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# The Sleuth Kit Overview and Automated Scanning Features

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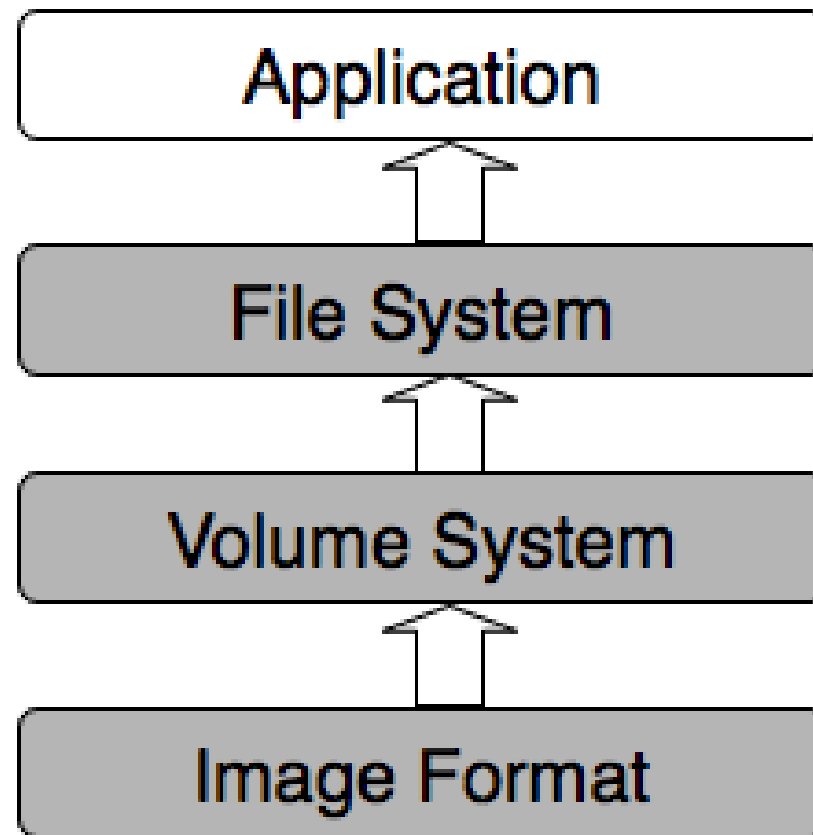
# Agenda

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- What is TSK?
- What does it do for you?
- How can you use it?
- What is in TSK's future?

## What Is The Sleuth Kit?

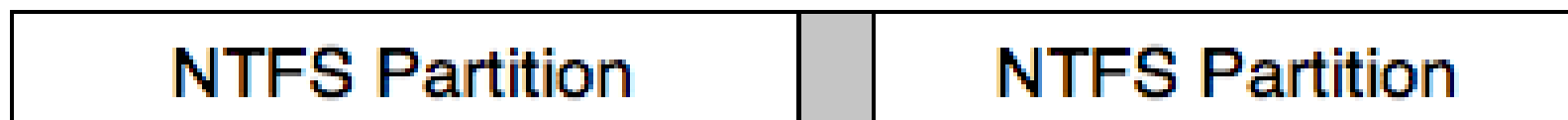
- Open source software that allows you to forensically analyze disk images and local drives.



## Scenario

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- You have a disk image and want to look for specific files.
  1. TSK will auto-detect the image format
  2. TSK will auto-detect the volume system and layout:
    - What sectors are allocated to partitions
    - What sectors are not allocated to any partitions



## Scenario (contd.)

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3. TSK will auto-detect the file system type and can search for your file (even if it is deleted)
  - Analyzes the directory hierarchy in file system.
  - Identifies files that have been marked for deletion.
  - Searches for “orphan files” that no longer have a name.

directory1

file1

file2

Metadata

File Content

Metadata

File Content

## Scenario (contd.)

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- Allows search to be conducted based on:
  - File name and extension
  - Temporal data (created, modified, accessed, changed, etc.)
  - File size
  - File location
  - Hash of file content
- With third-party support, can search app-level:
  - Signature analysis of file content
  - Keyword search of text in file content
  - Image analysis of file content

## Call Now!

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- How much would you pay for this functionality?
  - \$100?
  - \$1000?
- This can all be yours for 3 monthly payments of \$0.
- But wait, there's more!



## There's more!

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- Need to quickly lookup hash values in a hash database? TSK can do that.
- Need to filter out the “Known Good” files, flag the “Known Bad” files, and sort the rest based on file type? TSK can do that.
- Need to view a timeline of activity on the device? TSK can do that too.

## TSK History

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- The Coroner's Toolkit (TCT) was first released in 2000 by Dan Farmer and Wietse Venema.
  - Ran only on Unix systems
  - Analyzed only local file system type (Ext2 and UFS)
  - Did not know about file names (only blocks and inodes).
- TCTUtils was released in 2001 by me as TCT add-on.
  - Adds file name layer so that directory contents can be listed.
  - Allows you to map between blocks, inodes, and file names (i.e. which file is using block 234?)

## TSK History (2)

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- The @stake Sleuth Kit (TASK) was released in 2002 by me.
  - Integrated TCT and TCTUtils into a single project.
  - Added platform independence (can analyze file system types different than local system).
  - Added FAT and NTFS support.
  - Added OS X and Cygwin support.
- TASK was renamed to TSK in 2003.

# Current Capabilities

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- Platforms:
  - Windows
  - Linux
  - OS X
  - Cygwin
  - OpenBSD, FreeBSD, etc.
  - Solaris
- Image Layer:
  - Raw files or local disks
  - Split raw files (i.e. multiple 2GB files)
  - E01 EnCase files (using libewf library)
  - AFF files (using afflib library)

## Current Capabilities (2)

- Volume System Layer
  - DOS Partitions
  - GPT partitions
  - MAC partitions
  - BSD Disk labels
  - SUN VTOC
- File System Layer
  - NTFS
  - FAT12, FAT16, FAT32
  - HFS+
  - ISO9660
  - Ext2, Ext3
  - UFS1, UFS2, FFS
- Wyatt Banks / Crucial contributed initial ISO9660 and HFS+.
- ATC-NY contributed HFS+ enhancements.

## Current Capabilities (3)

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- Hash Databases
  - NSRL
  - Hashkeeper
  - Md5sum/sha1sum
- Timelines
  - Sorts files based on modified, accessed, changed, and created times.
  - Open input format.
  - Text output
  - Useful for intrusions.
- Sorter:
  - Ignores “known good” files.
  - Flags “known bad” files.
  - Organizes unknown files by file type.
  - Creates thumbnails of unknown images.

# How To Currently Use TSK

## Command Line Tools

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- Original method for using TSK
- Currently, over 20 different tools
  - 2 Image Layer
  - 3 Volume System Layer
  - 13 File System Layer
  - 2 Hash and Signature Search
  - 1 Timeline tool
  - 1 Sorting tool



## Mmls Example

- Lists the partitions in a disk image.
- Example:

```
# mmls tsk1.img
```

	Slot	Start	End	Length	Description
00:	-----	0000000	0000000	0000001	Primary Table
01:	-----	0000001	0000062	0000062	Unallocated
02:	00:00	0000063	0032129	0032067	NTFS (0x07)
03:	00:01	0032130	0064259	0032130	DOS FAT16 (0x06)

## Fls example

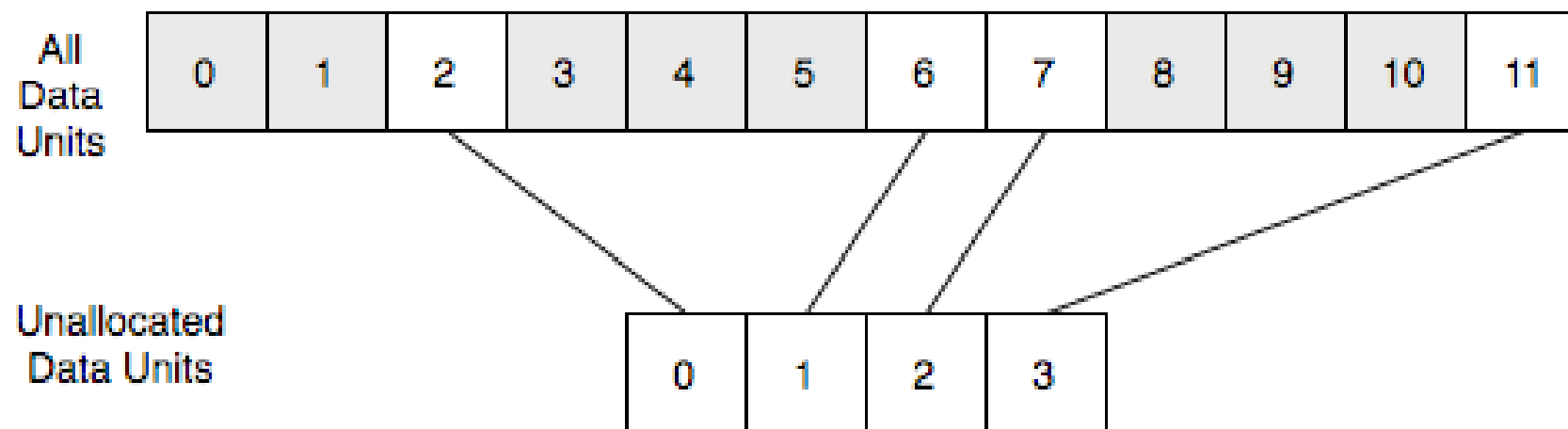
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- Lists the files in a directory.
- Shows deleted and orphan files

```
# fls -o 63 tsk1.img
r/r 4-128-4:      $AttrDef
[...]
r/r 3-128-3:      $Volume
d/d 29-144-6:     dir1
d/d 31-144-1:     dir2
d/d 34-144-1:     RECYCLER
  v/v 19920-144-1: $OrphanFiles
```

## blkls Example

- Extracts the unallocated blocks in the file system for additional data recovery.
- Output can be used for carving.



## Library

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- All of the command line functionality, in a C library.
- More efficient to use when processing a full disk image.
- Reduced overhead:
  - Load general file system data only once
- Full API docs and sample programs exist.

## Library Quick Start

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1. Open the disk image.
2. Open the volume system in the disk image.
3. Open the file system in each volume
4. Access data in the file system:
  - List all files in a given directory.
  - Read the contents of any file.
  - Access any block in the file system.

# Autopsy

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- Original graphical interface to TSK
- First released in 2001
- HTML-based interface:
  - Runs TSK command line tools
  - Parses output
  - Displays with HTML tags added in
- Does not use the library interface.

FILE ANALYSIS

KEYWORD SEARCH

FILE TYPE

IMAGE DETAILS

META DATA

DATA UNIT

HELP

CLOSE



View Directory:

/

VIEW

Search For File Name:

(Perl regular expression)

SEARCH

ALL DELETED FILES

EXPAND DIRECTORIES

Current Directory: /tmp/

ADD NOTE

GENERATE MD5 LIST OF FILES

DEL	Type	NAME	MODIFIED	ACCESSED	CHANGED	SIZE	UID	GI
	d / d	<a href="#">../</a>	2000.11.08 08:52:25 (CST)	2000.11.08 04:02:02 (CST)	2000.11.08 08:52:25 (CST)	1024	0	0
	d / d	<a href="#">./</a>	2000.11.08 08:58:57 (CST)	2000.11.08 08:57:08 (CST)	2000.11.08 08:58:57 (CST)	1024	0	0
	l / l	.bash_history	2000.11.08 08:52:10 (CST)	2000.11.08 08:59:52 (CST)	2000.11.08 08:52:10 (CST)	9	0	0
	d / d	<a href="#">.font-unix/</a>	2000.11.05 09:33:50 (CST)	2000.11.05 09:33:50 (CST)	2000.11.08 04:02:06 (CST)	1024	43	43
✓	r / r	<a href="#">ccbvMzZr.i</a>	2000.11.08 08:58:57 (CST)	2000.11.08 08:58:57 (CST)	2000.11.08 08:58:57 (CST)	23007	500	50
✓	r / r	<a href="#">ccE8mHGN.s</a>	2000.11.08 08:58:57 (CST)	2000.11.08 08:58:57 (CST)	2000.11.08 08:58:57 (CST)	10723	500	50

## Tools that you'll hear about later today:

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- Mandiant Intelligent Response
- Mac Marshall
- PTK



## Bootable CDs

- From [wiki.sleuthkit.org](http://wiki.sleuthkit.org):
- BackTrack2
- CAINE (Computer Aided INvestigative Environment)- GUI Forensics Interface
- DEFT (Digital Evidence & Forensic Toolkit) - Xubuntu based
- CCU Gnu/Linux Forensic Boot CD (knoppix)
- Forensic and Incident Response Environment (FIRE)
- Helix (knoppix)
- Knoppix STD
- Local Area Security Linux
- Penguin Sleuth Kit (knoppix)
- Plan-B
- Snarl (FreeBSD)
- HeX (Freesbie2)
- Stagos FSE (Ubuntu based)
- IRItaly Live CD Project (Gentoo based)
- ForLEx Live CD - Forensic Linux Examination (Knoppix based)

## fiwalk

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- Analysis program that extracts metadata about files in an image:
  - Names
  - Hashes
  - Block locations
  - ...
- Saves output in XML
- Written by Simson Garfinkel

# PyFlag

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- Graphical tool that integrates:
  - Network Forensics
  - Log Analysis
  - Disk Forensics (Sleuth Kit)
  - Memory Forensics (Volatility)
- Developed by Michael Cohen and David Collett
- Database oriented approach

# PyFlag Screen Shot

Case Management Load Data Disk Forensics Keyword Indexing Log Analysis Network Forensics Preview Test

Case: PyFlag\TFSTestCase

## Browsing Filesystem

Tree View Table View

[-] /

- [-] #Extend
- [-] Books
- [-] Images
  - [-] RaidReconstruction\_files
  - [-] Sherlock\_Holmes\_files
- [-] System Volume Information
- [-] \_deleted\_
- [-] \_unallocated\_

Inode-	Filename	Del	File Size	Last Modified	Mode
[-] InodeK38-128-3	ajax.js	✓	4409	2007-01-02 16:59:48	rT
[-] InodeK39-128-4	Dancing_men.png	✓	2646	2007-01-02 16:59:48	rT
[-] InodeK37-128-4	250px-Sherlock_holmes_pipe_hat.jpg	✓	26697	2007-01-02 16:59:48	rT
[-] InodeK38-128-4	poweredby_mediawiki_88x31.png	✓	1983	2007-01-02 16:59:48	rT
[-] InodeK39-128-4	24px-Wikimedia-logo.png	✓	908	2007-01-02 16:59:48	rT
[-] InodeK40-128-4	250px-Holmes_by_Paget.jpg	✓	12426	2007-01-02 16:59:48	rT
[-] InodeK41-128-3	index	✓	26689	2007-01-02 16:59:48	rT
[-] InodeK42-128-4	50px-Wikiquote-logo-en.png	✓	4717	2007-01-02 16:59:48	rT
[-] InodeK43-128-4	commonPrint.css	✓	6318	2007-01-02 16:59:48	rT
[-] InodeK44-128-3	meter.png	✓	1226	2007-01-02 16:59:48	rT

## Nanni Bassetti

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- Raw2FS: Resolves carved data to file names
- MultiFS: Detects file systems
- SFDumper: Selective file extractor
- FUNDL: Selected deleted file extractor

# Odyssey Digital Forensic Search

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- Basis effort to integrate language tools with keyword searching hard drives.
  - Sleuth Kit to extract files from image
  - Basis Rosette tools to tokenize and normalize text.
  - dtSearch to create an index of keywords.
  - Basis Rosette tools to triage documents by identifying names and translating them.
  - Simple GUI

## Normalizing Keywords

á = a + ´

U+00E1 U+0061 + U+00B4

■ لُغَوِيَّة

■ لُغَوِيَّة

■ لُغَوِيَّة

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Basic Technology - Odyssey Digital Forensics™ Keyword Search

Case Edit Settings Help

Keyword Search Language Statistics

Case: case1

Odyssey DIGITAL FORENSICS 1425

Language Auto Detect Detected Language: Unknown

Search Reset Keyword List

Files Found: 8

File Contents Name Translation File Metadata

/norm2/thread2361.html  
 /Numbers/num2.htm  
 /Numbers/num1.htm  
 -doc/norm2/أسعار الأسهم.doc  
 -doc/numbers/الصفحة الرئيسية.doc  
 -doc/numbers/الحكومة السعودية.doc  
 -doc/numbers/التاريخ البيان التسلسل.doc  
 -doc/numbers/wikipedia.doc

ان هذا (القانون) الذي وضعه مجلس غير منتخب وفي ظل الاحتلال وتأثير مباشر منه يقيد الجمعية الوطنية المقرر انتخابها في بداية العام الميلادي القادم لغرض وضع الدستور الدائم للعراق .

وهذا أمر مخالف للقوانين ويرفضه معظم أبناء الشعب العراقي . ولذلك فان أي محاولة لاصفاء الشرعية على هذا (القانون) من خلال ذكره في القرار الدولي يعد عملاً مضاداً لارادة الشعب العراقي وينذر بنتائج خطيرة .

برجى ابلاغ موقف المرجعية الدينية بهذا الشأن الى السادة اعضاء مجلس الأمن المحترمين، وشكراً.

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بسم الله الرحمن الرحيم

أسئلة مجله "دير شيجل" الامانية الموجهة الى سماحة السيد السيستاني (دام ظله)

1- هل تمت عملية إسقاط نظام صدام حسين بالشكل المنشود ؟

2- إنكم يا سماحة السيد تحذون إجراء إنتخابات عامة قبل نهاية شهر حزيران في حين، نعماً، المحتلون على، اطالة فترة بقائهم ويدعون الى، تشكياً، مجلس، انتقاله .

/img0/vol0/Arabic/ArabicPages-doc/numbers/الصفحة الرئيسية.doc

Files Hits Report

Ready to search



1990 : بداية رحلته إلى **Afghanistan** .

1991 : شارك في القتال ضد الروس في منطقة **Khust**. وأخذ اسم **Abu-Mus'ab al-Zarqawi** بعد انضمامه إلى مجموعة التوحيد والهجرة السلفية التي يرأسها **Abu-Muhammad al-Maqdisi** .

1994- حكم عليه بالسجن في **Jordan** لمدة 15 عاما لكنه خرج بعفو عام 1999 .

1999 : نسب إليه التخطيط لشن هجوم "إرهابي" في احتفال **Jordan** بالألفية. حيث استهدف الهجوم فندق **RAdyswn** ساس في **Oman** ومواقع أميركية وإسرائيلية ومسيحية أخرى، وأحيطت المحاولة قبل تنفيذها، لكنه هرب قبل القبض عليه .

2000 : انتقل **al-Zarqawi** إلى **Afghanistan** حيث أشرف على معسكر لتدريب مقاتلي **al-Qa'idah**. كما تخصص في الأسلحة الكيميائية والبيولوجية .

2001 : حكم عليه غيابيا بـ 15 سنة لتورطه في ما سمي "العمليات الإرهابية" في **Jordan** .

أكتوبر/ تشرين الأول 2001 : فر **al-Zarqawi** إلى **Iran** بعد أن فقدت **Taliban** سيطرتها على **Afghanistan**. ومن هناك جند فلسطينيين اثنين وأردنيا دخلوا **Turkey** وكان من المفترض أن يذهبوا إلى **Israel** للقيام بهجمات بالقنابل هناك .

15 فبراير/ شباط 2002 : إلغاء القبض على الثلاثة الذين أرسلهم **al-Zarqawi** في **Turkey** .

مايو/ أيار 2002 : سافر **al-Zarqawi** إلى **Iraq** حيث فقد إحدى رجليه واستبدل بها أخرى صناعية .

مايو/ أيار- يوليو/ تموز 2002 : تعافى من إصابته في **Baghdad** والتقى بعض المقاتلين هناك حيث أقام قاعدة عمليات .

نهاية صيف 2002 : سافر **al-Zarqawi** إلى **Lebanon** لمقابلة قادة من **Hizballah** ومجموعة مسلحة أخرى .

بداية 2003 : عاد **al-Zarqawi** إلى معسكر أنصار الإسلام في **Iraq**. وقام شخص آخر تدريب في هذا المعسكر بالتخطيط لهجمات كيميائية باستخدام سموم مختلفة في **Britain France Georgia Chechnya** .

يناير/ كانون الثاني 2003 : القبض على بعض "الإرهابيين" في **Britain** بتهمة التخطيط لوضع ريسين في أعذية الجيش، ومرة أخرى يربط بين "الإرهابيين" **Wa'alzarqawi** .

5 فبراير/ شباط 2003 : وزير الخارجية الأميركي **Colin Powell** تحدث أمام **Majlis al-Amn** مشيرا إلى معلومات لديه عن علاقات **al-Zarqawi** بتنظيم **al-Qa'idah** في **Iraq** .

# Future of TSK

## Version 3.2

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- Automation, Automation, Automation
- Easier to create programs that need access to all files in an image or local disk.
- New C++ class that automates:
  - Identification of partitions in disk.
  - Identification and extraction of files in file system.
- Instead of duplicating the sample program, just create a super class and implement a couple of methods.

## Version 3.2 Tools

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- Dump all file metadata data to a SQLite database:
  - Can be processed by non-C tools and interfaces.
  - Allows for correlation.
  - Schema is not yet finalized - contact me if you have needs.
- Extract files to a local directory hierarchy:
  - Frequently requested data recovery feature.
- Compare raw data with local directory hierarchy:
  - Finds rootkits that are hiding directories
  - Useful for testing

## Post Version 3.2

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- More language-specific bindings:
  - Python
  - Java
- File systems:
  - ExFAT
  - YAFFS
  - Ext4
  - ...
- More higher-level tools:
  - Sorter in C++

## Analysis Framework

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- At application layer, there are many independent tools with different APIs.
  - Registry
  - Internet history viewers
  - Text extraction
  - ...
- An open framework would make it easier to use open source software in fully automated system.
  - Different modules would be called for different file types.
  - Different reporting modules could create output in different formats.

## New GUI

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- A new Autopsy needs to be created:
  - Simple to install
  - Simple to use
  - Uses TSK library and application-level framework
  - Integrates open source search tools (Lucene, etc.)

# Merchandise





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