Mobile Forensics Module 13

Mobile Forensics

Mobile forensics is a methodical series of techniques and procedures for gathering evidence from mobile devices and digital media to present in a court of law in a coherent and meaningful format.

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Lab Scenario

Catherine, an incident handling manager in a brokerage firm, was notified of shares purchase at quite high prices by the firm. As an incident manager, she suspected a cyber crime and reported this to the FBI. Catherine mentioned that her accounts were also suspended due to non-payment toward the shares purchase.

A team of cybercrime investigation experts visited the firm and started their initial investigation. Later, the team found some unknown persons had hacked mobile devices that were involved in purchasing the shares at higher prices using software from the firm's network. The experts identified one person by the mobile device address utilized in the purchase as well as the service used.

Lab Objectives

The objective of this lab is to offer complete information on mobile forensics. The tasks include viewing the mobile information messages, call logs, contact list, etc.

Lab Environment

In this lab, you need:

- A computer running Windows 2012 virtual machine
- A web browser with an Internet connection
- Administrative privileges to run the tools

Lab Duration

Time: 40 Minutes

Overview of Mobile Forensics

The need for mobile forensics has increased due to the prevalence of mobile devices, resulting in a large amount of electronic evidence. The fundamental objectives of mobile forensics are to preserve, identify, extract, document, and interpret the electronic data. It is always recommended to outline and define policies and procedures to be followed to carry out analysis for mobile forensics. Data must be retrieved and analyzed without causing any damage and ensuring its authenticity.

Tools

demonstrated in

this lab are

available in



Lab Tasks

Overview

Recommended labs to assist you in mobile forensics:

- Analyzing the Forensic Image and Carving the Deleted Files Using Autopsy.
- Extracting the Databases of an Android Mobile Device Using Andriller.

Lab Analysis

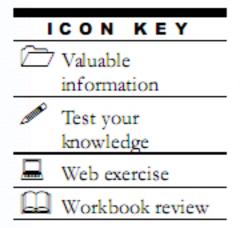
Analyze and document the results related to the lab exercise.

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Analyzing the Forensic Image and Carving the Deleted Files Using Autopsy

Autopsy is a digital forensics platform and graphical interface to The Sleuth Kit and other digital forensics tools. You can even use it to recover photos from your camera's memory card.



Lab Scenario

File carving is the process of obtaining deleted information from a hard disk or an image in the absence of the Filesystem that originally created the file. It is a forensic technique that involves recovering of files from unallocated clusters by using file signatures. File carving comes into effect during the process of investigation on a suspect device which might contain information related to terrorist activities, sexual harassments, etc. In such cases, file carving helps you in recovering deleted pictures, videos, and other file types which contain crucial information.

Being a mobile forensics expert, you need to have sound knowledge of carving data from hex codes and various file types.

Lab Objectives

In this lab, you will learn how to:

Analyze an image and acquire the deleted files from it

Lab Environment

This lab requires:

- A Windows Server 2012 virtual Machine.
- Autopsy located in C:\CHFI-Tools\CHFIv9 Module 13 Mobile
 Forensics\File Carving Tools\Autopsy.
- An Android device's Image file which is in E01 format.

Administrative Privileges to run the tool.

Lab Duration

Time: 25 Minutes

Overview of the Lab

- Install and launch Autopsy
- Create a new case
- Attach the image file and analyze it

Lab Tasks

Note: You will be performing Forensic Image analysis on an image named LG Device Image.E01 provided in the location C:\CHFI-Tools\CHFIv9 Module 13 Mobile Forensics\Imaging Tools\AccessData FTK Imager\Images.

- 1. Logon to Windows Server 2012 virtual machine.
- Before beginning this lab, you need to create a folder named Autopsy on Desktop.
- Navigate to C:\CHFI-Tools\CHFIv9 Module 13 Mobile Forensics\File Carving Tools\Autopsy, double-click autopsy-4.0.0-64bit.msi and follow the wizard-driven installation steps to install the application.

Note: If an Open File - Security Warning pop-up appears, click Run.

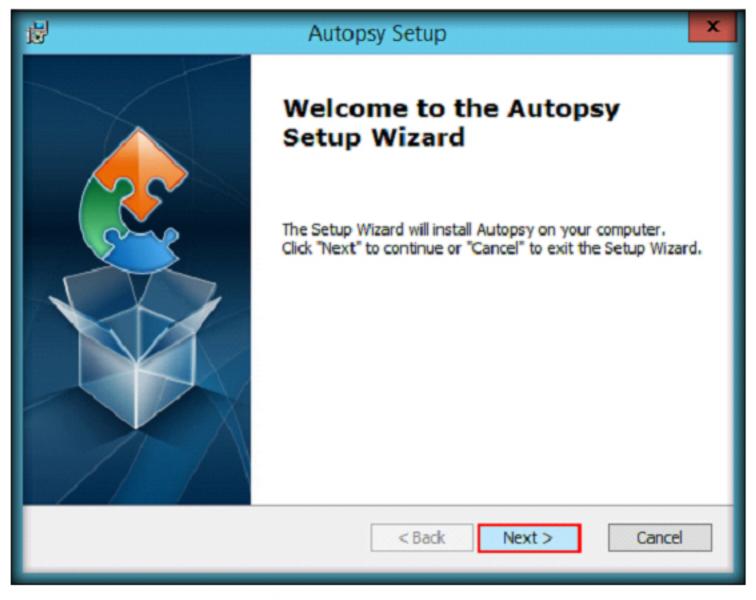


FIGURE 1.1: Autopsy Installation Wizard



 On completing the installation, double click Autopsy 4.0.0 icon on desktop.



FIGURE 1.2: Launching Autopsy from desktop

E TASK 2

Create an Image

Autopsy main window appears along with Welcome dialog-box, click
 Create New Case icon to create a new case.

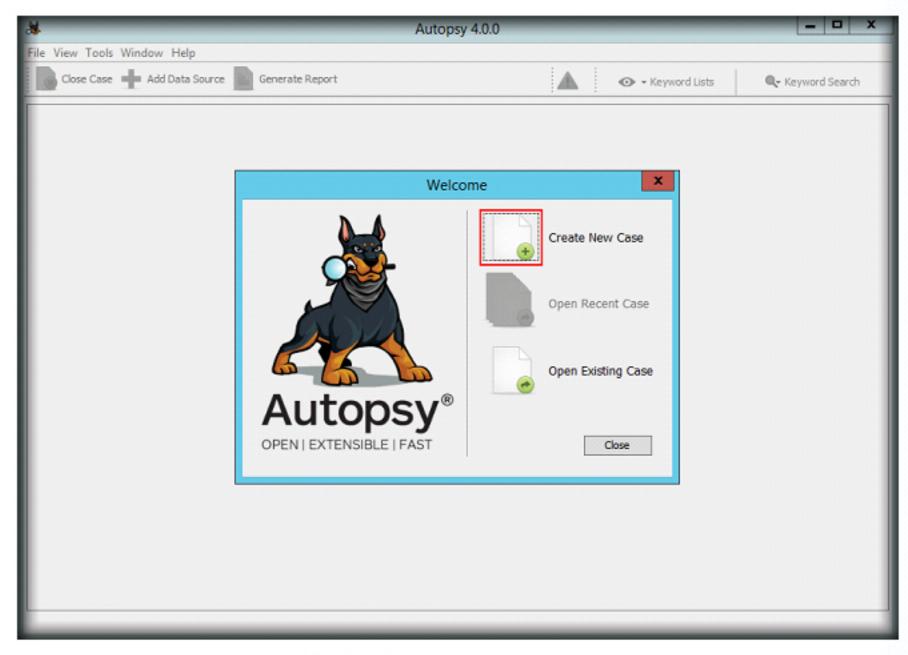


FIGURE 1.3: Autopsy Welcome dialog-box

 New Case Information window appears; enter a case name (here, LG Image Analysis) in the Case Name text field and click Browse button to provide a path for the Base Directory.

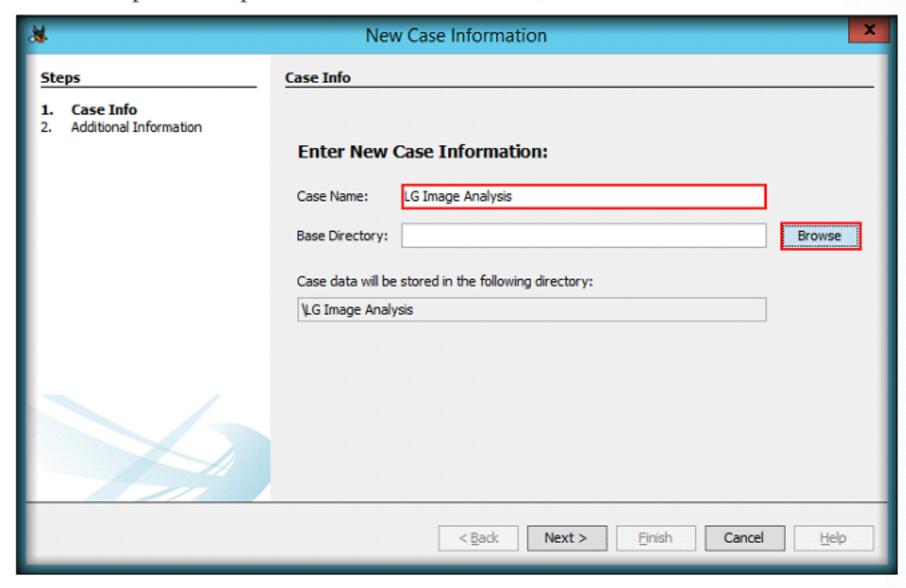


FIGURE 1.4: New Case Information window

 A Select window appears, navigate to Desktop, select Autopsy folder and click Select.

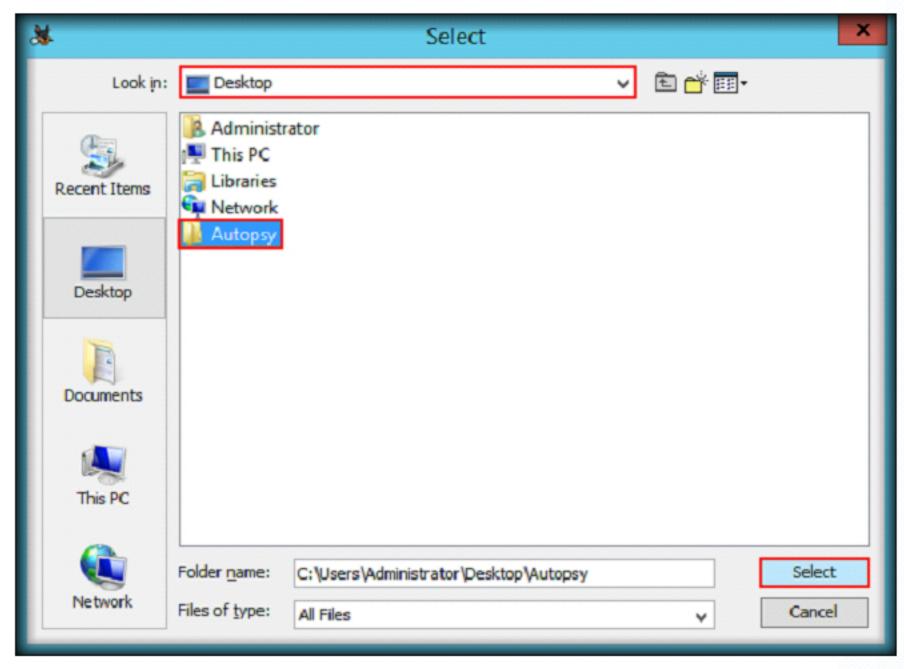


FIGURE 1.5: Select Window

8. After setting the Base Directory, click Next.

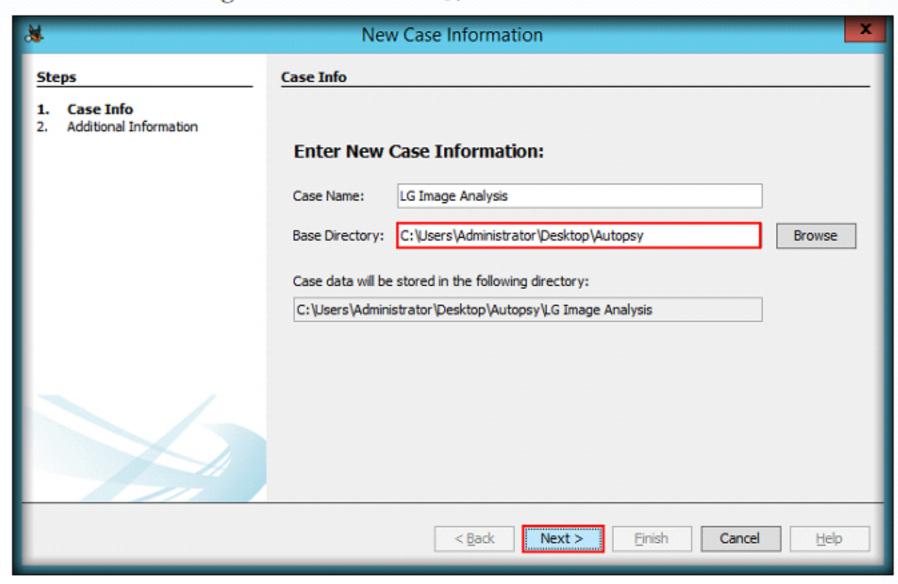


FIGURE 1.6: Setting Base Directory

 Additional Information section appears, enter the Case Number as 01, the name of the Examiner (here, Jason), and click Finish.

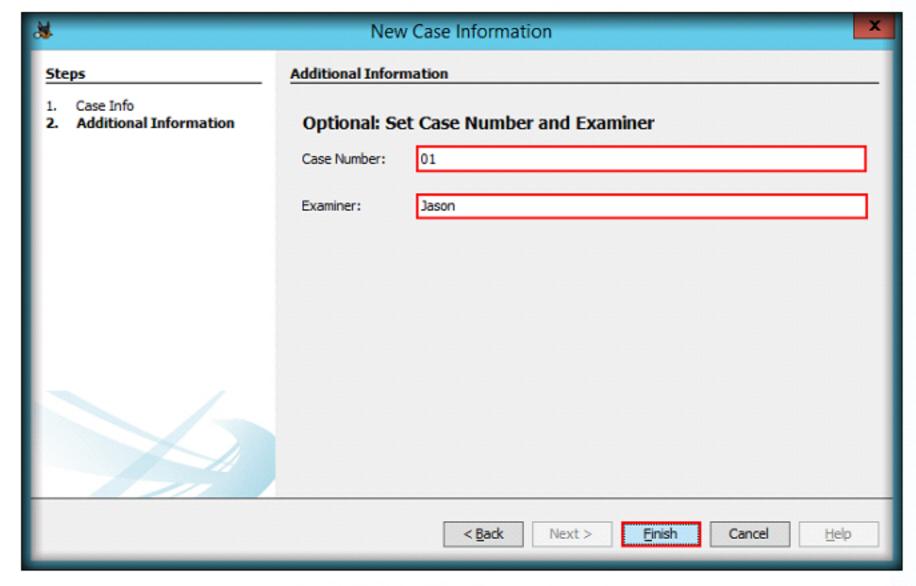


FIGURE 1.7: Additional Information section

 Once you click Finish, Add Data Source window appears after some time, pointing to the Enter Data Source Information section. 11. Select the source type as Image File from the Select source type to add drop-down list, browse the location of the image file (C:\CHFI-Tools\CHFIv9 Module 13 Mobile Forensics\Imageing Tools\AccessData FTK Imager\Images) and select the image (LG Device Image.E01). Click Next.

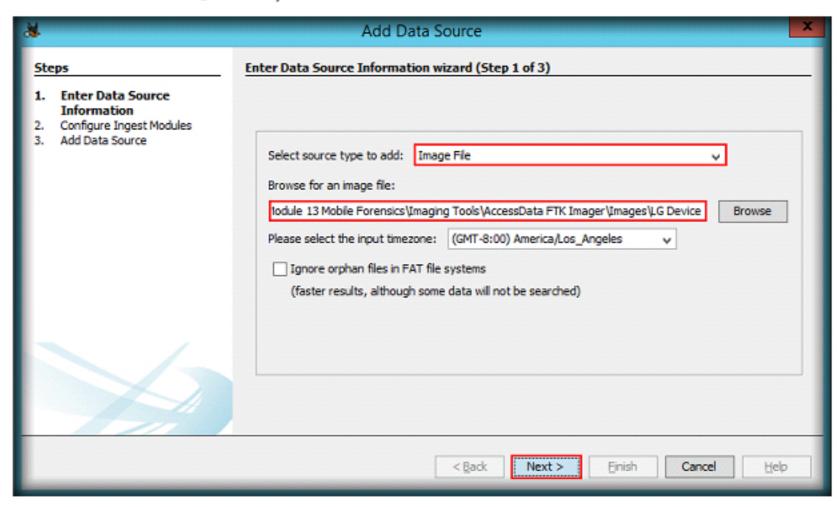


FIGURE 1.8: Enter Data Source Information wizard

- Configure Ingest Modules section appears; ensure to check all the modules.
- Later, select each module in the left pane, and their associated keywords appear in the right pane.
- Ensure to check all the keywords for each selected module, and click Next.

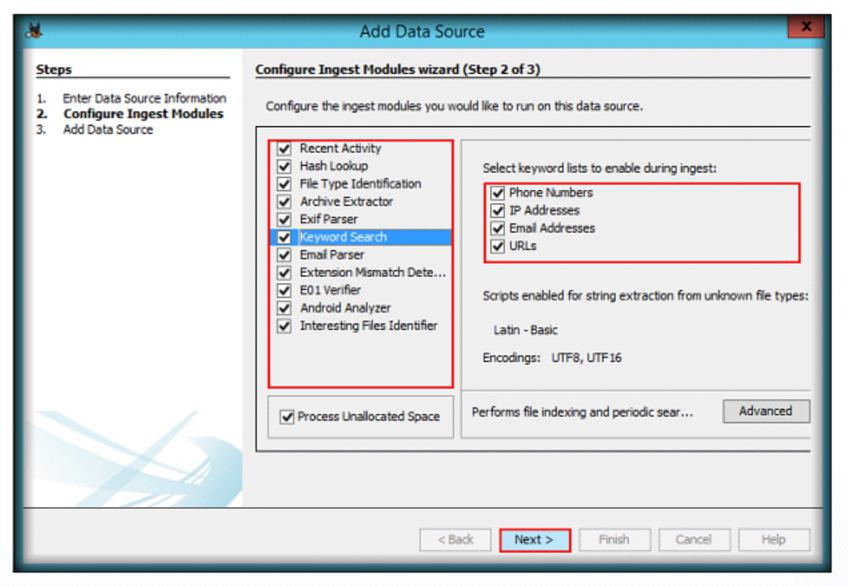


FIGURE 1.9: Configure Ingest Modules wizard

- 15. Autopsy begins to analyze the files in the image file.
- 16. Add Data Source wizard appears, click Finish.

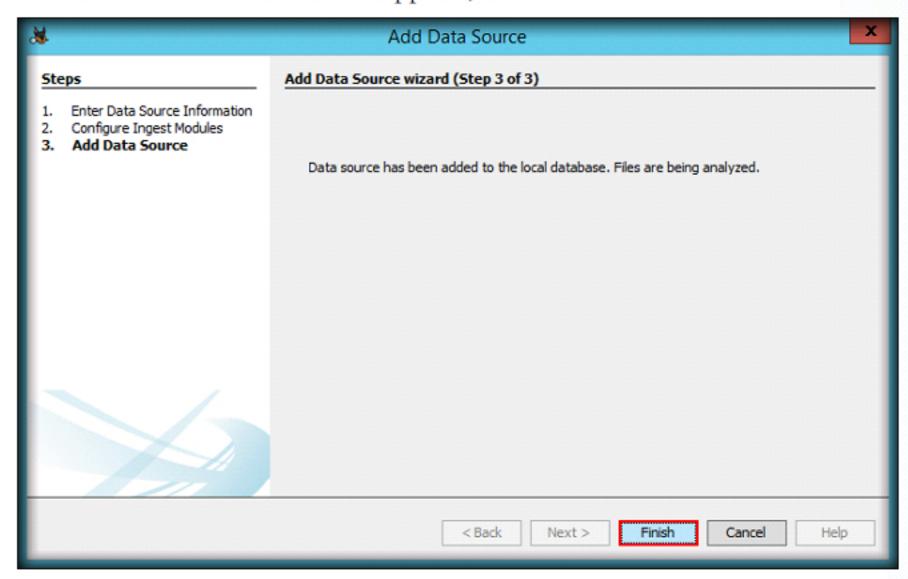


FIGURE 1.10: Add Data Source wizard

Note: Wait until Autopsy completes analyzing the image file. View the status at the lower right corner of the Autopsy Window. Once the Analysis is complete, the status disappears.

17. After analyzing all the files, autopsy displays the retrieved information as shown in the following screenshot:

Note: The screenshots and output may vary in your lab environment.

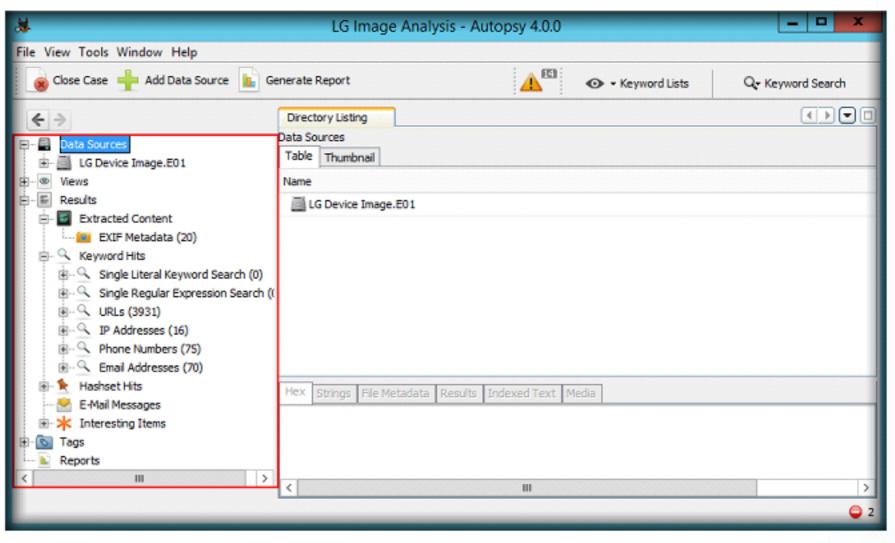


FIGURE 1.11: Information retrieved by Autopsy



Examine the Image

- 18. In the left pane, expand the Keyword Hits → Email addresses node and select an Email Address. This displays important information related to the Email Address's resultant source file, keyword preview, modified time, file path, etc.
- Autopsy even displays the hex data, strings, metadata, indexed text and results associated with the email address.

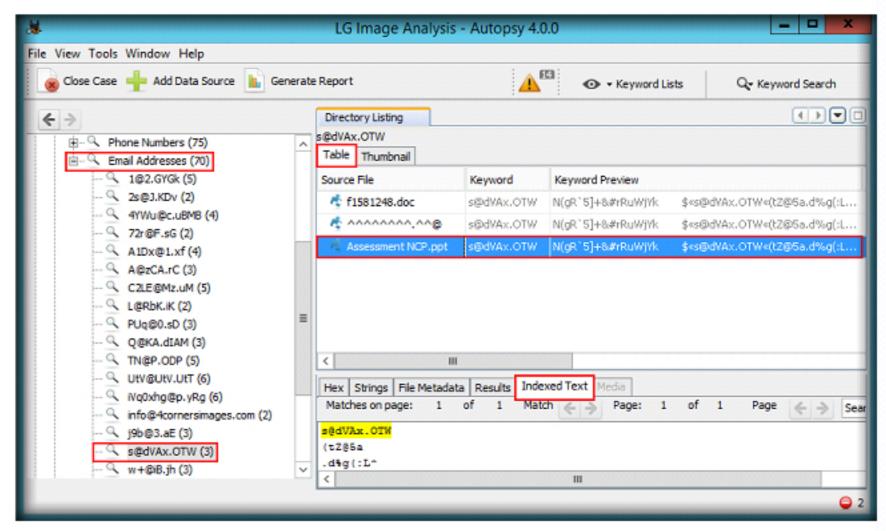


FIGURE 1.12: Information related to an email address

- You may analyze this data to find any sensitive information hidden in the file.
- 21. The URLs node lists all the URLs contained in the image file.
- Expand URLs node and select a URL from the list.
- 23. The files related to the URL are displayed in the right pane of the autopsy window. Select each file in the right pane, and you will be provided with the metadata, hex data, text, etc. associated with the file as shown in the following screenshot:

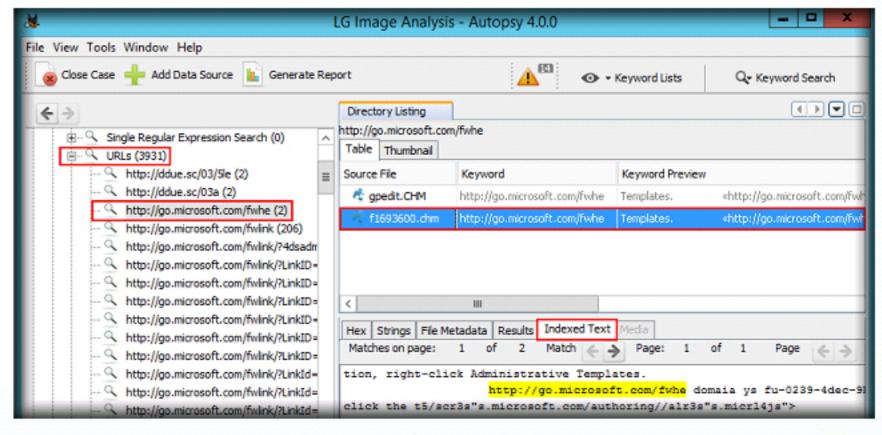


FIGURE 1.13: Information related to a URL

- You may analyze this data to find sensitive information (if any) hidden in the file.
- 25. Autopsy has a feature to detect extension mismatched files in Extension Mismatch Detected section under Results → Extracted Content in the left pane. This displays the extension mismatched files.
- 26. Expand Views → Deleted Files → All in the left pane. Autopsy displays all the deleted files that have been recovered (File carving), in the right-pane. These files are indicated by a red coloured cross mark.
- 27. Select a carved file in the right pane to view its associated media, text, hex, string and other information.

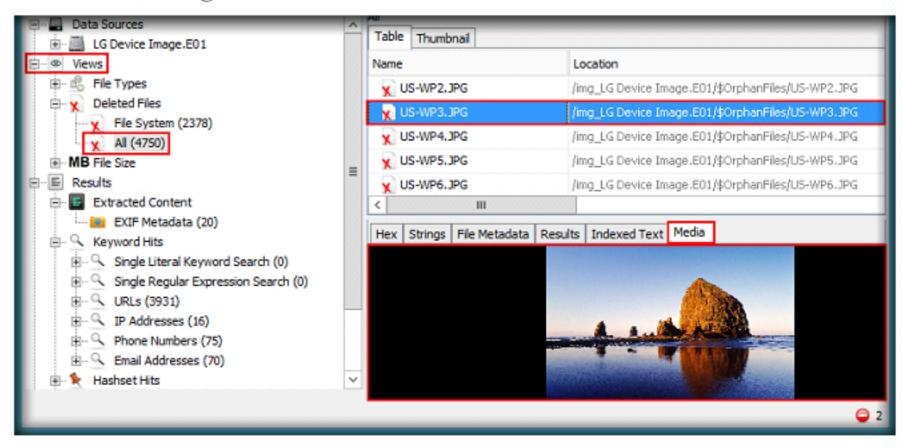


FIGURE 1.14: Examining deleted files

 In the same way, you may even view various other files of different formats.

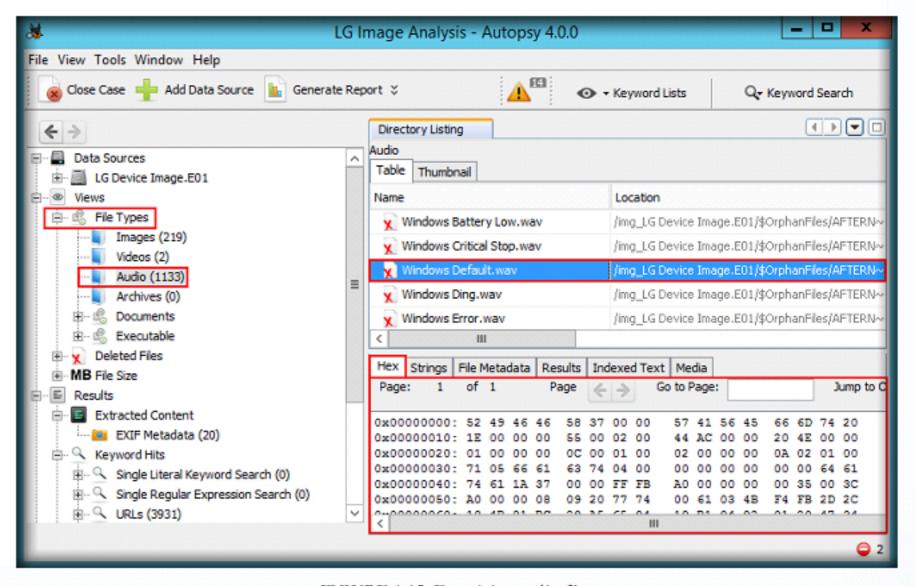


FIGURE 1.15: Examining audio files

TASK 4

Examine the

Carved Files

29. Autopsy classifies files of various sizes in three sections, i.e., between 50-200 MB, 200-1 GB and 1 GB+. For instance, a carved file of size 50-200MB is displayed in the following screenshot:

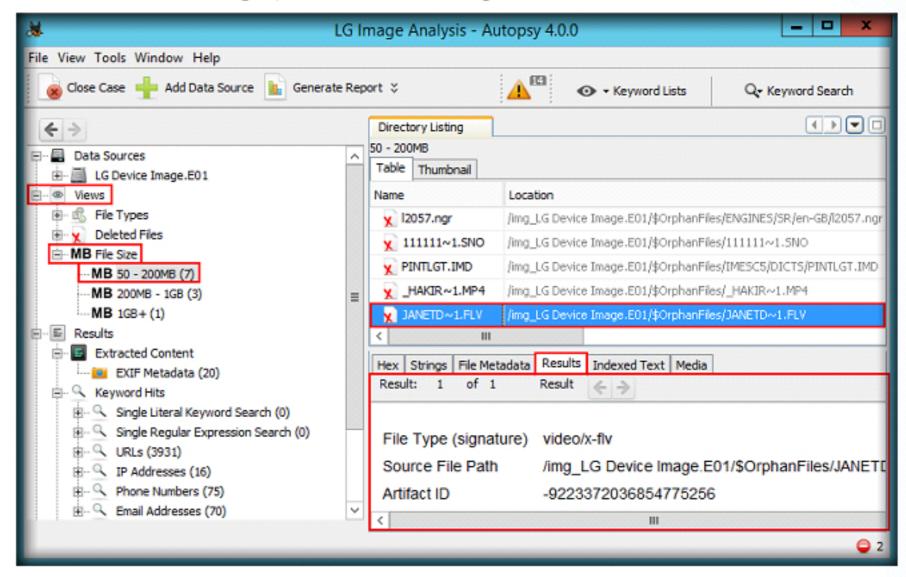


FIGURE 1.16: Classification of files based on Files Size

- 30. Expand Data Sources → Image File (LG Device Image.E01) → Android → data → com.cooliris.media → cache.
- 31. This displays all the files stored in the cache memory of the device as shown in the following screenshot:

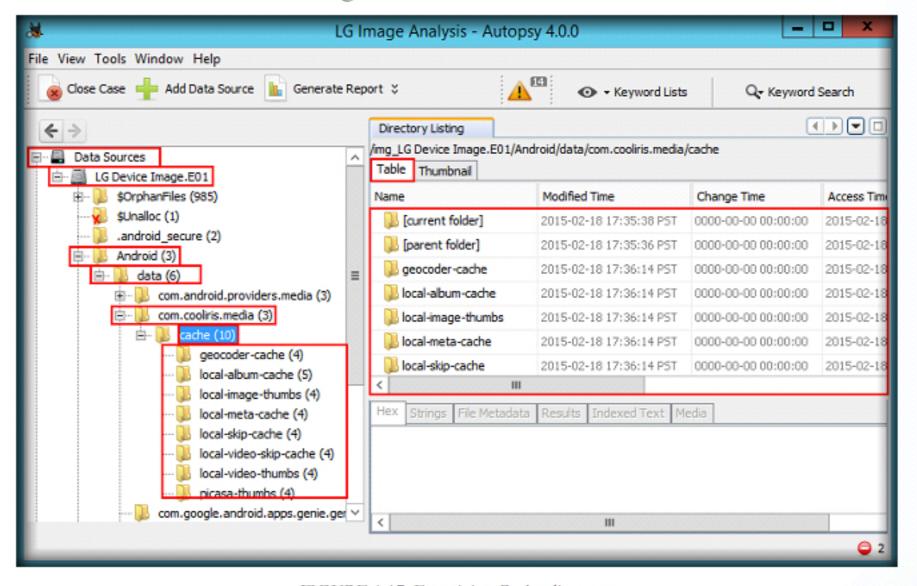


FIGURE 1.17: Examining Cache directory

32. Autopsy displays a directory named OrphanFiles (Under LG Device Image.E01) that contains broken files, i.e., incompletely carved files. You may examine even these files as a part of the forensic investigation.

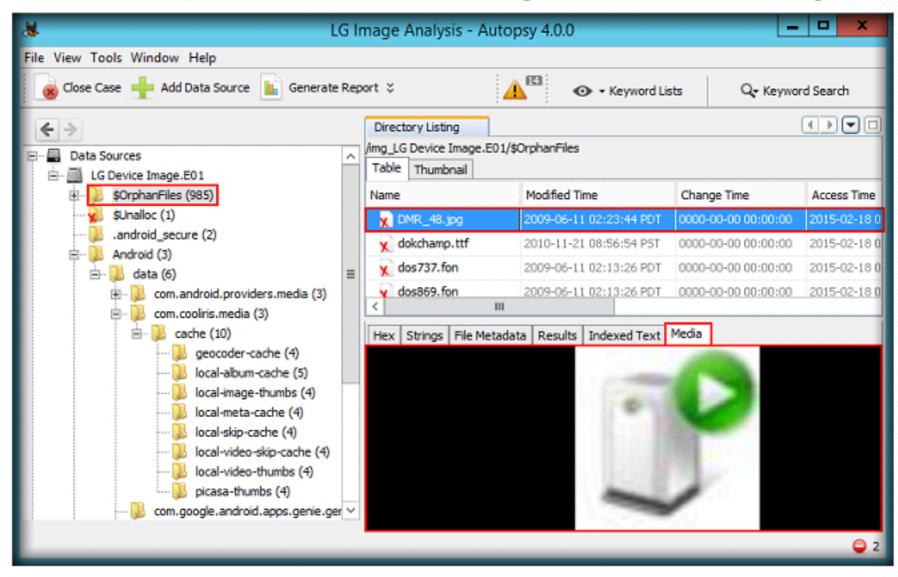


FIGURE 1.18: Examining Orphan Files

- 33. Autopsy also allows you to view Whatsapp, Viber and other applications' (if installed) databases which contain information, such as text and voice messages, pictures, etc.
- 34. Timeline helps you determine the files system events on the device during a selected time period. To view the timeline, select **Tools** in the menu bar and select **Timeline**.

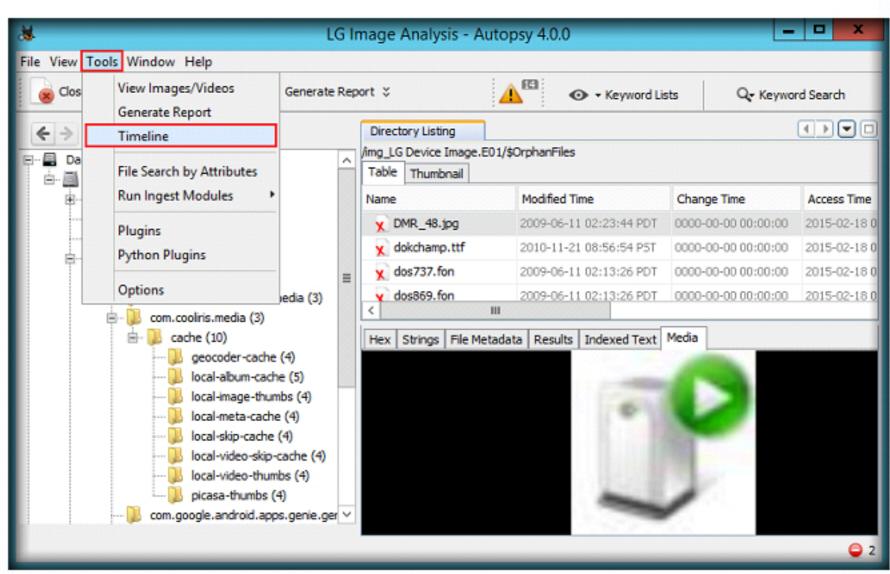


FIGURE 1.19: Examining the Timeline



Examine the Timeline

- 35. A timeline window appears, displaying a logarithmic graph which contains all the file system events during a selected time interval.
- 36. In this window, you can specify a particular time interval, choose the type of files needs to be viewed, the time units, event type and description details.
- 37. The red colour in the bars represents the file system activity, green colour represents the web activity, and cyan represents the miscellaneous activities.

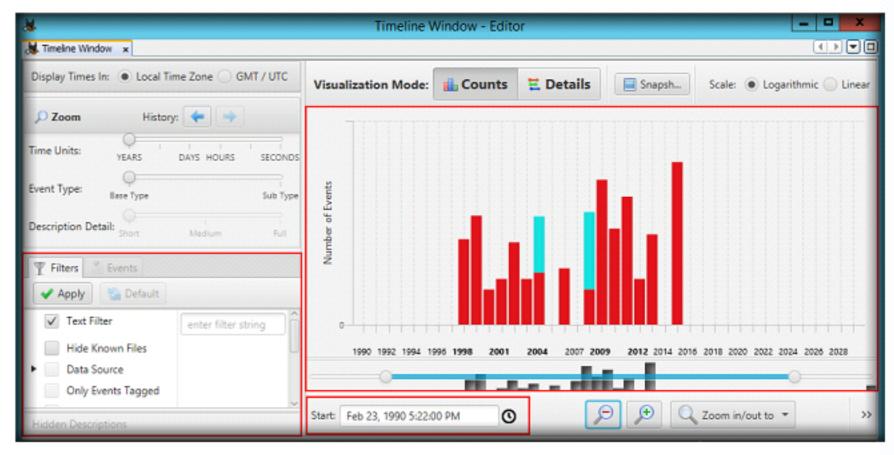


FIGURE 1.20: Examining file system events

38. Choose a time interval and select a bar from the graph. Autopsy displays all the file system events that occurred during the time interval associated with the selected bar.

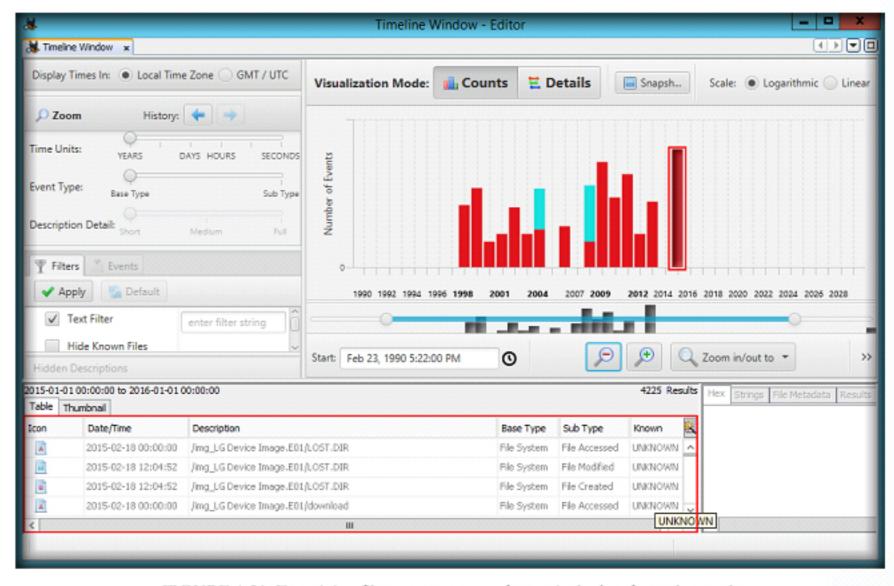


FIGURE 1.21: Examining file system events of a particular bar from the graph

39. This way, you can analyse an image and examine the file system of the target device during the process of forensic investigation.

Lab Analysis

Analyze the result and Document the findings of the lab.

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Platform Supported	
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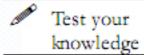


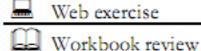
Investigating an Android Device using Andriller

Andriller is an application that performs read-only, forensically sound, non-destructive acquisition from Android devices. Extraction and decoders produce reports in HTML and Excel (.xlsx) formats.

ICON KEY

Valuable information





Lab Scenario

Databases play a vital role in storing user and application information on an Android device. The information stored in these databases includes Phonebook contacts, Call logs, SMS, Synchronized accounts, WhatsApp chat messages, Viber call logs (if installed on the device), Wi-Fi passwords, etc. During the process of forensic investigation, these databases can be acquired and examined to obtain crucial information related to the owner of the acquired mobile device.

Being an expert forensic investigator, your main job is to acquire as much information as possible from the mobile device and analyze it in search of valuable information.

Lab Objectives

In this lab, you will learn how to:

Extract Databases and other sensitive information from an Android emulator using Andriller

Lab Environment

This lab requires:

- A Windows Server 2012 Host Machine.
- Andriller located in C:\CHFI-Tools\CHFIv9 Module 13 Mobile
 Forensics\Mobile Forensics Tools\Andriller.
- Administrative Privileges to run the tools.

Lab Duration

Time: 15 Minutes

Overview of the Lab

- Ensure that you are using an emulated Android device
- Extract the databases using Andriller

Lab Tasks



- Install Andriller
- Before beginning this lab, logon to Windows Server 2012 virtual machine and create a folder named Andriller on the desktop.
- 2. Launch AVD Manager from the Apps screen.
- 3. Select Test_Emulator and click Start....

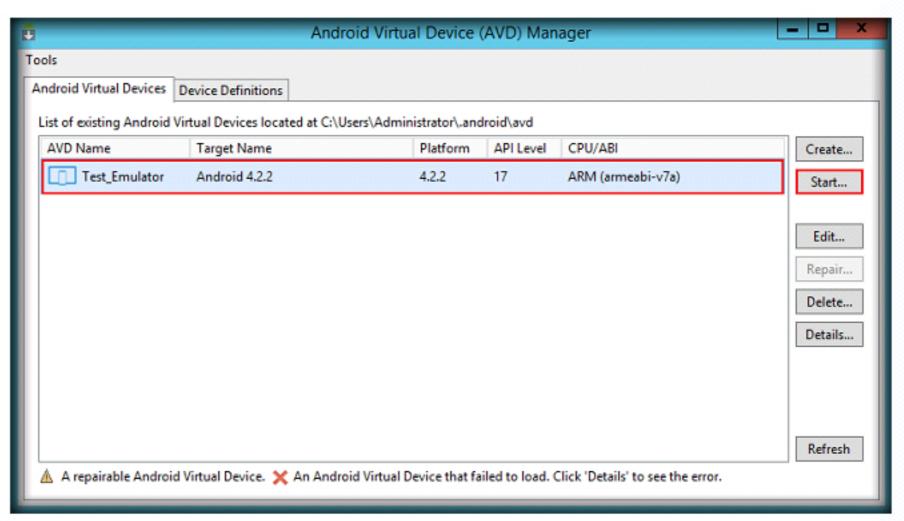


FIGURE 2.1: Android Virtual Manager (AVD) window

 Launch Options window appears, check Scale display to real size option, specify the Screen Size as 6.5 inches and click Launch.

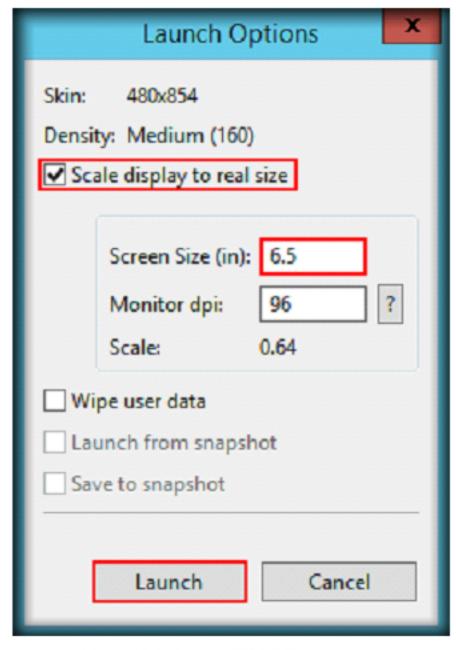


FIGURE 2.2: Launch Options window

Navigate to C:\CHFI-Tools\CHFIv9 Module 13 Mobile
 Forensics\Mobile Forensics Tools\Andriller, double-click
 Andriller_v2.6.0.1_Setup.exe and follow the wizard-driven installation
 steps to install the application.

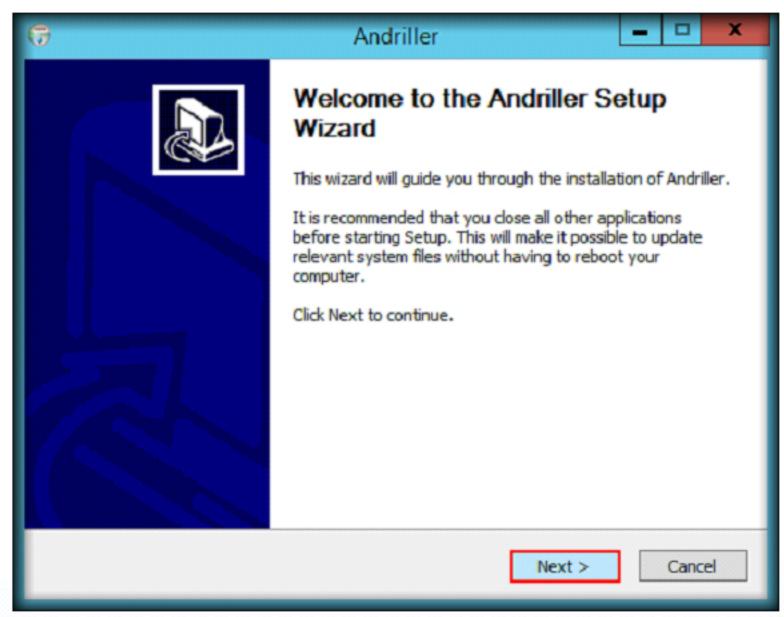


FIGURE 2.3: Installing Andriller

On completing the installation, launch Andriller application from the Apps screen.

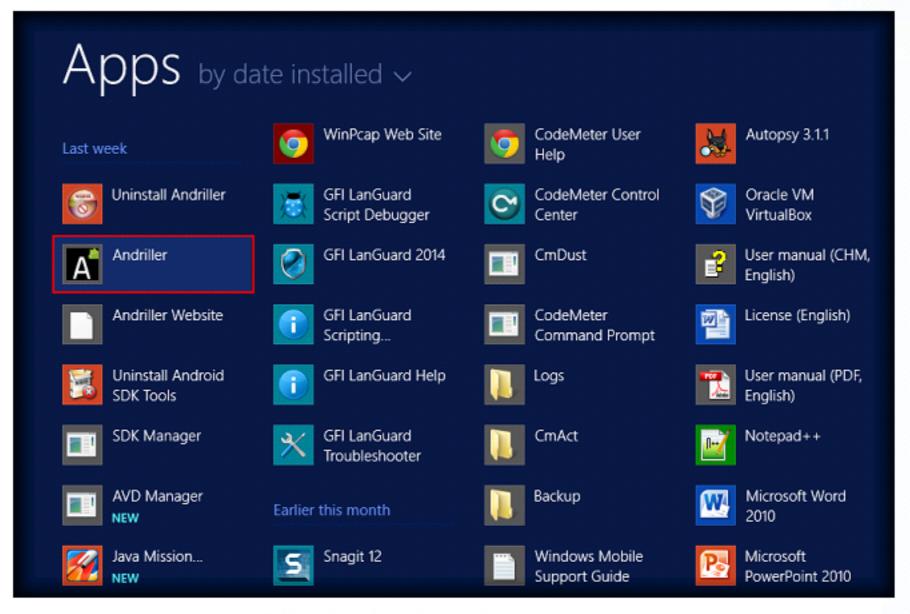


FIGURE 2.4: Launching Andriller from Apps screen

7. If a Check New Versions? dialog-box appears, click No.

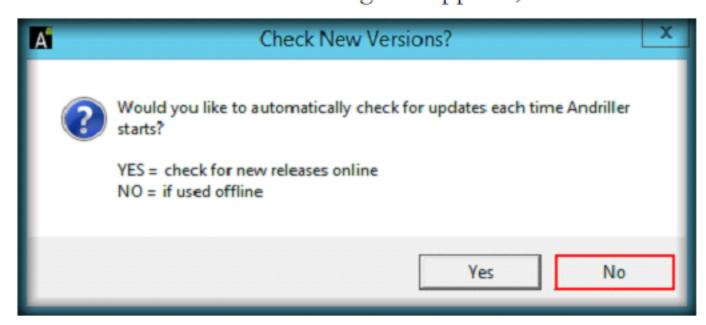


FIGURE 2.5: Check New Versions? dialog-box

8. If a Preferences Menu dialog-box appears, click OK.

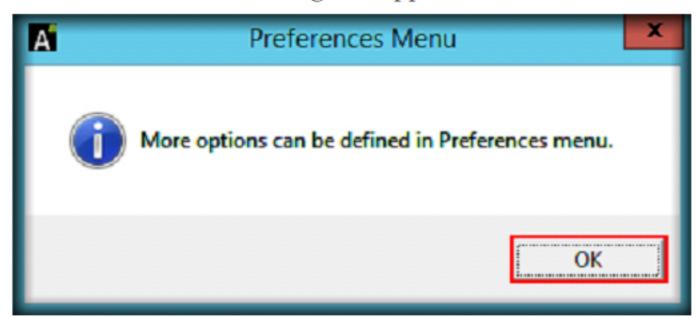


FIGURE 2.6: Preferences Menu dialog-box

9. Andriller main window appears as shown in the following screenshot:



FIGURE 2.7: Andriller main window

TASK 2

Configure Andriller

10. You need to specify an output location for Andriller to store all the logs and data. Click Output button in the Andriller window.

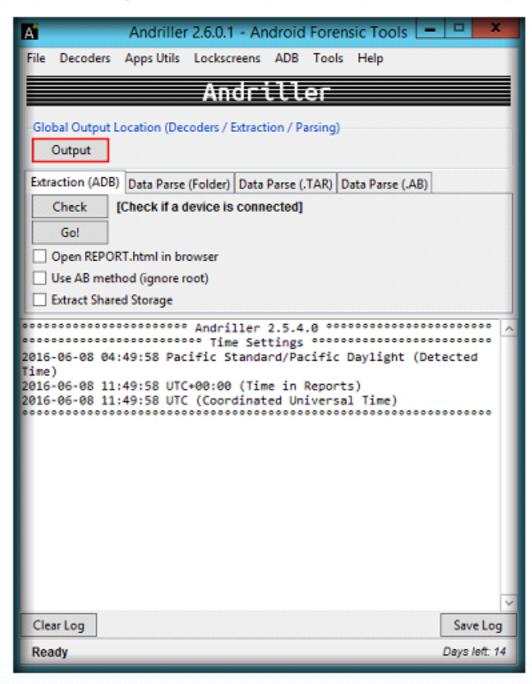


FIGURE 2.8: Configuring Output folder

 Navigate to the **Desktop**, Select the **Andriller** folder which was created before installing the application and click **OK**.

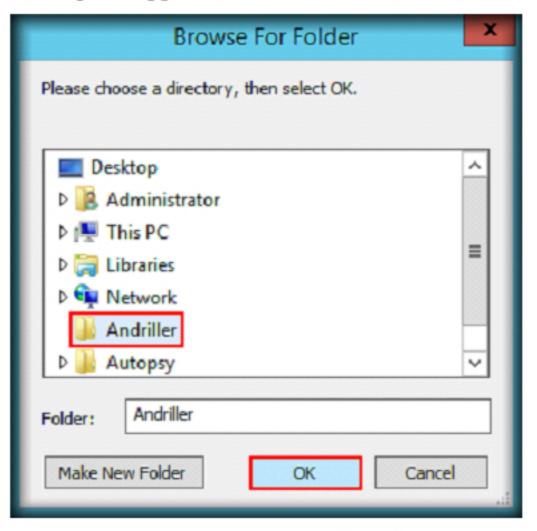


FIGURE 2.9: Browse For Folder window

 Now, click Check button to see if the Android Emulator is connected to Andriller.

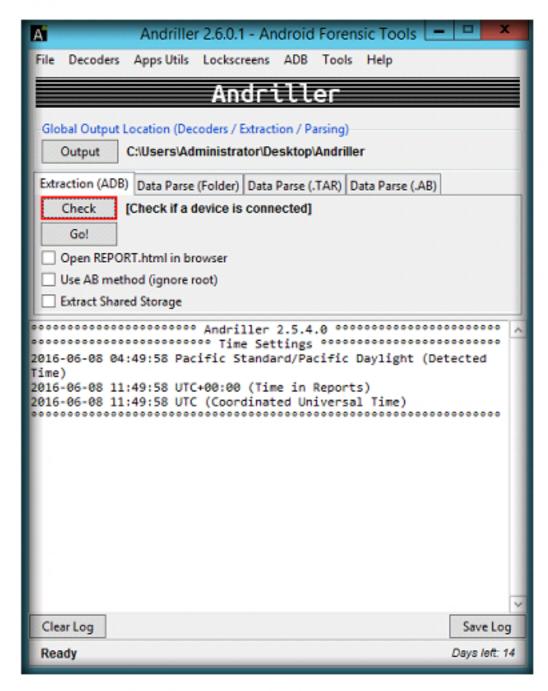


FIGURE 2.10: Checking for the device

Note: From here on, the output illustrated in the screenshots may vary in your lab environment.

13. On clicking the Check button, Andriller should display a serial ID of the emulator as shown in the following screenshot:

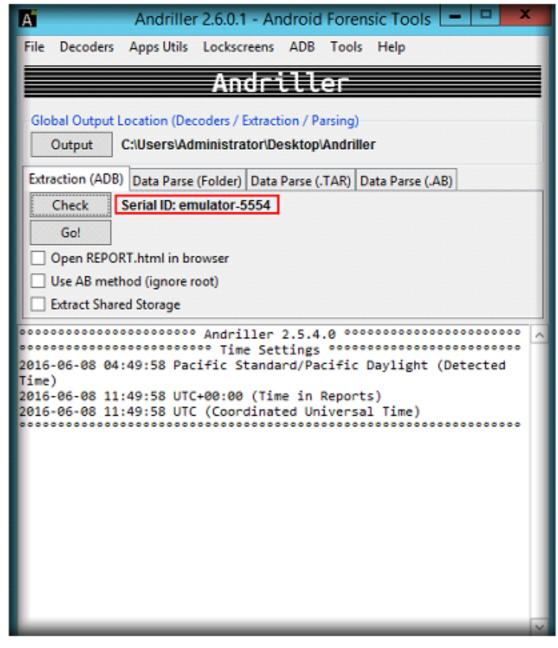


FIGURE 2.11: Device successfully detected

 Once Andriller detects the device, click Go! button to begin data extraction.

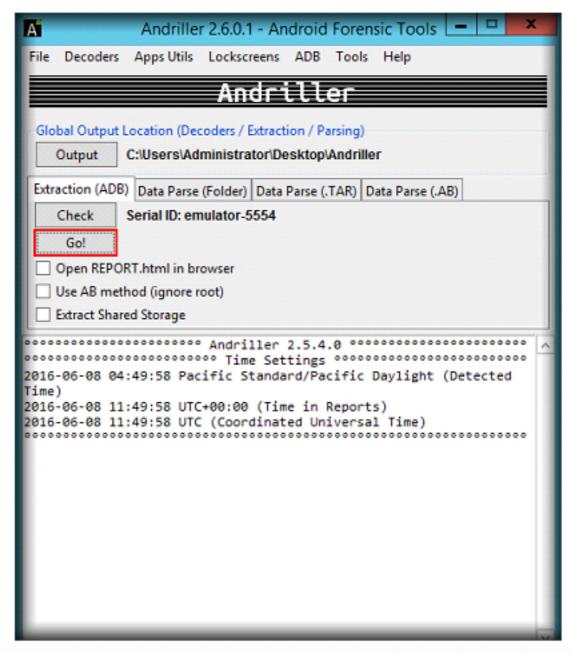


FIGURE 2.12: Beginning data extraction



Begin Data Acquisition

15. Andriller begins to extract the databases and other useful information as shown in the following screenshot:

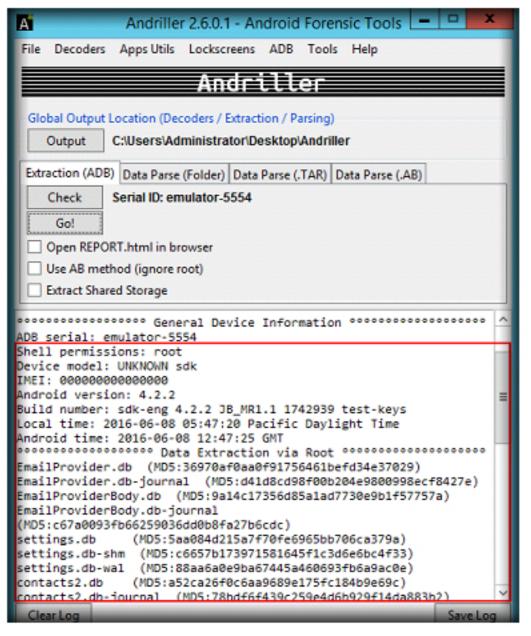


FIGURE 2.13: Screenshot showing extracted data

16. Andriller creates a directory inside the Andriller folder with the name of the device followed by the timestamp as shown in the following screenshot:

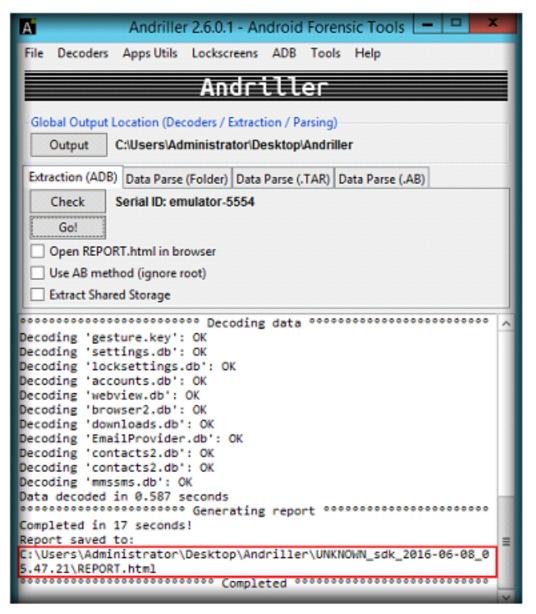


FIGURE 2.14: Directory path and completion status

Note: The folder name varies according to the device used in this lab.

TASK 4

View the Acquired Files

17. Navigate to the Andriller folder located on the Desktop and open the folder which stored the extracted files and databases.

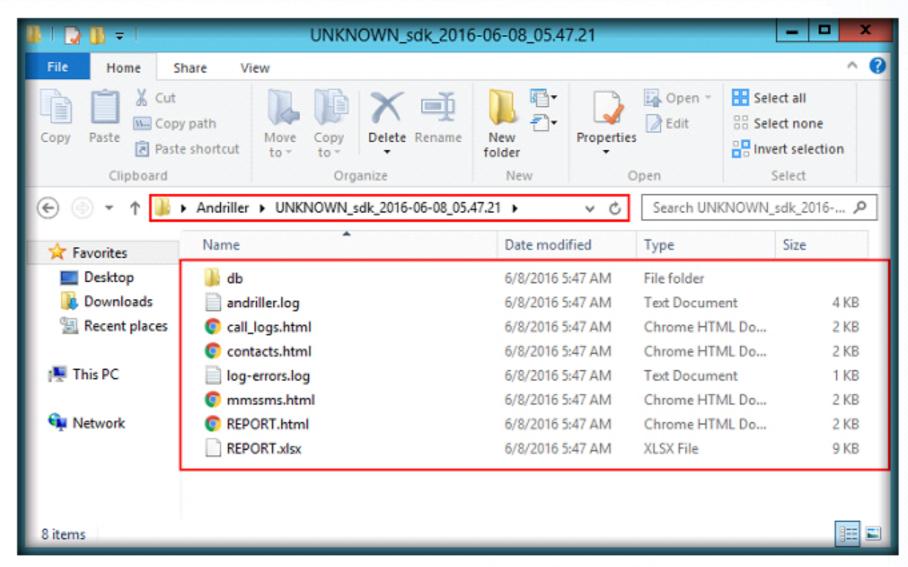


FIGURE 2.15: Viewing extracted files in Andriller folder



TASK 5

- Double-click REPORT.html file to open it. This file appears in the default web browser and displays important information like device ID, its version, associated accounts, etc.
- Open Contacts link in a new tab to view the contacts stored in the device.

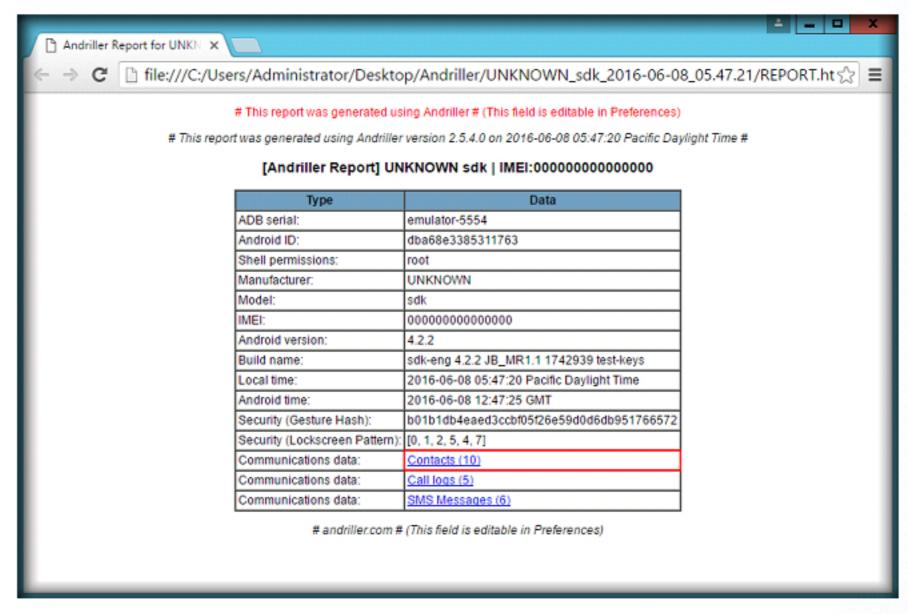


FIGURE 2.16: Viewing Contacts

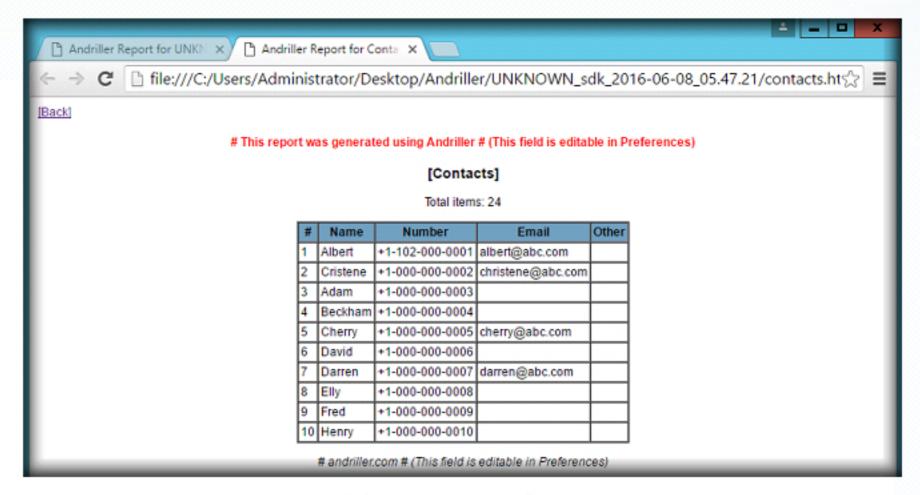


FIGURE 2.17: Viewing Contacts

20. Go back to the previous REPORT.html Web page; open SMS Messages link in a new tab to view all the contacts stored on the phone as shown in the following screenshot:

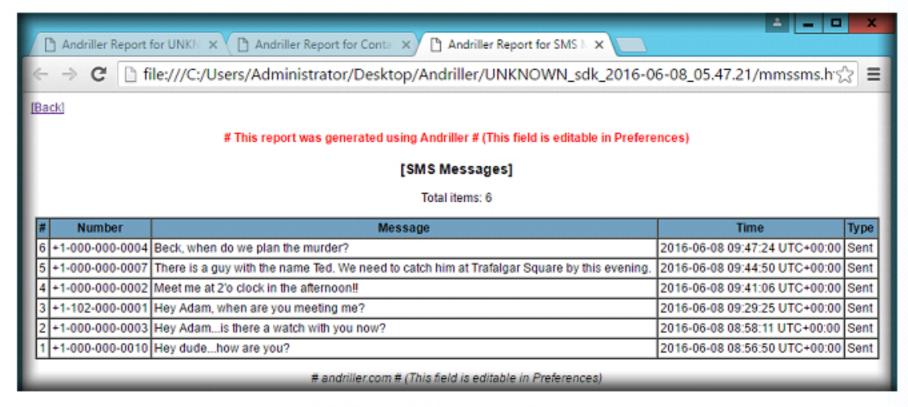


FIGURE 2.18: Viewing SMS Messages

21. In the same way, open Call logs link in a new tab to view all the calls received and dialed as shown in the following screenshot:

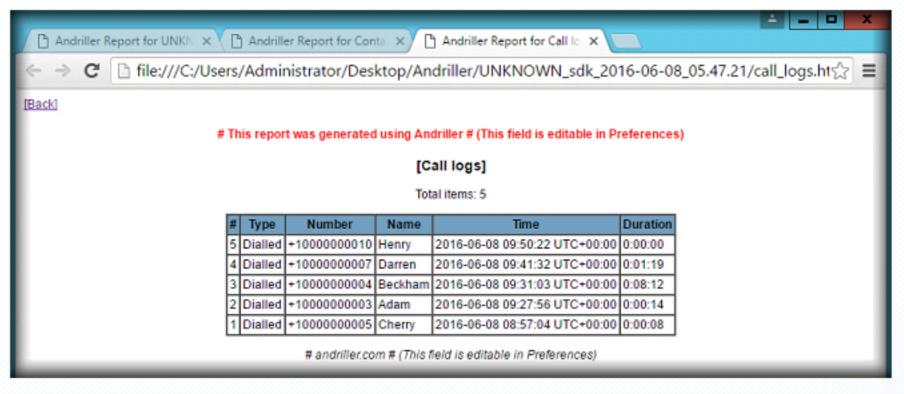


FIGURE 2.19: Viewing Call Logs

- 22. In real-time, if the mobile device has WhatsApp or any other messenger services like Viber, etc installed in it, Andriller displays separate columns for those applications.
- 23. An example of Andriller displaying Whatsapp messages is shown in the following screenshot:

Note: Since WhatsApp has implemented end to end encryption, Andriller may not be able to display clear text messages for those devices running the latest version of WhatsApp messenger.



FIGURE 2.20: Viewing Call Logs

- Andriller stores all the multimedia files shared via messenger applications in separate directories.
- 25. For instance, if the device has WhatsApp application installed in it, Andriller creates a directory named wa_media, creates subfolders for images, audio and video clips and places the respective files in them.

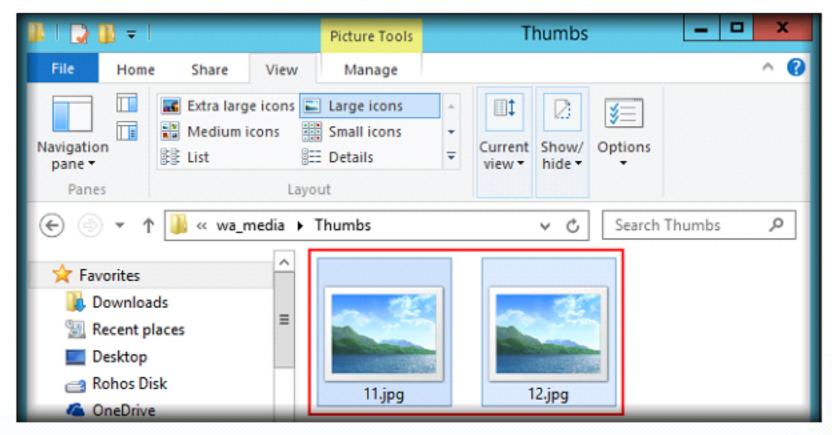


FIGURE 2.21: Viewing the WhatsApp media files

- 26. This way, you can use the Andriller tool to grab sensitive information like contacts, call logs, messages, decrypted Wi-Fi passwords, etc.
- 27. If you are performing a forensic investigation on a device locked with a gesture or a password, you can use this tool to bypass the locks and gain direct access to the mobile device.

Lab Analysis

Analyze the result and Document the findings of the lab.

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