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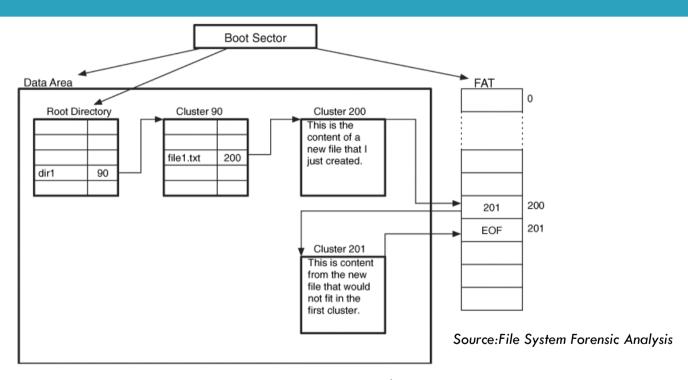
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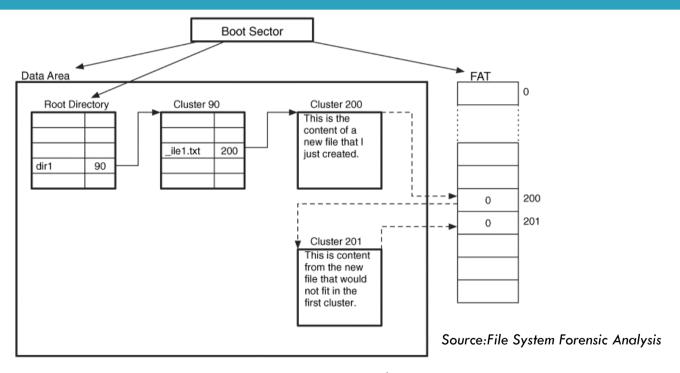








After File Deletion





Boot Sector

- OEM name: eight-character string (Byte 3-10)
 - NTFS
- Bytes per sector (Byte 11-12)
- Sectors per cluster (Byte 13)
- □ Total Sectors (Byte 40-47)
- Logical Cluster Number of \$MFT (Byte 48-55)
- Logical Cluster Number of \$MFT Mirror (Byte 56-63)

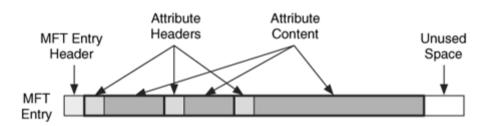
NTFS – MFT (Metadata Layer)



- In NTFS everything is a file
- The Maste-File-Table (MFT) is a large file that contains the metadata to describe files and directories
- Every file and directory has an entry in the MFT
- Every MFT Entry is 1KB in size, but only the first 42
 bytes have a defined purpose

MFT Entry



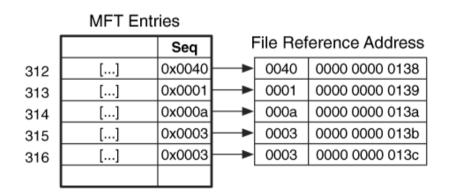


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MFT Entry Addresses



- MFT entries are sequentially addressed by a 48-bit value.
- □ The first entry has an address of 0.
- Every MFT entry also has a 16-bit sequence number that is incremented when the entry is allocated.
- The MFT entry and sequence number are combined, with the sequence number in the upper 16-bits, to form a 64-bit file reference address



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File System Metadata Files

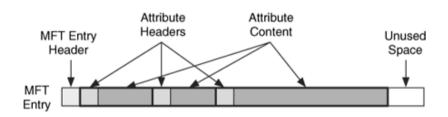


Entry	File Name	Description
0	\$MFT	The entry for the MFT itself.
1	\$MFTMirr	Contains a backup of the first entries in the MFT
4	\$AttrDef	Contains the attribute information, such as the identifier values, name, and sizes
5	•	Contains the root directory of the file system
6	\$Bitmap	Contains the allocation status of each cluster in the file system
7	\$Boot	Volume boot record. Located at the first clusters on the volume. It contains bootstrap code, cluster numbers of \$MFT and \$MFTMirr.

MFT Entry Attribute Concepts



- all attributes have two parts: the header and the content
- The attribute header identifies the type of attribute, its size, and its name.
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- The content of the attribute can have any format and any size. For example, one of the attributes is used to store the content for a file.
- Remember MFT entry has only 1,024 bytes.

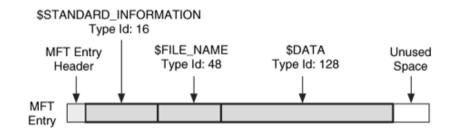


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Standard Attribute Types



- Nearly every MFT entry has a \$FILE_NAME and a \$STANDARD_INFORMATION.
- The \$FILE_NAME attribute contains the file name, size, and temporal information.
- The \$STANDARD_INFORMATION attribute contains temporal, ownership, and security information.
- Every file has a \$DATA attribute, which contains the file content. If the content is over roughly 700 bytes in size, it becomes non-resident and is saved in external clusters.
- Every directory has an \$INDEX_ROOT attribute that contains information about the files and subdirectories that are located in it.

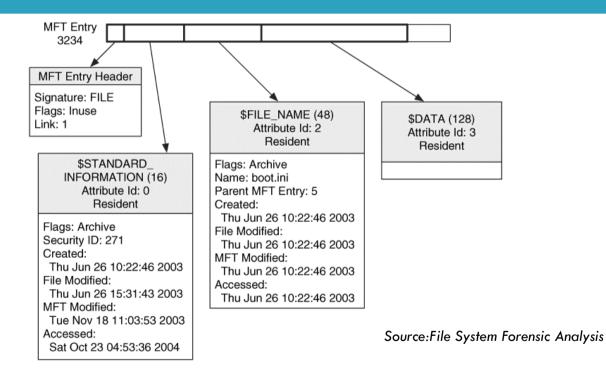


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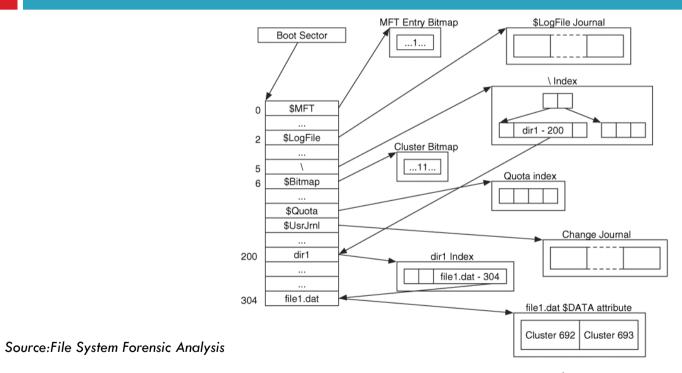
MFT Entry for a normal File





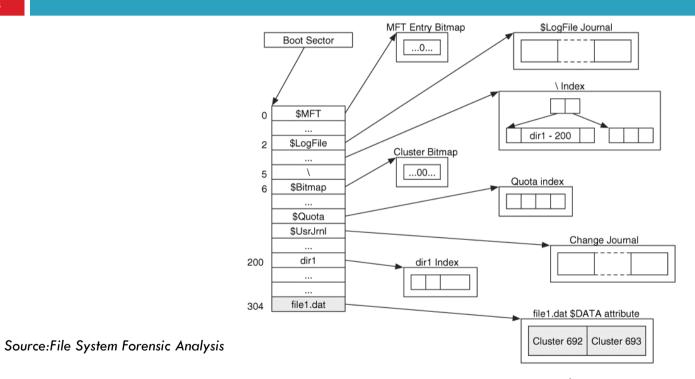
File Allocation Example











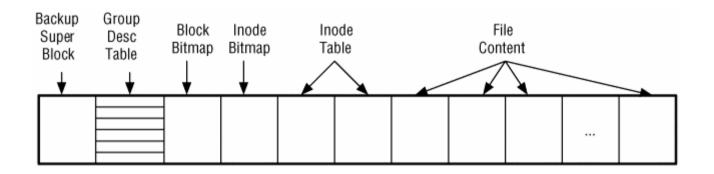
Superblock



- The ExtX superblock is located at byte 1,024 from the start of the file system.
- □ Size of the superblock is 1,024 bytes
- contains basic information:
 - the block size,
 - the total number of blocks,
 - the number of blocks per block group,
 - the number of reserved blocks before the first block group.
 - the total number of inodes
 - the number of inodes per block group.

Block Group Descriptor Tables

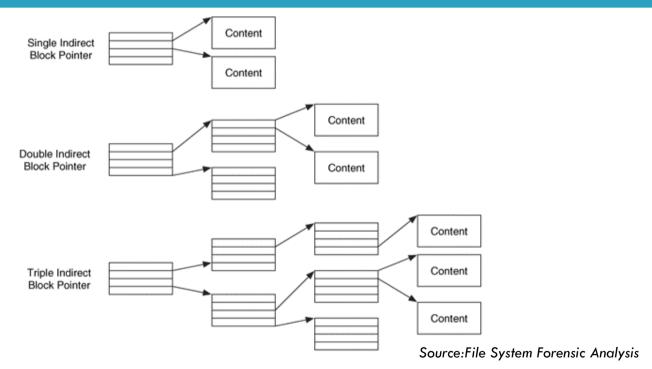




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Block Pointers



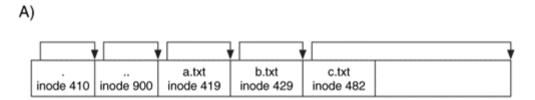


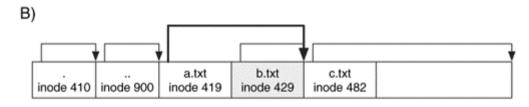
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File Name Layer



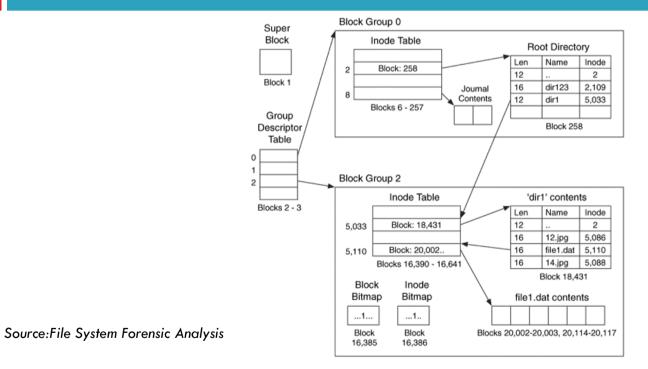




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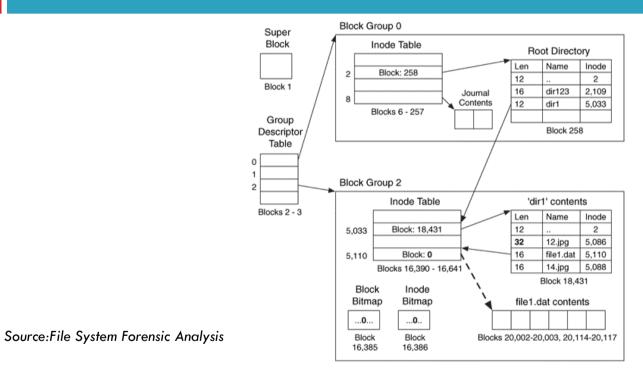
File Allocation





File Deletion Example





System Memory



- □ Network Connection
- Processes
- Open Files
- Configuration Parameters
- Encryption Keys
- Passwords
- □ ...

A set of tools



- Volatility Framework
- □ Win32dd
- memdump
- pd: Process Dumper is able to make a dump of a running process
- pdgmail: gather gmail artifacts
- pdfbook: gather facebook artifacts
- Skypeex: gather skype chat artifacts

Network connections



- # netstat —anp
- □ -a: all sockets
- -n: do not resolve host names
- -p displayPID/Programm namefor sockets

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Active Internet connections (servers and established)
Proto Recv-Q Send-Q Local Address Foreign Address State

tcp 0 0 0.0.0:445 0.0.0.0:* LISTEN -

tcp 0 0 0.127.0.0.1:3306 0.0.0.0:* LISTEN -

tcp 0 0 0.0.0:139 0.0.0.0:* LISTEN -

tcp 0 0 0.0.0:22 0.0.0:* LISTEN -

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tcp 0 0 0.27.0.0.1:631 0.0.0.0:* LISTEN -

tcp 0 0 0.2.1:631 0.0.0.0:* LISTEN -

ddp 0 0 0.0.0.0:45472 0.0.0.0:* LISTEN -

udp 0 0 0.0.0.0:5353 0.0.0.0:* -

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udp 0 0 0.0.0.0:137 0.0.0.0:* -

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List processes



- □ # ps -aux
- □ -a: all
- □ -u: use effective user ID
- -x: processes withouttty

USER	PID	%CPU	%MEM	VSZ	RSS TTY	STAT	START	TIME COMMAND
root	1	0.0	0.0	2620	1492 ?	Ss	20:03	0:01 /sbin/init
root	2	0.0	0.0	0	Θ ?	S<	20:03	0:00 [kthreadd]
root	3	0.0	0.0	0	Θ ?	S<	20:03	0:00 [migration/0]
root	4	0.0	0.0	0	Θ ?	S<	20:03	0:00 [ksoftirqd/0]
root	5	0.0	0.0	0	Θ ?	S<	20:03	0:00 [watchdog/0]
root	6	0.0	0.0	0	Θ ?	S<	20:03	0:00 [events/0]
root	7	0.0	0.0	0	Θ ?	S <	20:03	0:00 [cpuset]
root	8	0.0	0.0	0	Θ ?	S<	20:03	0:00 [khelper]
root	9	0.0	0.0	0	Θ ?	S <	20:03	0:00 [netns]
root	10	0.0	0.0	0	Θ ?	S<	20:03	0:00 [async/mgr]
root	11	0.0	0.0	0	Θ ?	S<	20:03	0:00 [kintegrityd/0]
root	12	0.0	0.0	0	Θ ?	S<	20:03	0:00 [kblockd/0]
root	13	0.0	0.0	0	Θ ?	S<	20:03	0:00 [kacpid]
root	14	0.0	0.0	0	Θ ?	S<	20:03	0:00 [kacpi_notify]
root	15	0.0	0.0	0	Θ?	S<	20:03	0:00 [kacpi_hotplug]
root	16	0.1	0.0	0	Θ ?	S <	20:03	0:11 [ata/0]
root	17	0.0	0.0	0	Θ ?	S<	20:03	0:00 [ata_aux]
root	18	0.0	0.0	0	Θ ?	S<	20:03	0:00 [ksuspend_usbd]
root	19	0.0	0.0	0	Θ ?	S<	20:03	0:00 [khubd]
root	20	0.0	0.0	0	Θ ?	S<	20:03	0:00 [kseriod]
root	21	0.0	0.0	0	Θ ?	S<	20:03	0:00 [kmmcd]
root	22	0.0	0.0	0	Θ ?	S <	20:03	0:00 [bluetooth]
root	23	0.0	0.0	0	Θ ?	S	20:03	0:00 [khungtaskd]
root	24	0.0	0.0	0	Θ ?	S	20:03	0:00 [pdflush]
root	25	0.0	0.0	0	Θ ?	S	20:03	0:00 [pdflush]
root	26	0.0	0.0	0	Θ ?	S<	20:03	0:00 [kswapd0]
root	27	0.0	0.0	0	Θ ?	S<	20:03	0:00 [aio/0]
root	28	0.0	0.0	0	0 ?	S<	20:03	0:00 [ecryptfs-kthrea]
root	29	0.0	0.0	0	Θ ?	S<	20:03	0:00 [crypto/0]

List open files



- □ # Isof —n
- -n: no host names



Other things



- Current date/time:
 - # date
- Partition map
 - # fdisk -l
- Mount points
 - # mount
- System uptime
 - # uptime
- OS type
 - # uname -a

```
/dev/sda3 on / type ext3 (rw,errors=remount-ro)
proc on /proc type proc (rw)
none on /sys type sysfs (rw,noexec,nosuid,nodev)
none on /sys/fs/fuse/connections type fusectl (rw)
none on /sys/kernel/debug type debugfs (rw)
none on /sys/kernel/security type securityfs (rw)
udev on /dev type tmpfs (rw,mode=0755)
none on /dev/pts type devpts (rw,noexec,nosuid,gid=5,mode=0620)
none on /dev/shm type tmpfs (rw,nosuid,nodev)
none on /var/run type tmpfs (rw,nosuid,mode=0755)
none on /var/lock type tmpfs (rw,noexec,nosuid,nodev)
none on /lib/init/rw type tmpfs (rw,noexec,nosuid,mode=0755)
/dev/sdb1 on /cases type ext3 (rw)
/dev/sda1 on /boot type ext3 (rw)
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Sample output of mount

On Windows WFT



- WINDOWS FORENSIC TOOLCHEST (WFT):
 - Memory Image
 - Network Information
 - Process Information
 - Filesystem and Registry
 - Files with hashes
 - System Information
 - **...**



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One transfer possiblity



Unencrypted way

□ Forensic Workstation:

Network Maschine:#input | nc IP port

Encrypted way (twofish)

□ Forensic Workstation:

Network Maschine:

Evidence integrity



- Hash everything
- Saves you from tampering claims

- □ MD5:
 - Generate:
 # md5sum file > file.md5
 - Check:# md5sum file -c file.md5
- □ SHA(224|256|384|512):
 - Generate:
 # shaXsum file > file.shaX
 - □ Check: #shaXsum file -c file.shaX

Image Formats



- RAW (.dd | .img):
 - Original true bit copy
 - Same size as orginal drive
 - No compression
 - No metadata
- Expert Witness Format (.E01):
 - Contains metatata (Hash, Dates, ...)
 - Can be compressed
 - Proprietary Format
- Advanced Forensic Format (.AFF):
 - Stores metatadata (Hash, Dates, ...)
 - Can be compressed
 - AFF: Single lage file with metadata
 - AFD: Multiple small files with metadata
 - AFM: Drive Image is in RAW Format and a secound file contains the metadata

A)	raw image				
В)	embedded image				
C)	raw image external metadata				

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Evidence collection



Hardware write blocker

Read Command CONT CONT Read Read Sector 5 Sector 5 R ROLLER Disk 0 LLER Sector 5 Sector 5 E R Data Data

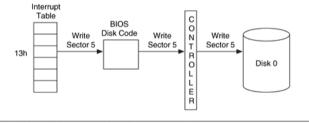
Write Sector 5 Disk 0

Write Command

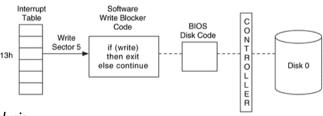
K E R

Software write blocker





With Software Write Blocker



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- # dd if=INPUT of=OUTPUT [options]
- bs=value: set block size to value
- count=value: copy only value blocks
- skip=value: skip value blocks in input
- **conv=noerror,sync**: skip unreadable sections
- On Windows also:
- --cryptsum HASHTYPE [md5,sha, sha1, sha256]
- --log file
- --cryptout file
- --verify

DC3DD



- # dc3dd if=INPUT of=OUTPUT [options]
- bs=value: set block size to value
- count=value: copy only value sectors
- skip=value: skip value blocks in input
- seek=value: skip value blocks in output
- conv=noerror,sync: skip unreadable sections
- progress=on: Display a progress meter
- Hash=ALG: computes hash of the input [md5,sha1,sha256,sha512]
- hashlog=FILE
- □ log=file