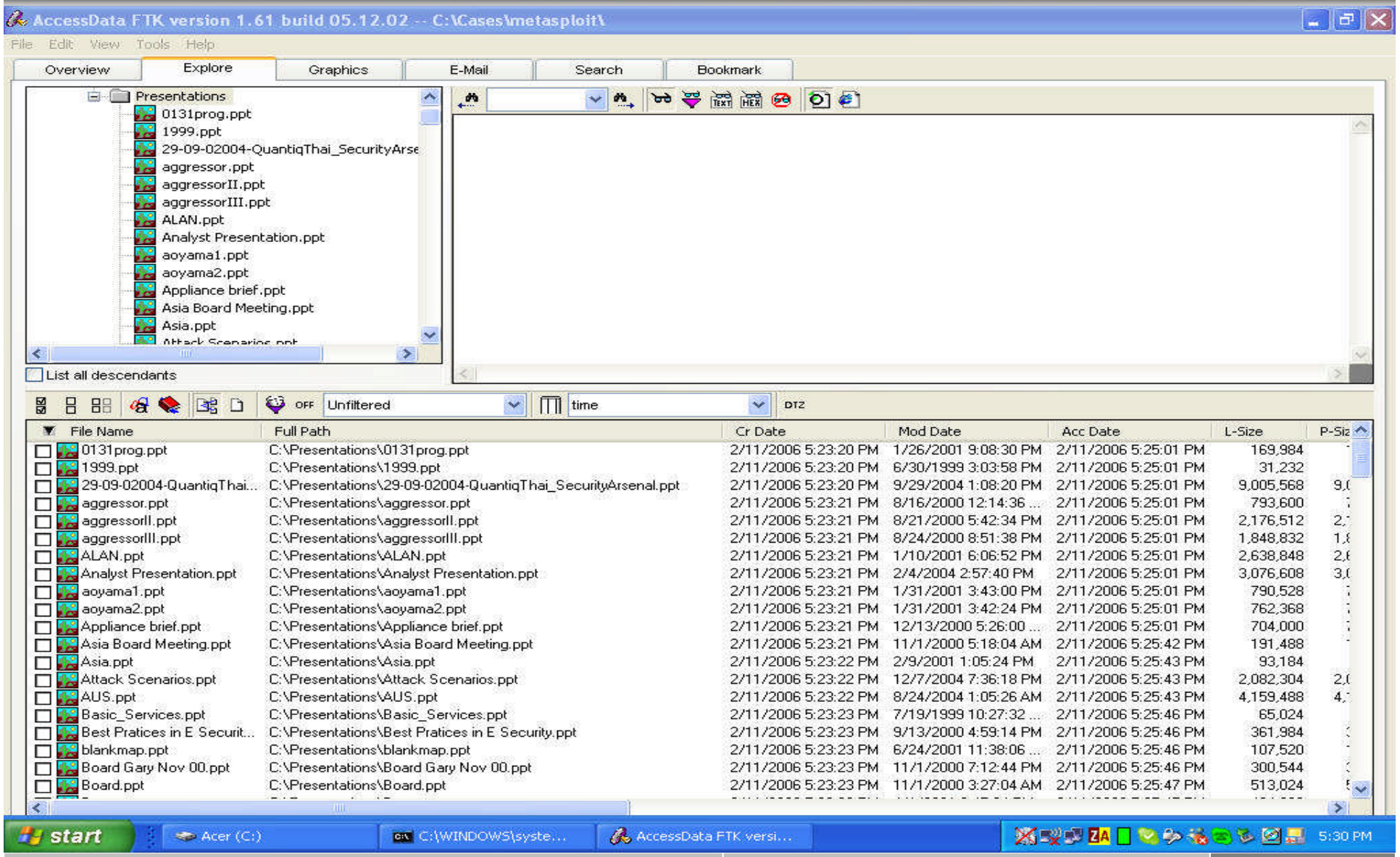
Timestomp – FTK Unmodified



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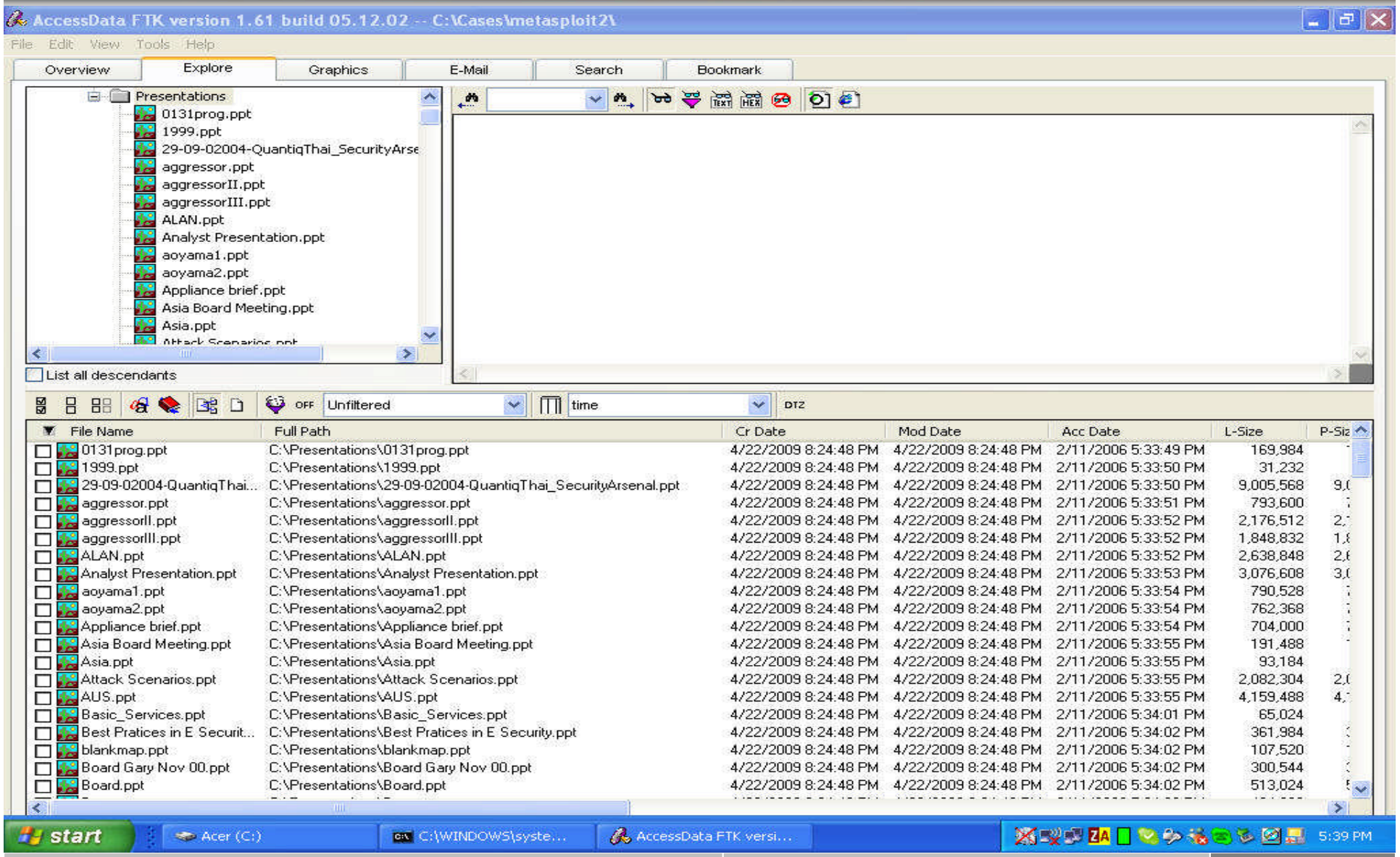

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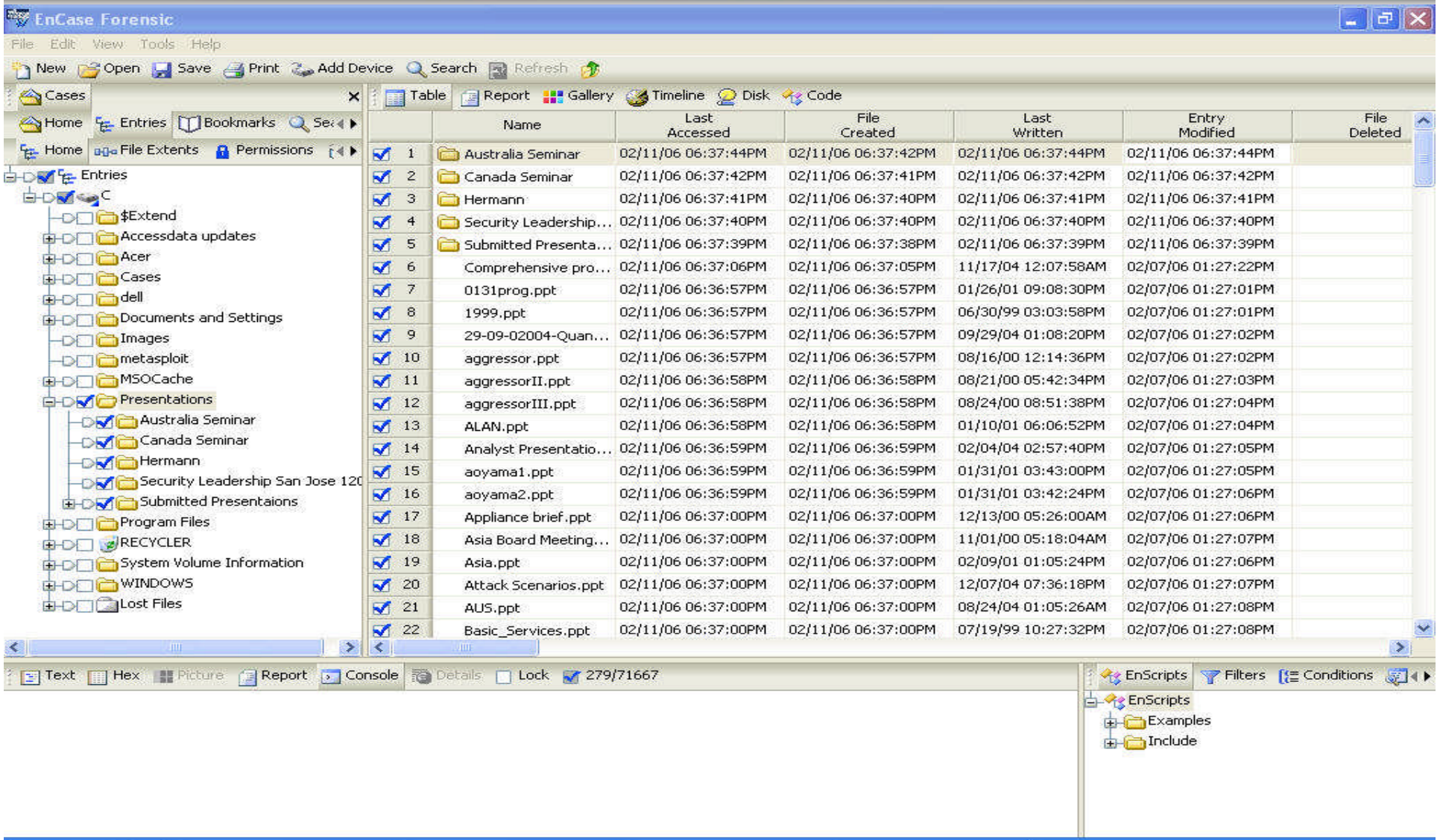
Timestomp – Encase Unmodified



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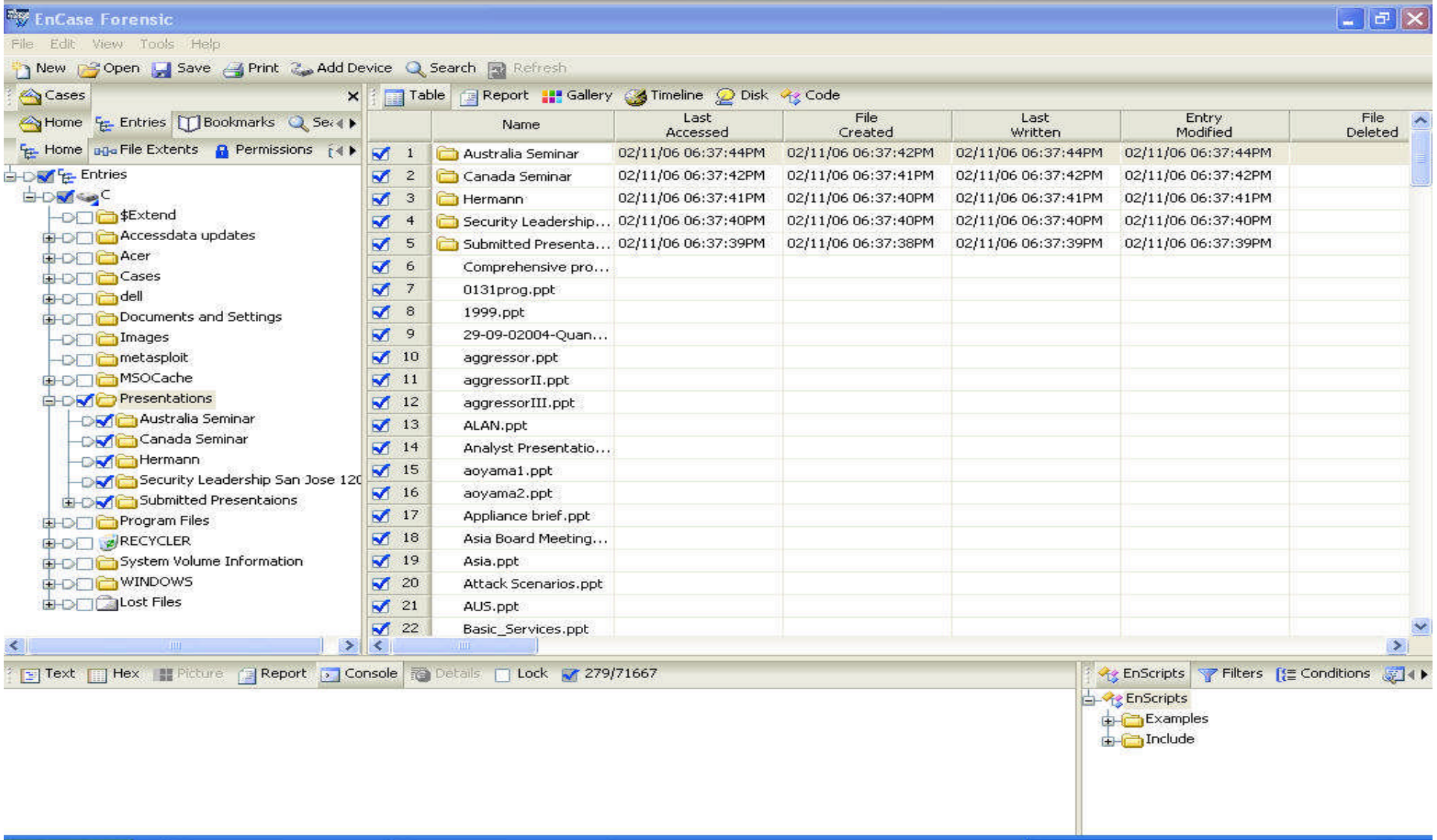

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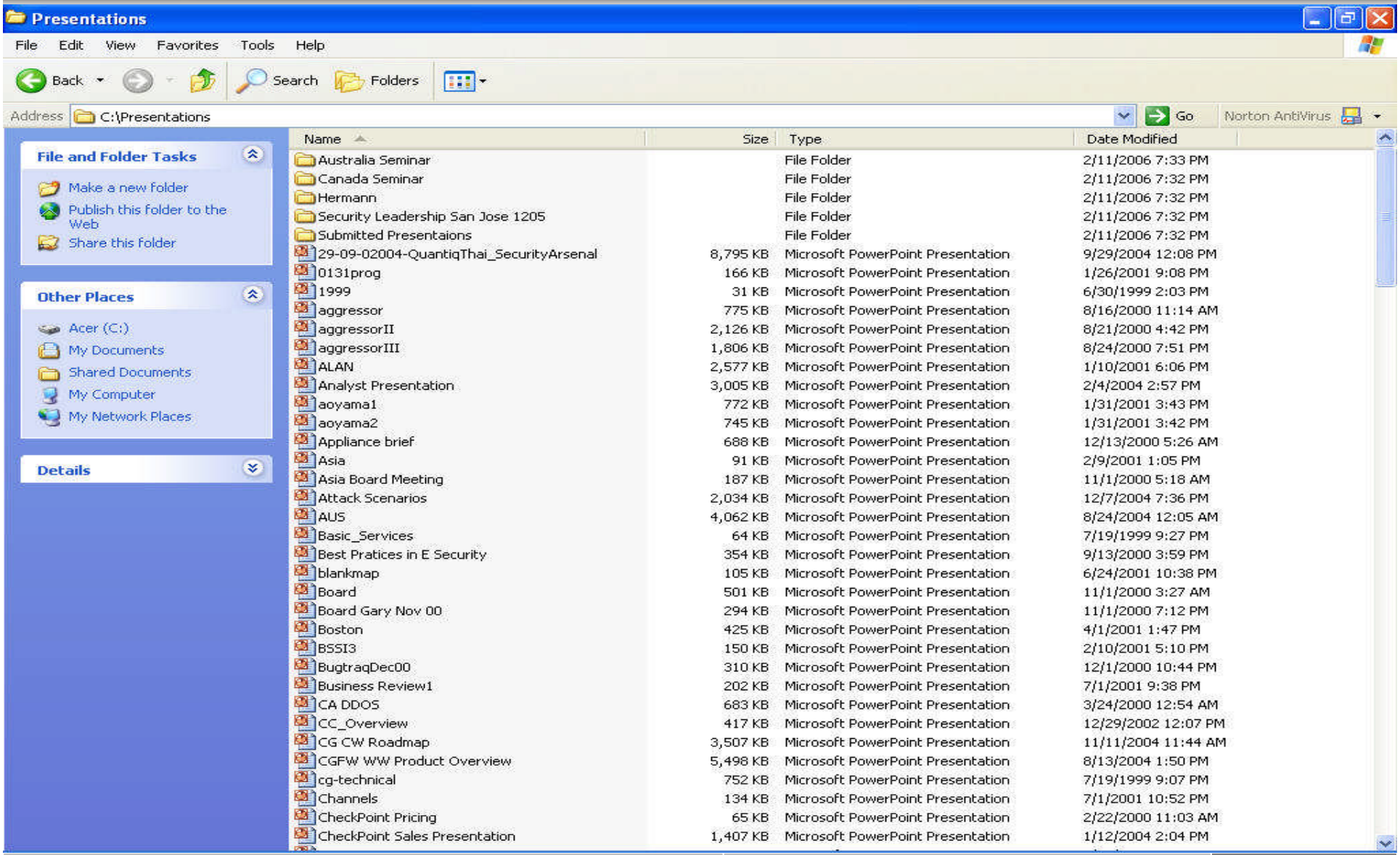
Timestomp – Explorer Unmodified



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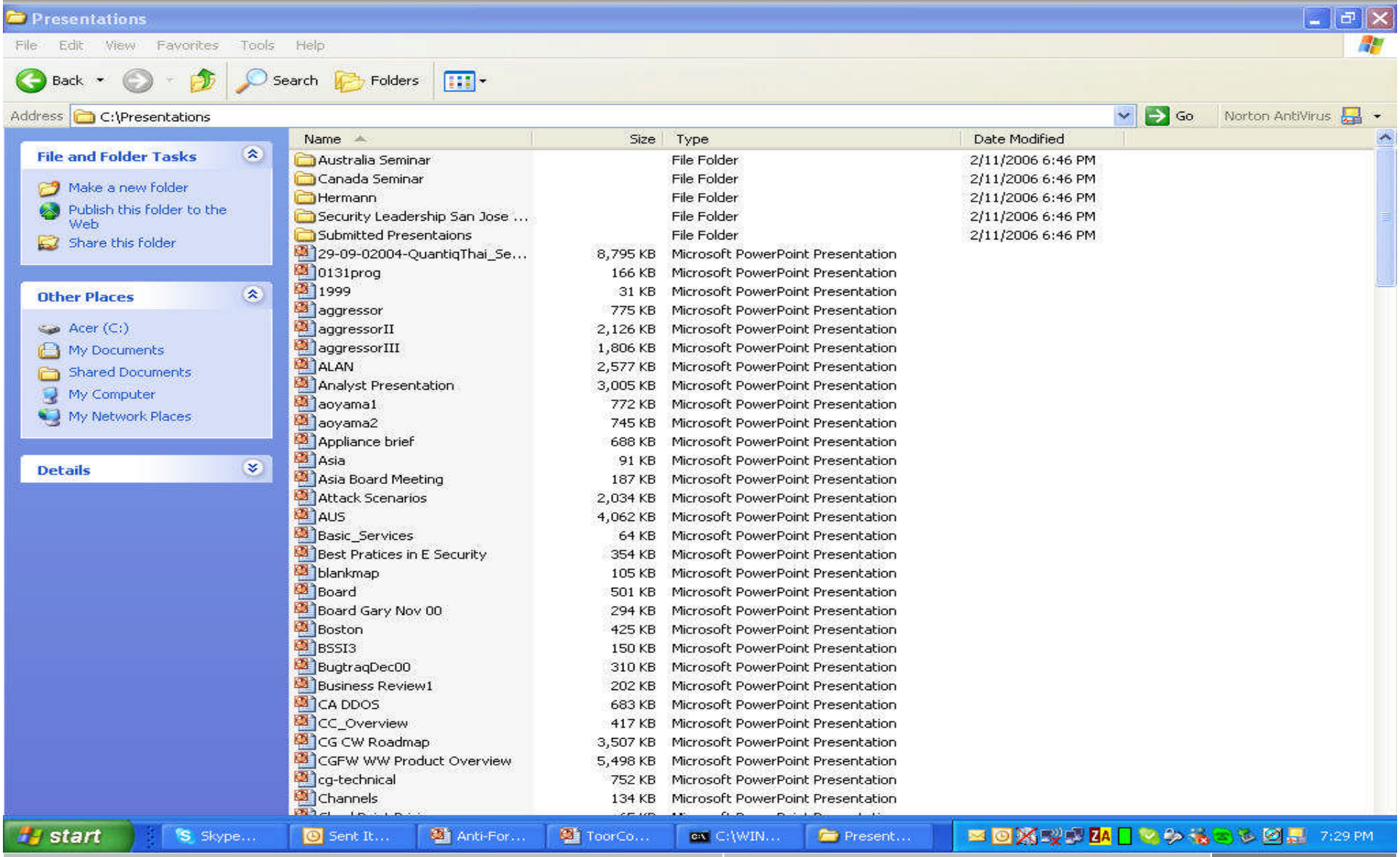
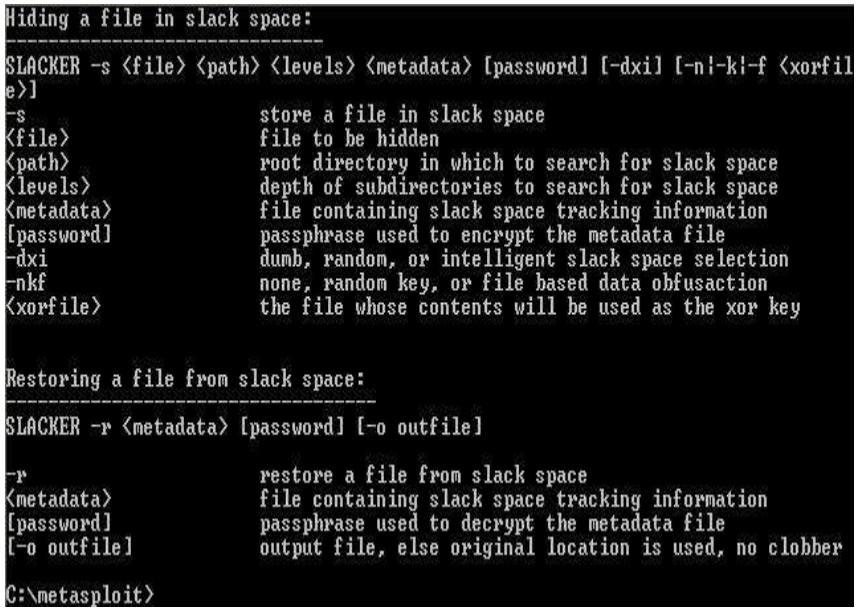


Slacker



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Slacker Example

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>>To Hide File

D:\Documents and Settings\phenry\Desktop>slacker -s test "D:\Documents and Setti
ngs\phenry\Desktop\testfiles" 1 meta.JPG paul -d -n

Mode: store
File: test
Path: D:\Documents and Settings\phenry\Desktop\testfiles
Levels: 1
Meta: meta.JPG
Pass: paul
Tech: 1
Hide: 1
File being hidden: test
Filename length: 5
File size: 6
Xor Key: 0
Number of victim files used: 1


File index: 0
Filename: D:\Documents and Settings\phenry\Desktop\testfiles\BABY_01.MID
Filename length: 63
Last known file size: 7384
Used sectors: 1


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>>To Restore File

D:\Documents and Settings\phenry\Desktop>slacker -r "D:\Documents and Settings\p
henry\Desktop\meta.JPG" paul -o "D:\Documents and Settings\phenry\Desktop\secter
"
Mode: restore
Meta: D:\Documents and Settings\phenry\Desktop\meta.JPG
Pass: paul
Out: D:\Documents and Settings\phenry\Desktop\secter
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Transmogrify – Coming Soon

- **Transmogrify - First ever tool to defeat EnCase's file signature capabilities by allowing you to mask and unmask your files as any file type. (Coming Soon)**

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Samjuicer

- **SAM Juicer does what pwdump does without hitting the disk**
  - Pwdump – opens a share, drops binaries to the disk and starts a service to inject itself in to LSASS
- **Reuses a transport channel that the Metaspoit framework uses, remotely and directly injects itself into the LSASS and sucks down the encrypted password files without leaving a file, touching the registry or starting a service.**
  - Not having files or services starting makes protection technologies that rely on that 'signature' to prevent the attack rather impotent.

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Future Work

- NTFS change journal modification
- Secure deletion
- Documentation of anti-forensic techniques
- Browser log manipulation
- File meta-data modification
- NTFS extended attributes

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Advanced Anti-Forensics

- **What if the malicious file never touched the disk?**
- **MOSDEF (mose-def) is short for "Most Definitely"**
  - MOSDEF is a retargetable, position independent code, C compiler that supports dynamic remote code linking
  - In short, after you've overflowed a process you can compile programs to run inside that process and report back to you
- www.immunitysec.com/resources-freesoftware.shtml

Linux Anti-Forensics

- **Simply hide data where commercial forensic tools don't necessarily look**
  - Rune fs
    - Hide data in bad blocks inode
  - Waffen fs
    - Hide data in spoofed journal file
  - KY fs
    - Hide data in null directory entries
  - Data mule fs
    - Hide data in reserved space

Anti-Forensics

- **In conclusion of our look at Anti-Forensics tools;**
  - *The tools freely available on the public Internet for the cyber criminal to cover his/her tracks and to hide data have clearly rendered file systems as no longer being an accurate log of malicious system activity…*

Thank You….

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