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1 Introduction

1.1 How to use this guide

This document has 5 guides that provide information about timeline creation and analysis for several different tools and platforms. Navigate to the desired guide via the table of contents. Since the tools each have a different set of strengths, sections 1.2 through 1.6 evaluate the different options and use cases for timeline generation. For most situations involving heavy use of timeline analysis, Log2Timeline is going to be the best fit for the situation, since the tool was designed for the specific task of timeline generation.

1.2 Overview of EnCase

EnCase is a popular industry tool that is used for a lot of investigations. Timeline creation with EnCase is useful if your case is already loaded into and processed by the tool. Especially when timelines are lightly used within the case, the EnCase timeline feature is the best option.

1.3 Overview of Forensic Tool Kit

AccessData's Forensic Tool Kit (FTK) provides another industry method for case analysis. Though FTK does not have a timeline view, like EnCase, it can be more difficult to seamlessly integrate the timeline data from FTK. Once again, FTK is best suited for use when timeline analysis is not the main focus, but a secondary component in the investigation since it requires additional processing.

1.4 Overview of Log2Timeline

Log2Timeline is an open source command line tool created by Kristenn Gudjonsson. Log2Timeline has become known for its ability to efficiently and accurately provide timeline information for mounted logical devices, while operating at the partition level. Log2Timeline is written in Perl, and it works by reading through a filesystem and outputting the metadata in a report format (.csv by default). The outputted report provides the date, time, date/time type, module used, and file location of the data on the partition. Log2Timeline is capable of scanning through folders and directories individually or an entire mounted partition at once. Please note that since these partitions must be mounted (as read-only for data integrity purposes), the host machine determines which file systems Log2Timeline is capable of parsing through.

1.4.1 Log2Timeline Modules

Log2Timeline is a framework that comes with a series of modules for examiners to use to extract specific information from a device. This includes clusters of modules for Linux, Macintosh, Windows 7, Windows XP, and Windows Server. In addition to the module clusters, Log2Timeline also includes task specific modules, such as web history, and options for running the tool against images without registry information. For a complete list of modules, see Figure 1. These modules can be run individually, or if a cluster is selected, it will run the modules within the cluster. The modularity of Log2Timeline makes it flexible for case work and allows the user to select the scope that Log2Timeline runs.



1.4.2 Log2Timeline Time zones

In addition to the range of available modules that Log2Timeline can run, it supports 555 different time zone options covering a large number of cities as well as every continental time zone. Log2Timeline has an extensive list of redundant time zones to ensure that daylight savings time is included/excluded based on the region also. For a complete list of time zones, run **log2timeline -z list** in the command prompt.

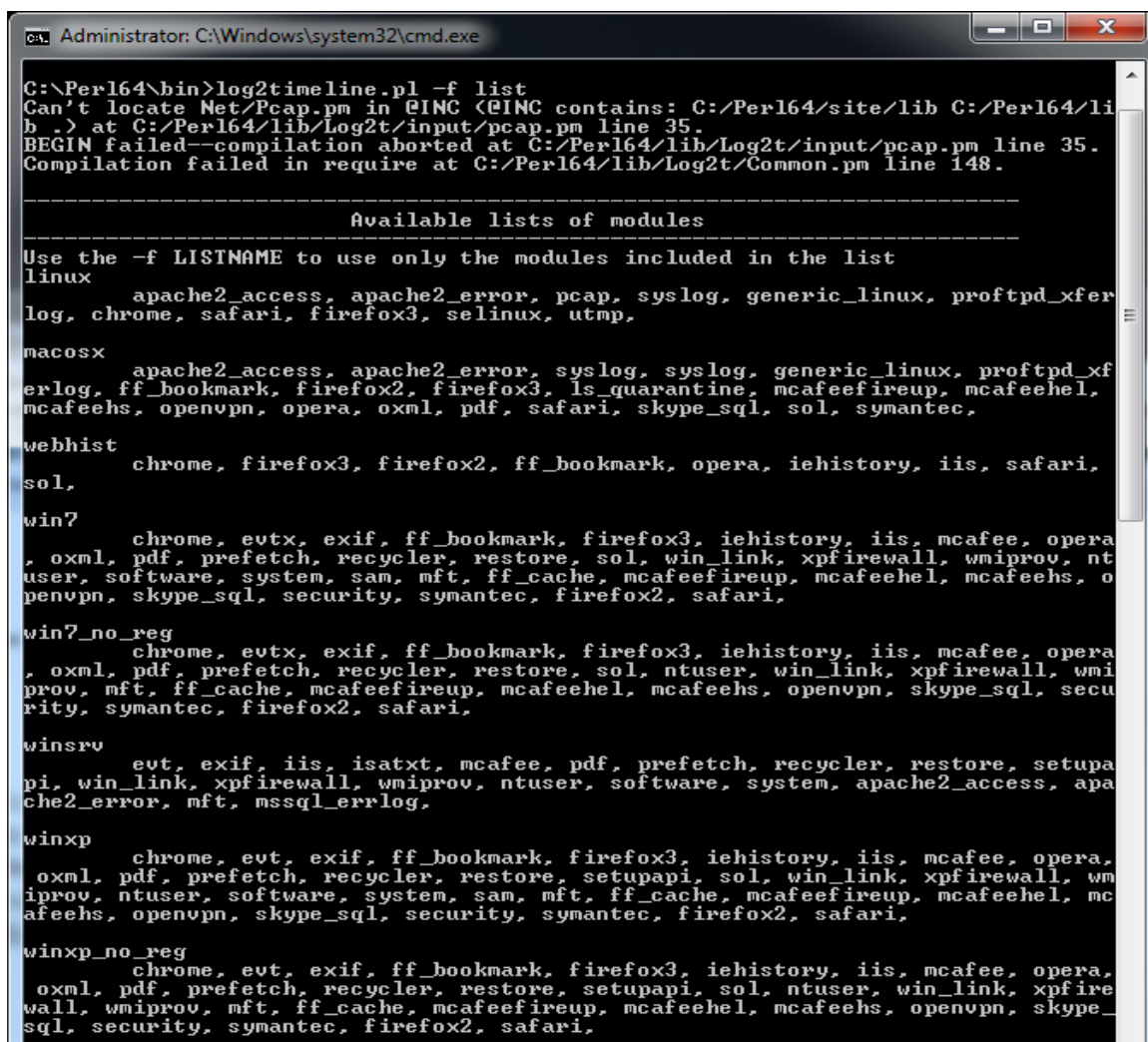
1.4.3 Log2Timeline Output

Log2Timeline supports multiple output formats for the data retrieved and parsed from the target source. The default output is CSV (Comma Separated Values), which can be opened in Microsoft Excel or any other worksheet application. CSV is a universal format and is simple for many applications to interpret and display. In addition to the default CSV format is the Mactime format. The Mactime format is closely focused on UNIX file systems, so it would not provide some information for Windows file systems (such as inode information) because the two file systems use different organizational structures. This format is used by Sleuth Kit (TSK), which outputs Date, Time, Size of file, Record Type, UNIX Permissions, User ID, Group ID, inode (for UNIX systems), and filename¹. Mactime is stored as a bodyfile format and is encoded in plain text.

Another unique file output type is the TLN format. This output is a tab delimited format, though it is also used by Harlan Carvey's tools. The TLN is in the ASCII format and can be opened with most worksheet applications such as Microsoft Excel; it can be converted to CSV format as well.

Another common file output type is SQLite, which will place the information in a database to allow querying for timeline information versus reading an entire file. The SQLite format can be useful as the output files may become extremely large, preventing them from being opened by common applications such as Microsoft Excel or Notepad ++ (we have encountered output files as large as 2 GB). These are only a few of the supported file formats; the rest can be found at: <http://log2timeline.net/#output>.

¹ Information from sleuthkit.org regarding sample output of the mactime format.
http://wiki.sleuthkit.org/index.php?title=Mactime_output



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Administrator: C:\Windows\system32\cmd.exe

C:\Perl64\bin>log2timeline.pl -f list
Can't locate Net/Pcap.pm in @INC (at C:\Perl64/site/lib C:\Perl64/lib)
BEGIN failed--compilation aborted at C:\Perl64/lib/Log2t/input/pcap.pm line 35.
Compilation failed in require at C:\Perl64/lib/Log2t/Common.pm line 148.

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Available lists of modules
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Use the -f LISTNAME to use only the modules included in the list

linux
    apache2_access, apache2_error, pcap, syslog, generic_linux, proftpd_xfer
log, chrome, safari, firefox3, selinux, utmp,

macosx
    apache2_access, apache2_error, syslog, syslog, generic_linux, proftpd_xf
erlog, ff_bookmark, firefox2, firefox3, ls_quarantine, mcafeefireup, mcafeehel,
mcafeehs, openvpn, opera, oxml, pdf, safari, skype_sql, sol, symantec,

webhist
    chrome, firefox3, firefox2, ff_bookmark, opera, iehistory, iis, safari,
sol,

win7
    chrome, evt, exif, ff_bookmark, firefox3, iehistory, iis, mcafee, opera
, oxml, pdf, prefetch, recycler, restore, sol, win_link, xpfirewall, wmi
prov, ntuser, software, system, sam, mft, ff_cache, mcafeefireup, mcafeehel, mcafeehs, o
penvpn, skype_sql, security, symantec, firefox2, safari,

win7_no_reg
    chrome, evt, exif, ff_bookmark, firefox3, iehistory, iis, mcafee, opera
, oxml, pdf, prefetch, recycler, restore, sol, ntuser, win_link, xpfirewall, wmi
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che2_error, mft, mssql_errlog,

winxp
    chrome, evt, exif, ff_bookmark, firefox3, iehistory, iis, mcafee, opera,
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sql, security, symantec, firefox2, safari,
  
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Figure 1

1.4.4 Other Log2Timeline Options

Log2Timeline allows the standard output (STDOUT), the information displayed in the command/terminal window, to be saved as a text file for later review. The **-log file/path/to/log.txt** option allows you to export essential information regarding errors encountered, the run modules, start and end time, timezone selected, and output module selected to a log file. This information is worth saving, making the **-log** option a necessity in running the command. Another useful option is the **-r** option, which tells Log2Timeline to run recursively across the source directory. This is useful when running across an entire partition or all of the subfolders within the source directory. When the recursive option is selected, the preprocessing option, **-p**, should be run to allow Log2Timeline to parse information from the source for use with some of the modules.

With the versatility to run across multiple platforms and the options to generate timelines for sources with a variety of time zones and operating systems, the Log2Timeline framework is the cornerstone of forensic timeline creation. What makes this framework so incredibly popular



and widely known is its integration with different forensic platforms such as SIFT and TAPEWORM.

1.5 Log2Timeline in SIFT

SIFT is a preconfigured virtual machine appliance developed, managed, and released by SANS Forensics. SANS Investigative Forensic Toolkit (SIFT) is a suite of preinstalled open source forensic tools, allowing investigators to download a prebuilt virtual machine (VM) they can run and use for analysis of a case. SIFT prevents investigators from facing tedious installation and configuration of open source tools. This VM includes the Log2Timeline framework as well as a custom version of Log2Timeline that can be run from the terminal within SIFT to further simplify the timeline creation process.

1.5.1 Preparing Sources for Log2Timeline in SIFT

Forensic acquisitions use a variety of file types and extensions. The DD, also known as RAW, format saves a bit for bit copy of the drive as a file. This format does not support compression or encryption. This format can also be interpreted by the Linux mount command, used in SIFT, to mount acquired exhibits as virtual read-only partitions.

Since DD images do not support compression or encryption, the E01 format is commonly used to provide both compression and encryption

2 Timeline Creation and Analysis with EnCase 6.19 and 7.04

2.1 Timeline Analysis with EnCase 6.19

EnCase offers a built-in timeline feature capable of beginning a timeline analysis from the case file already loaded into the software. This easy-to-use timeline feature can either be used as a method to initially focus on a known date and time or to narrow results using a date and time window.

To begin timeline analysis with EnCase 6.19, a case must be created or opened and evidence must be added to it (see **Figure 1**).

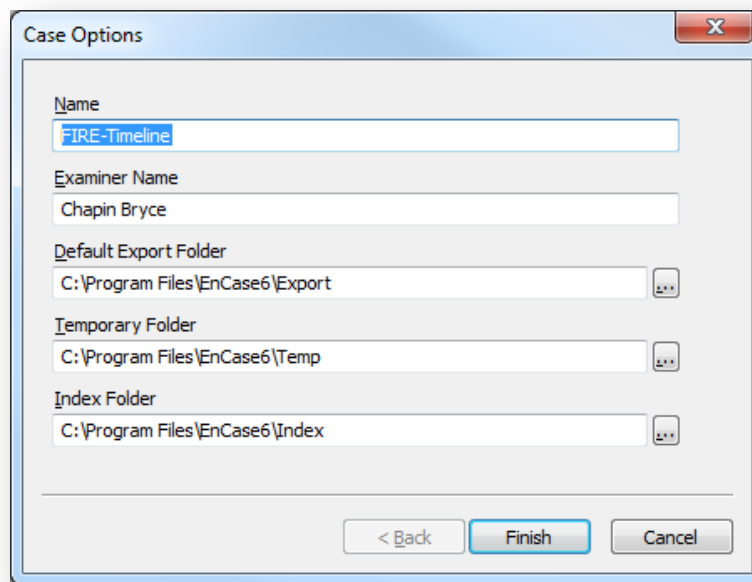


Figure 2 – Creating a Case in EnCase 6.19

Once evidence is added into EnCase, and the software is done parsing the MFT (Master File Table) and other pre-processing requirements, the timeline feature can be used. By green plating an evidence file (whether it is an entire case, partition, folder, or uncompressed compound file), all of the entries within the evidence file will be displayed. Then, after selecting the “Timeline” view from the right pane, the program will display a graphical representation of the drive in relation to the calendar displayed (See Figure 2).

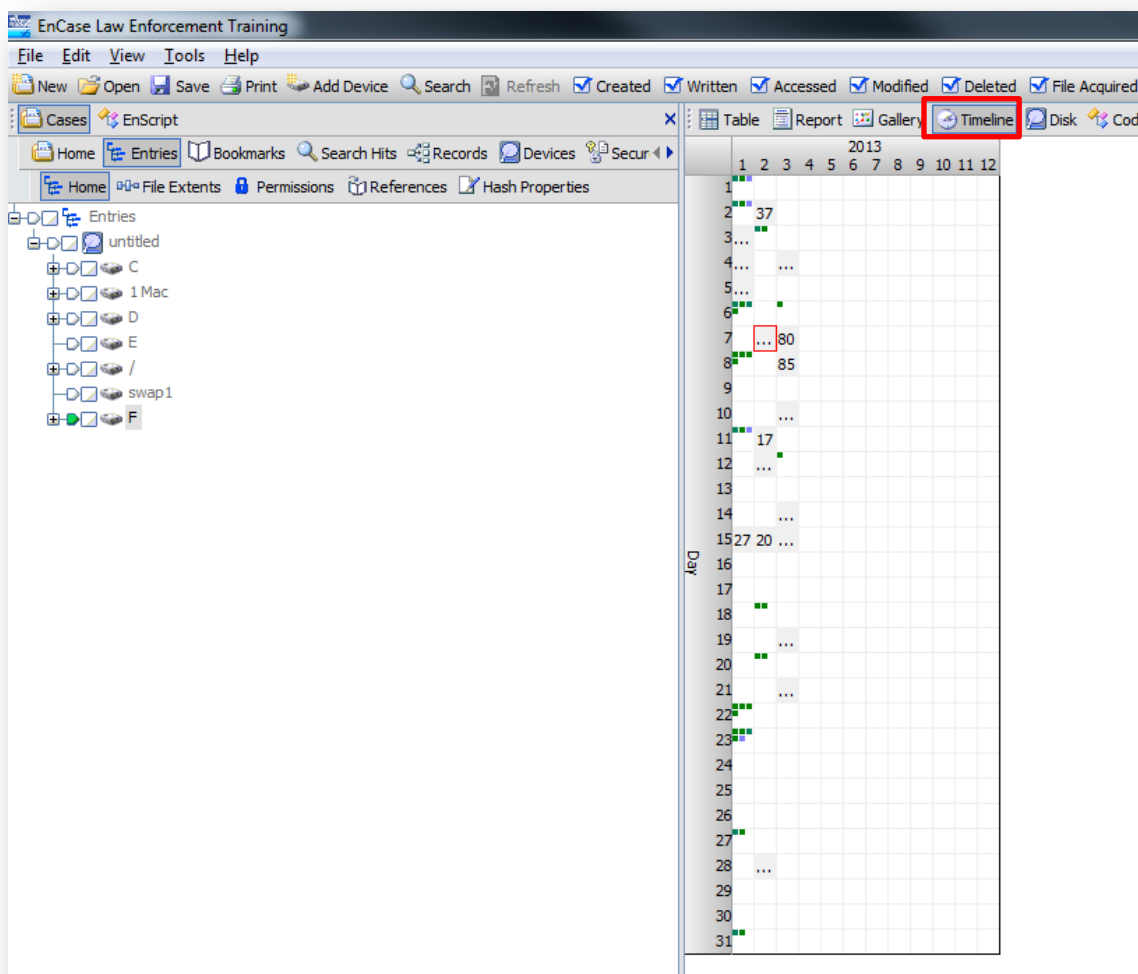


Figure 3 – Timeline Year View in Encase 6.19

To change the focus, a user can zoom in on the data in a specific range by double clicking on a cell. The right click menu can be used to zoom in and out as well. The focus ranges from a year view (**Figure 2**) to a minute view (**Figure 3**), and the focus can also be modified using the options menu and adjusting the resolution (See **Figure 4**).

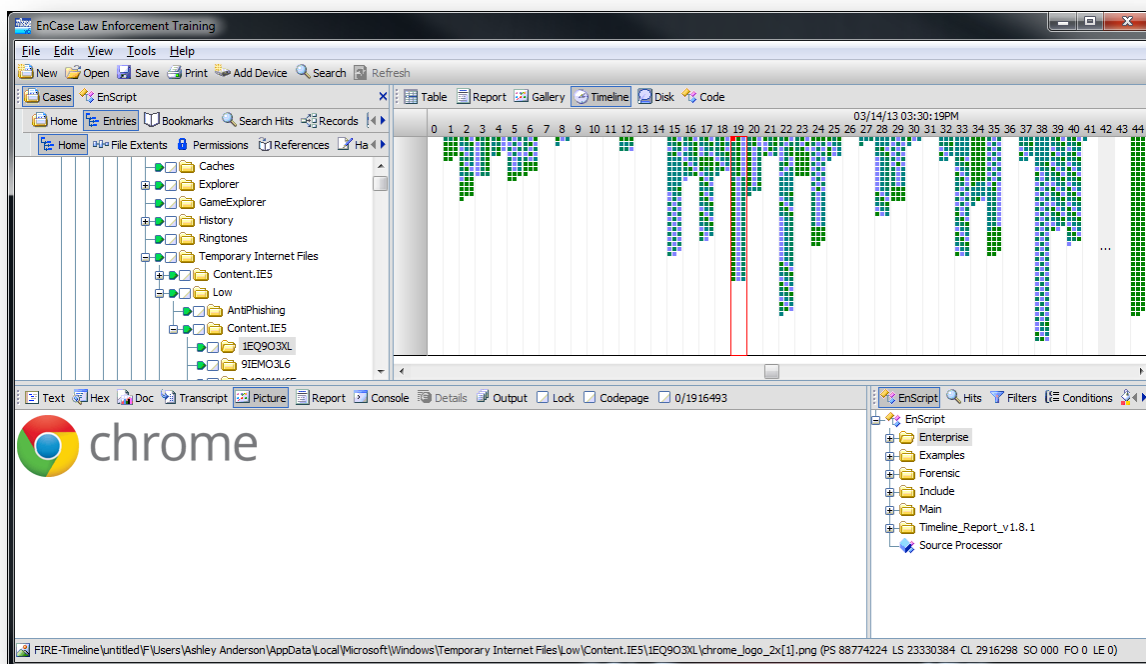


Figure 4 – Timeline Minute View in EnCase 6.19

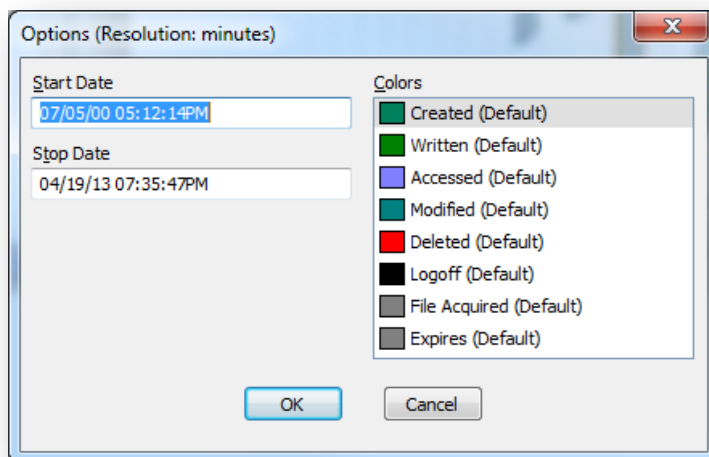


Figure 5 – Adjusting the Timeline Resolution in Encase 6.19

EnCase 6.19 does not have a native timeline exporting tool comparable to Log2Timeline. EnCase is intended for case analysis while Log2Timeline is designed as a preprocessing platform. EnCase excels at case analysis, however, and has the ability to mount files in the case so that each one is revealed. This allows each file to be individually identified and processed, a feature missing from Log2Timeline.

2.2 Timeline Analysis with EnCase 7.04

EnCase 7.04 is a newer version of Guidance Software's forensic tool suite with an added graphic interface upgrade, along with a number of other usability modifications. The Timeline feature was improved through the major version update, and this new version offers more usability than EnCase 6.19.

As with EnCase 6.19, a case needs to be created and evidence must be added before the timeline feature can be utilized. Once the evidence is added, it is good practice to run the file mounter option in the case processor, to ensure that all files within compound files are expanded and accurately represented by the EnCase timeline.

Similar to EnCase 6.19, a green plated evidence file can be viewed by the timeline tab within the evidence pane. Within the Timeline tab, there are buttons to increase/decrease the timeline resolution, making it more convenient to use the timeline feature within EnCase.

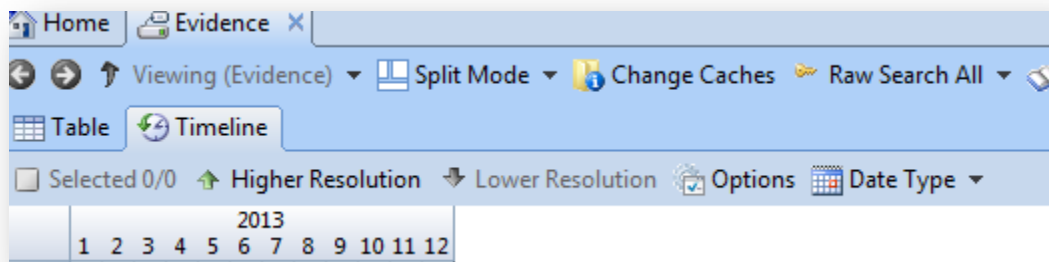


Figure 6 – Updated Resolution Buttons

Similarly to EnCase 6.19, EnCase 7.04 does not offer a timeline exporting tool similar to Log2Timeline, though EnCase 7.04 is meant for case analysis not preprocessing as Log2Timeline is. However, it should be noted that Encase 6.19 and 7.04 both support EnScripts, which can use the EnCase platform to create an exported timeline similar to Log2Timeline.

2.3 Timeline Analysis with Geoff Black's Timeline EnScript

EnCase 6.19 and 7.04 both contain timeline functionality, although it is only available for use within the program and without an easy timeline exporting tool, such as with Log2Timeline. The EnScripting feature of EnCase allows for EnScripts to be written for creating additional functionality. Geoff Black created a Timeline EnScript that uses the evidence loaded into an opened case, using EnCase as the source for creating timelines. His script may be downloaded at: [GeoffBlack's Timeline EnScript](#). This file must be unzipped and placed within the EnCase installation directory in the EnScript folder.

To create a timeline using this EnScript, the target evidence must be loaded into a case in EnCase (see **Figure 1**). Once loaded in, it is best practice to always run the file mounter EnScript, to ensure all of the compound files can be accurately represented. For the EnScript, use the blue checking to select which files should be included in the exported timeline. Once the files are selected, open the Timeline Report EnScript within the EnScript pane of EnCase, and the option window will appear (see **Figure 6**). In this window, a series of options can be selected for creating a timeline (see **Figure 6**).

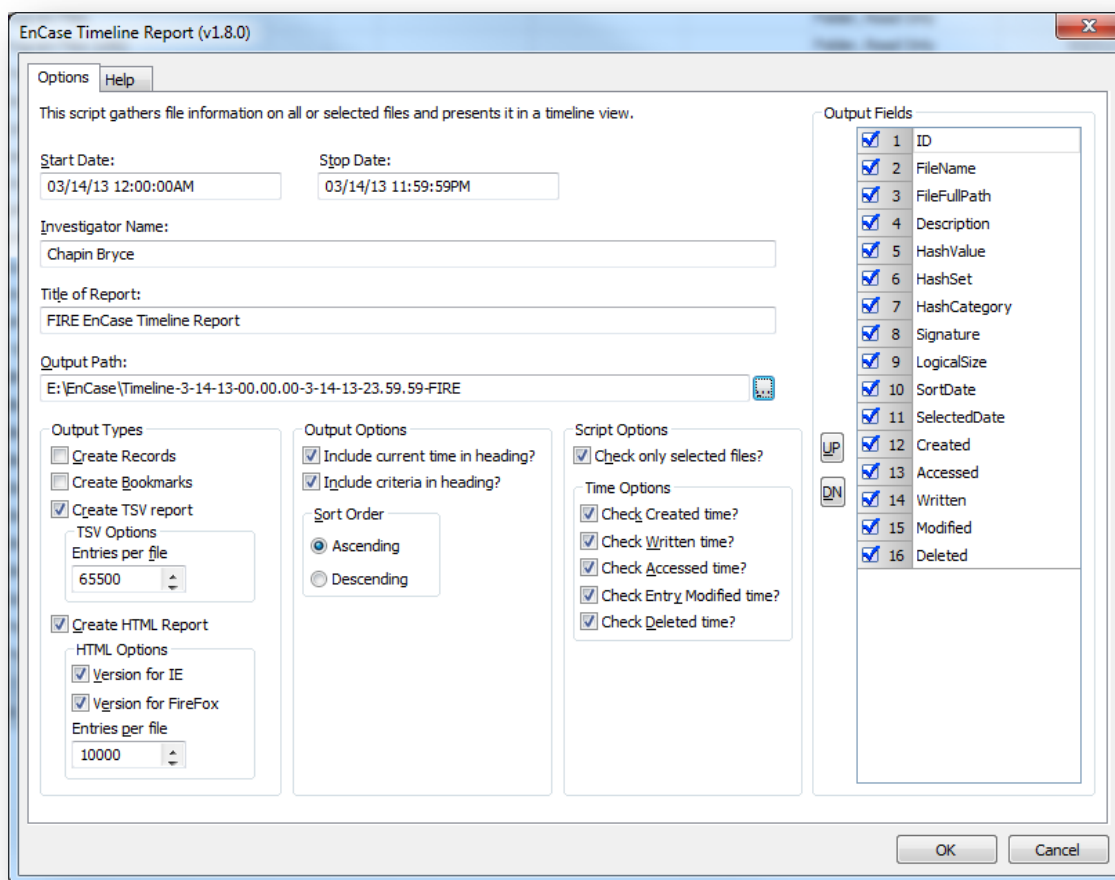


Figure 7 – EnCase Timeline Report EnScript

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06/10/13 09:27:46AM Info [TimelineReport] Script started
06/10/13 09:27:47AM Info [TimelineReport] Looking for files matching 03/14/13 12:00:00AM - 03/14/13 11:59:59PM
06/10/13 09:27:47AM Info [TimelineReport] Done finding files
06/10/13 09:27:47AM Info [TimelineReport] 23871 entries found in date range
06/10/13 09:27:47AM Info [TimelineReport] Sorting file list...
06/10/13 09:27:47AM Info [TimelineReport] Done sorting
06/10/13 09:27:49AM Info [TimelineReport] Text output complete
06/10/13 09:27:52AM Info [TimelineReport] HTML output complete (IE version)
06/10/13 09:27:55AM Info [TimelineReport] HTML output complete (FireFox version)
06/10/13 09:27:56AM Info [TimelineReport] Script completed in 9 seconds |
  
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FIRE-Timeline\untitled\F\Extend (PS 71735319 LS 6291479 CL 786434 SO 327 FO 551 LE 1)

Figure 8 – Run Notes from EnScript

The script ran quickly and took roughly nine seconds to process the entire partition [See **Figure 7**]. While faster than Log2Timeline, the time to create the case and set it up should be accounted for as well. This timeline created by EnScript will contain more data than its log2timeline counterpart, as it has expanded compound files, but it also creates additional entries due to its structure. The exported TSV document of the timeline is shown in **Figure 8**, and the HTML output is show in **Figure 9**.

Timeline - Microsoft Excel			
File Home Insert Page Layout Formulas Data Review View			
Normal Page Layout Page Break Custom Full Workbook Views			
Ruler Formula Bar Gridlines Headings Show			
Zoom 100% Zoom to Selection New Window Arrange All Freeze Panes Hide Unhide			
View Side by Side Synchronous Scrolling Save Workspace Switch Windows Macros			
Window			
A15319 15313			
A	B	C	D
1	EnCase Timeline Report		
2	Case: FIRE-Timeline Time Executed: 06/10/13 09:27:46AM Investigator: Chapin Bryce		
3	Report Criteria: 03/14/13 12:00:00AM - 03/14/13 11:59:59PM		
4	ID	FileName	Description
15316	15310	browser-spin-info[1].png	FIRE-Timeline\untitled\F\Users\Ashley Anderson\AppData\Local\Microsoft\Windows\Temporary Internet Files\Low\Content.IE5\1EQ903XL\browser- File, Archive, No
15317	15311	browser-spin-info[1].png	FIRE-Timeline\untitled\F\Users\Ashley Anderson\AppData\Local\Microsoft\Windows\Temporary Internet Files\Low\Content.IE5\1EQ903XL\browser- File, Archive, No
15318	15312	browser-spin-info[1].png	FIRE-Timeline\untitled\F\Users\Ashley Anderson\AppData\Local\Microsoft\Windows\Temporary Internet Files\Low\Content.IE5\1EQ903XL\browser- File, Archive, No
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15320	15314	chrome[1].htm	FIRE-Timeline\untitled\F\Users\Ashley Anderson\AppData\Local\Microsoft\Windows\Temporary Internet Files\Low\Content.IE5\9IEM03L6\chrome[1 File, Archive, No
15321	15315	chrome[1].htm	FIRE-Timeline\untitled\F\Users\Ashley Anderson\AppData\Local\Microsoft\Windows\Temporary Internet Files\Low\Content.IE5\9IEM03L6\chrome[1 File, Archive, No
15322	15316	tiffany[1].css	FIRE-Timeline\untitled\F\Users\Ashley Anderson\AppData\Local\Microsoft\Windows\Temporary Internet Files\Low\Content.IE5\9IEM03L6\tiffany[1]. File, Archive, No
15323	15317	tiffany[1].css	FIRE-Timeline\untitled\F\Users\Ashley Anderson\AppData\Local\Microsoft\Windows\Temporary Internet Files\Low\Content.IE5\9IEM03L6\tiffany[1]. File, Archive, No
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15325	15319	eula_text[1].htm	FIRE-Timeline\untitled\F\Users\Ashley Anderson\AppData\Local\Microsoft\Windows\Temporary Internet Files\Low\Content.IE5\9IEM03L6\eula_text File, Archive, No
15326	15320	eula_text[1].htm	FIRE-Timeline\untitled\F\Users\Ashley Anderson\AppData\Local\Microsoft\Windows\Temporary Internet Files\Low\Content.IE5\9IEM03L6\eula_text File, Archive, No

Figure 9 – CSV EnScript Output



FIRE EnCase Timeline Report

Case: FIRE-Timeline

Time Executed: 06/10/13 09:27:46AM

Investigator: Chapin Bryce

Report Criteria: 03/14/13 12:00:00AM - 03/14/13 11:59:59PM

ID	Full Path	Description	Size	Created	Accessed	Written	Entry
0	FIRE-Timeline\untitled\F\ProgramData\Microsoft\Windows Defender\Definition Updates\{CFF22B00-AF4B-4880-8833-ABCA44E3CBED}\mpasdlta.vdm	File, Archive, Not Indexed	1094874	03/14/13 03:35:51PM	03/14/13 03:35:51PM	03/14/13 12:44:03AM	03/14/13
1	FIRE-Timeline\untitled\F\Windows\System32\wdi\{86432a0b-3c76-4dd4-a89b-1726aa90485d}\{e518b13-4499-4a85-a4da-3eae1ada2982}\snapshot.etf	File, Archive	245700	03/14/13 03:15:57PM	03/14/13 03:15:57PM	03/14/13 03:13:40PM	03/14/13
2	FIRE-Timeline\untitled\F\Windows\System32\wdi\{86432a0b-3c76-4dd4-a89b-1726aa90485d}\{e518b13-4499-4a85-a4da-3eae1ada2982}\snapshot.etf	File, Archive	245700	03/14/13 03:15:57PM	03/14/13 03:15:57PM	03/14/13 03:13:40PM	03/14/13
3	FIRE-Timeline\untitled\F\ProgramData\Microsoft\Search\Data\Applications\Windows\GatherLogs\SystemIndex\SystemIndex.2.gthr	File, Archive, Not Indexed	1200	03/14/13 03:14:31PM	03/14/13 03:14:31PM	03/14/13 03:27:10PM	03/14/13
4	FIRE-Timeline\untitled\F\ProgramData\Microsoft\Search\Data\Applications\Windows\GatherLogs\SystemIndex\SystemIndex.2.gthr	File, Archive, Not Indexed	1298	03/14/13 03:14:31PM	03/14/13 03:14:31PM	03/14/13 03:27:19PM	03/14/13
5	FIRE-Timeline\untitled\F\ProgramData\Microsoft\Search\Data\Applications\Windows\GatherLogs\SystemIndex\SystemIndex.2.Crnl	File, Archive, Not Indexed	419	03/14/13 03:14:31PM	03/14/13 03:14:31PM	03/14/13 03:17:49PM	03/14/13

Figure 10 – HTML EnScript Output

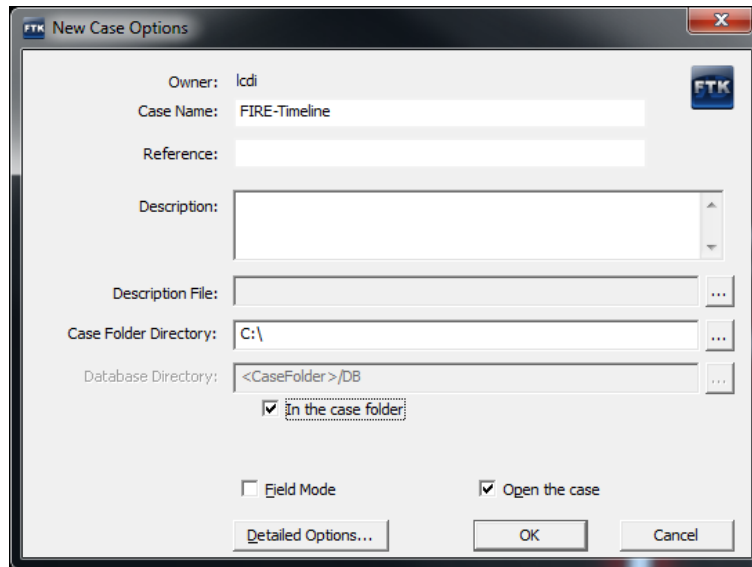
The HTML outputs are split into multiple files and are sorted by Firefox (FF) and Internet Explorer (IE) file types. Each file is split when it is around 11 MB in size. It appears that the TSV file does not split, although it was only tested at 15MB.

3 Timeline Creation and Analysis with Forensic Tool Kit 4

3.1 Timeline Analysis with Forensic Tool Kit 4

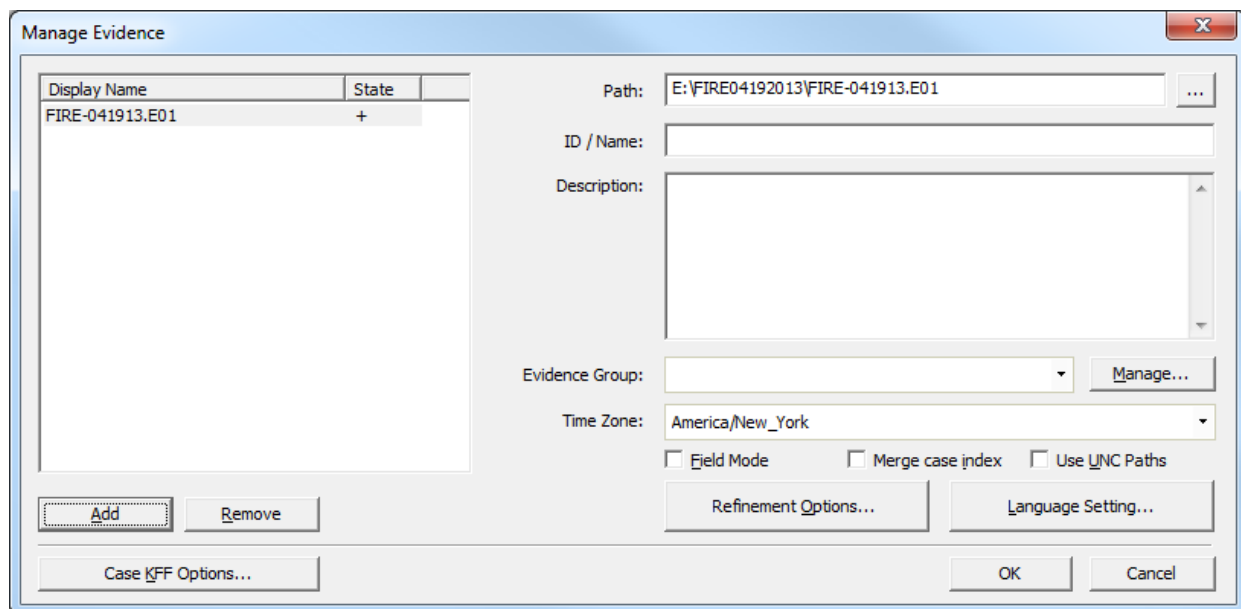
AccessData's Forensic Tool Kit (FTK) is a case analysis tool. To use FTK for timeline analysis, the preprocessing options (displayed when adding evidence to the case) must be used. Unlike EnCase, FTK does not have a built-in feature to display timeline information. To create a timeline report for viewing, a case must first be created [See **Figure 1**].

Figure 11



Once the new case is opened, evidence must be added to the case [See **Figure 2**]. FTK is built to handle multiple partitions and file system types, including HFS+, EXT4, NTFS, and FAT partitions, all found in the FIRE image used for this guide.

Figure 12



Once evidence is added to the case, selecting the refinement options allows the desired processing options to run. To create a timeline in FTK, remember to select the HTML and/or CSV file listing options from the evidence processing window [See **Figure 3**]. These options tell FTK to create a list of files in HTML/CSV format, including the path, file name, MAC timestamps, and MD5, among others. This is the only feature allowing for timeline analysis of the drive, so be extra diligent in selecting them while processing the case.

Figure 13

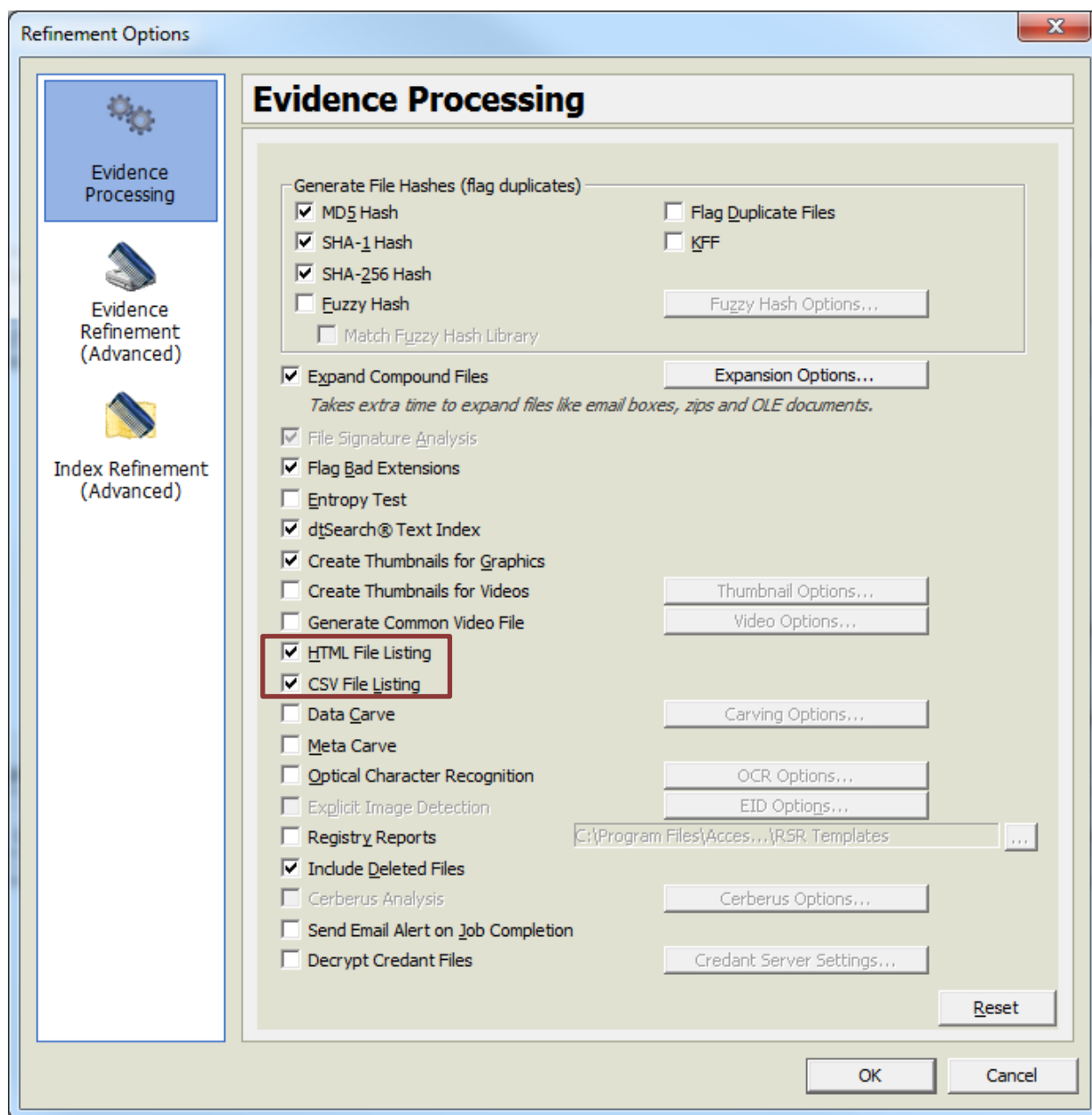
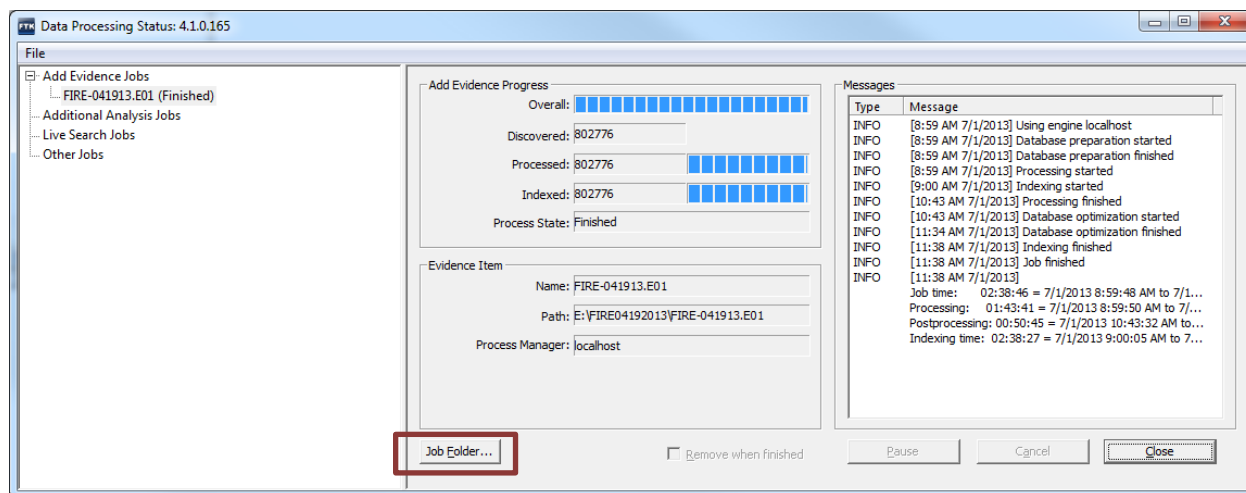
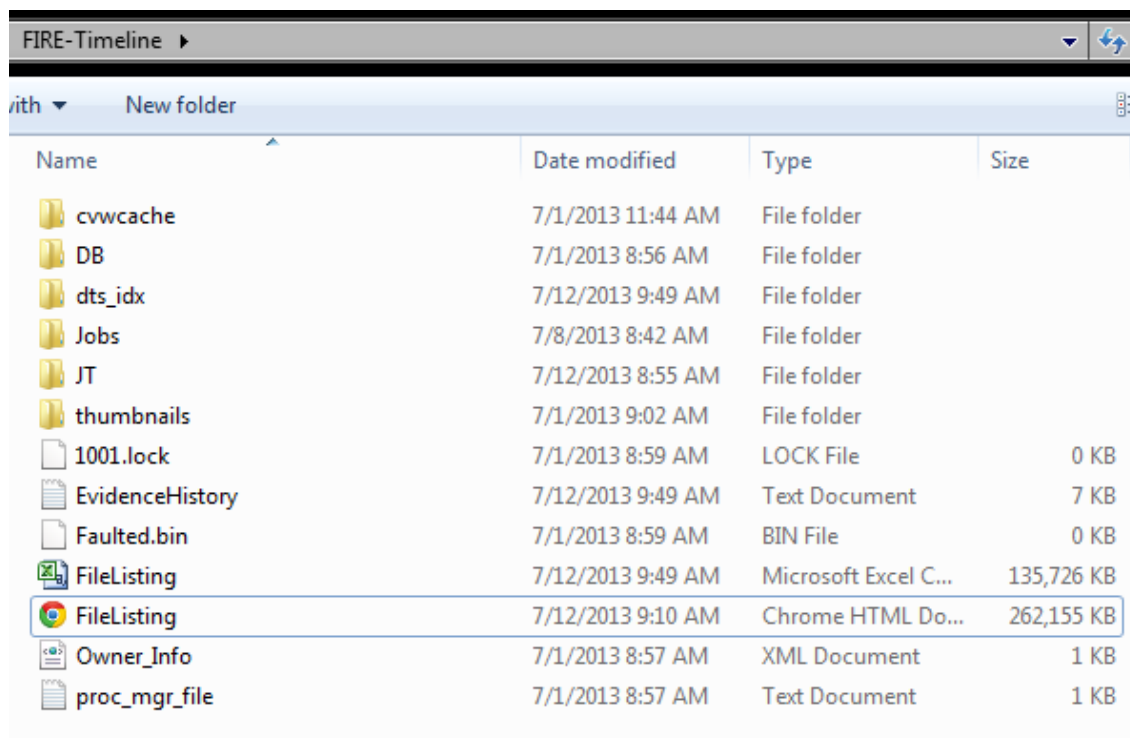


Figure 14



Running the preprocessing with this many options selected can be time consuming and can also cause FTK to consume a large number of computer resources while it runs. Once the task is complete, navigate to the job folder or select the job folder button on the data processing window [See **Figure 4**]. Within the case directory are the HTML/CSV file listings generated by FTK [See **Figure 5**].

Figure 15



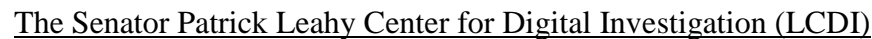


Figure 16

The HTML document can be opened with any web browser [See **Figure 7**].

Figure 17

It is important to note that both report types contain file names & attributes, such as MD5 and logical sizes, along with created/modified/accessed dates for each entry found within the FTK 4.1 case for the evidence.



Log2Timeline Guide for TAPEWORM

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4.1 Configuring SIFT for Log2Timeline

[SIFT 2.14](#) can be downloaded after registering for an account. A custom download link will be made available, and the .zip file containing the preconfigured virtual appliance can be downloaded at that point. Once the download is completed and the files are extracted from the archive, the virtual machine (VM) can be opened in VMWare, or another virtualization product. See **Figure 1** for an example of SIFT opened in VMWare Workstation 9.

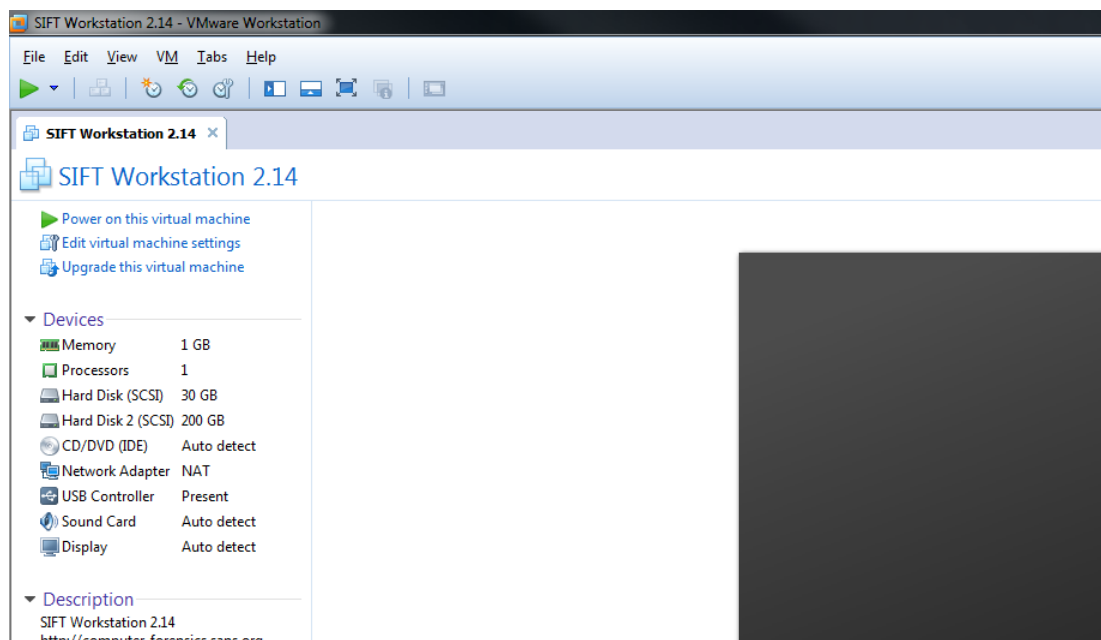


Figure 18 – SIFT VM unzipped and ready for use

The minimum specifications are preconfigured into this VM (**Figure 1**), but can be altered if more memory or processing is available. **Figure 2** shows increased allocations for the SIFT VM.

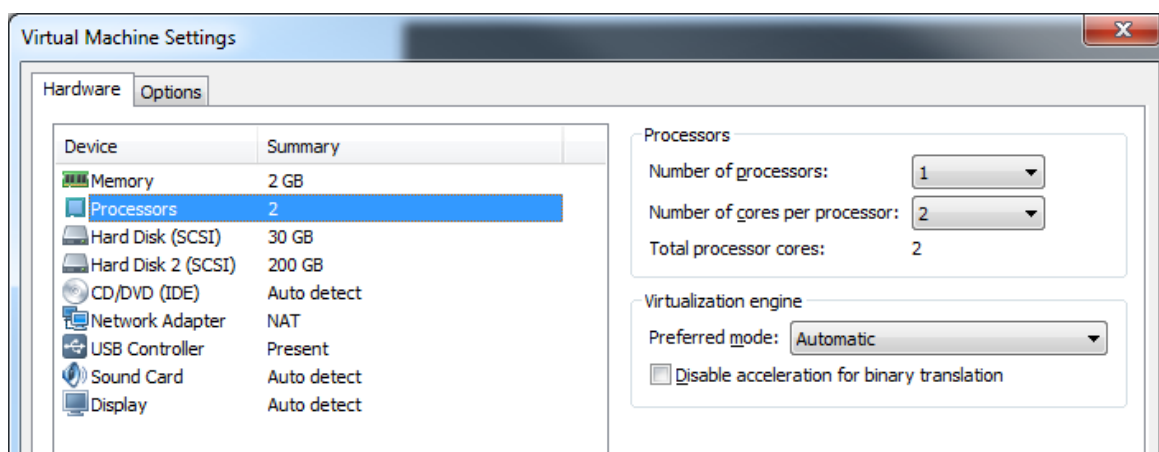


Figure 19 – Configuring the Virtual Machine

Additionally, you can adjust the virtual machine settings to enable shared folders between the host and guest machines. This allows for the virtual machine to read exhibits from the host machine and to export the output to the host computer. How to enable this feature is shown in **Figure 3**.

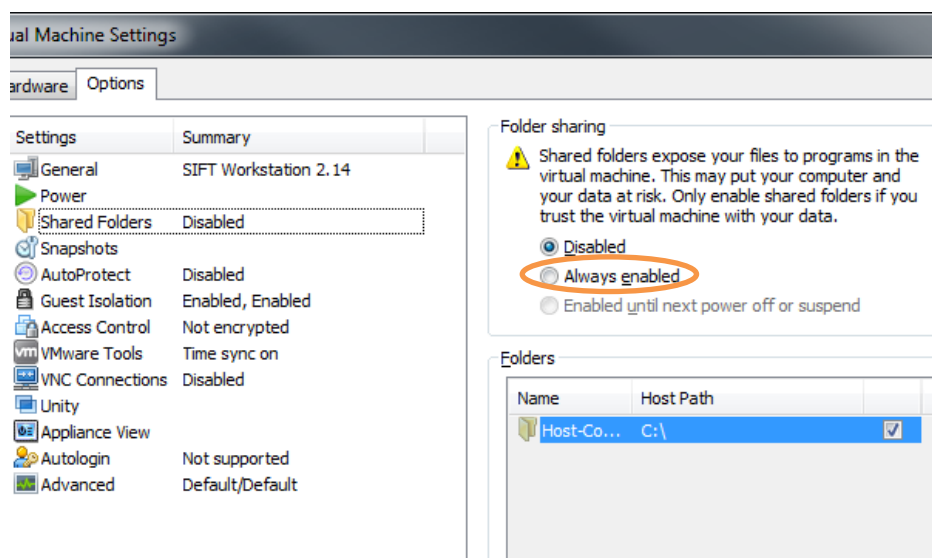


Figure 20 – Enable Shared Folders

With shared folders enabled, the virtual machine can be powered on, and SIFT is ready for use on the workstation. The login screen will appear, prompting for the password (forensics) before granting access (see **Figure 4**).

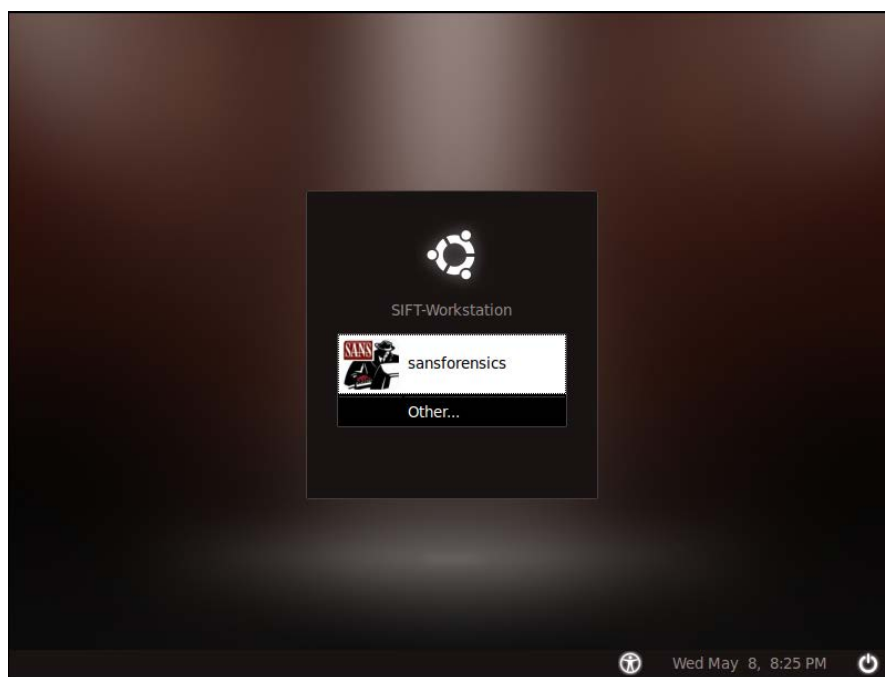


Figure 21 – SIFT 2.14 login window

4.2 Preparing Exhibits for Log2Timeline in SIFT

Once a user is logged in, SIFT's desktop appears and presents a terminal window. Since the shared folders have been enabled before startup, the exhibits saved on the local machine are accessible via the virtual machine, with the opposite being true as well. Exhibits can be acquired in a few different formats, including E01 and DD (Raw). There are a number of different methods for readying these acquisitions for use. Since the acquisition is a block file, it has to be mounted so the data inside of it can be read as a block device². The E01 (EnCase evidence file) format is extremely popular, as it allows for compression, encryption, and is compatible with most forensic tools. To convert the E01 for use in SIFT the **ewfmount** command must be run. This command will convert the source E01 file (**VMware-Shared-Drive/Host-Drive/FIRE04192013/FIRE-041913.E01**) to a mount point where it can be interpreted as an uncompressed block file (**mount_points/ewf**) (Figure 5).

```

root@SIFT-Workstation: /home/sansforensics/Desktop
File Edit View Terminal Help
sansforensics@SIFT-Workstation:~/Desktop$ sudo su
root@SIFT-Workstation: /home/sansforensics/Desktop# ewfmount VMware-Shared-Drive/
Host-Drive/FIRE04192013/FIRE-041913.E01 mount_points/ewf
ewfmount 20111015
root@SIFT-Workstation: /home/sansforensics/Desktop#
  
```

Figure 22 – Using ewfmount to prepare the E01 file for use with Log2Timeline

If the exhibit is Microsoft Windows only, [skip to the next section to the section about log2timeline-sift which is Windows only](#). Drives with partitions other than NTFS (Microsoft Windows) need further processing before use with Log2Timeline. To ensure that Macintosh or Linux partitions are completely processed, they must be fully mounted. Once the **ewfmount** command is run, the individual partitions must be mounted from the newly converted block file. SIFT also has the **mmls** utility bundle, allowing for partition structures to be viewed.

```

sansforensics@SIFT-Workstation: ~/Desktop
File Edit View Terminal Help
sansforensics@SIFT-Workstation:~/Desktop$ mmls VMware-Shared-Drive/Host-Drive/FI
RE04192013/FIRE-041913.E01
GUID Partition Table (EFI)
Offset Sector: 0
Units are in 512-byte sectors

   Slot   Start      End      Length    Description
00:  Meta   0000000000  0000000000  0000000001  Safety Table
01:  ----- 0000000000  0000000039  0000000040  Unallocated
02:  Meta   0000000001  0000000001  0000000001  GPT Header
03:  Meta   0000000002  0000000033  0000000032  Partition Table
04:  00      0000000040  0000409639  0000409600  EFI System Partition
05:  01      0000409640  0037765503  0037355864  Mac
06:  ----- 0037765504  0038029311  0000263808  Unallocated
07:  02      0038029312  0038095168  0000065857  Untitled
08:  ----- 0038095169  0038096895  0000001727  Unallocated
09:  04      0038096896  0038098943  0000002048
10:  05      0038098944  0064198655  0026099712
11:  06      0064198656  0065443839  0001245184
12:  03      0065443840  0114270207  0048826368  Untitled
13:  ----- 0114270208  0114270344  0000000137  Unallocated
sansforensics@SIFT-Workstation:~/Desktop$
  
```

Figure 23 – MMLS partition table listing

² For more information and references on block files and loop devices: http://wiki.osdev.org/Loopback_Device

Another command that provides essential information when preparing the block file to be mounted is the **parted** framework. This framework allows the partition information to be read from a block file. **Parted** shows information regarding the specific file systems in place on the block file as well as byte information, as opposed to sector information provided my **mmls** (Figure 7).

```

root@SIFT-Workstation: /home/sansforensics/Desktop
File Edit View Terminal Help
root@SIFT-Workstation:/home/sansforensics/Desktop# parted mount_points/ewf/ewf1
Warning: Unable to open /mnt/ewf/ewf1 read-write (Permission denied).
/mnt/ewf/ewf1 has been opened read-only.
Warning: Unable to open /mnt/ewf/ewf1 read-write (Permission denied).
/mnt/ewf/ewf1 has been opened read-only.
GNU Parted 1.8.8.1.159-1e0e
Using /mnt/ewf/ewf1
Welcome to GNU Parted! Type 'help' to view a list of commands.
(parted) print list
Model: (file)
Disk /mnt/ewf/ewf1: 58.5GB
Sector size (logical/physical): 512B/512B
Partition Table: gpt

Number  Start  End    Size  File system  Name              Flags
1       20.5kB 210MB  210MB  fat32        EFI System Partition  boot
2       210MB 19.3GB 19.1GB  hfs+         Mac
3       19.5GB 19.5GB 33.7MB  fat16        Untitled
5       19.5GB 19.5GB 1049kB             bios_grub
6       19.5GB 32.9GB 13.4GB  ext4
7       32.9GB 33.5GB 638MB  linux-swap(v1)
4       33.5GB 58.5GB 25.0GB  ntfs         Untitled

Model: VMware, VMware Virtual S (scsi)
Disk /dev/sda: 32.2GB
Sector size (logical/physical): 512B/512B
Partition Table: msdos

Number  Start  End    Size  Type  File system  Flags
1       32.3kB 247MB  247MB  primary  ext3        boot
2       247MB 2295MB 2048MB primary  linux-swap(v1)
3       2295MB 32.2GB 29.9GB primary  ext3

Model: VMware, VMware Virtual S (scsi)
Disk /dev/sdb: 215GB
Sector size (logical/physical): 512B/512B
Partition Table: msdos

Number  Start  End    Size  Type  File system  Flags
1       32.3kB 215GB  215GB  primary  ext4
(parted)
  
```

Figure 24 – Linux Parted command providing more partition information

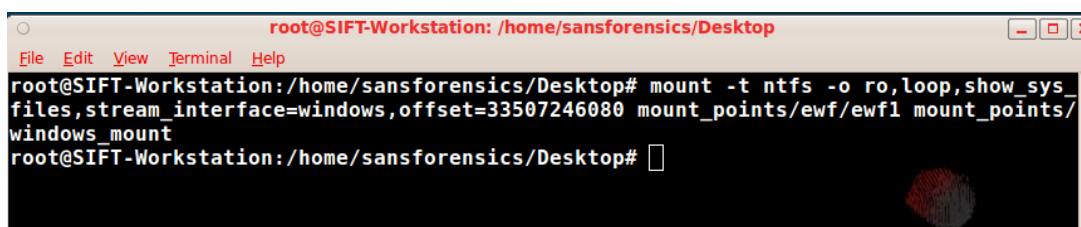
To convert the sector offsets listed by **mmls** to the byte offset needed for the mount command, the starting sector should be multiplied by the Bytes per sector (See **Table 1** for an example conversion).

Starting Sector x Bytes/Sector = Offset in Bytes		
Total Sectors x Bytes/Sector = Bytes per Slot		
Bytes/sector = 512		
'Slot 01' is HFS+ (Macintosh)		
Start: 0000409640	End:003776503	Total Sectors:0037355864
0000409640 x 512 = 209735680 bytes from beginning of physical drive		0037355864 x 512 = 19126202368 bytes or ~17.812 GB
'Slot 03' is NTFS (Windows)		
Start: 0065443840	End: 014270207	Total Sectors: 0048826368

0065443840 x 512 = 33507246080 bytes from beginning of physical drive		0048826368 x 512 = 24999100416 or ~23.28 GB
'Slot 05' is EXT4 (Linux)		
Start: 0038098944	End: 0064198655	Total Sectors: 0026099712
0038098944 x 512 = 19506659328 bytes from beginning of physical drive		0026099712 x 512 = 13363052544 or ~12.45GB

Table 1 – Converting mmls sector offset to byte offset.

Now that the partitions within the block file have been identified, they can be individually mounted. Using the Linux mount command, the Windows partition is mounted to a pre-made directory illustrated in **Figure 8**.



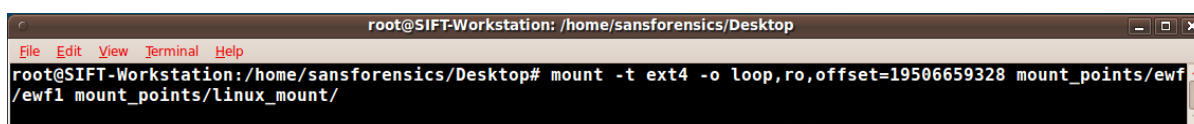
```

root@SIFT-Workstation: /home/sansforensics/Desktop
File Edit View Terminal Help
root@SIFT-Workstation:/home/sansforensics/Desktop# mount -t ntfs -o ro,loop,show_sys_files,stream_interface=windows,offset=33507246080 mount_points/ewf/ewf1 mount_points/windows_mount
root@SIFT-Workstation:/home/sansforensics/Desktop#

```

Figure 25 – Mounting the Windows partition with the Linux mount command

This same mount process can be repeated for the offsets provided by the **mmls** conversions (**Figure 9** shows Linux mounting only).



```

root@SIFT-Workstation: /home/sansforensics/Desktop
File Edit View Terminal Help
root@SIFT-Workstation:/home/sansforensics/Desktop# mount -t ext4 -o loop,ro,offset=19506659328 mount_points/ewf/ewf1 mount_points/linux_mount/

```

Figure 26 – Mounting Linux partition with the Linux Mount Command.

Once the partitions are mounted, SIFT is able to run Log2Timeline against the exhibit. Skip to the section [Running Log2Timeline](#) to create a timeline from the new mount point.

4.3 Running Log2Timeline-SIFT

SIFT has created a custom version of Log2Timeline with the command **log2timeline-sift**, easing the process of mounting the exhibit and running the command against a Windows only partition. This automation selects the default options for log2timeline and begins processing. **Figure 10** is a capture of the command used to run **log2timeline-sift** against the exhibit. Note the command needs the timezone (-z) and image mount point (-i) from the **ewfmount** step (if the image was in a DD/raw format, select that file for use with **log2timeline-sift**).

```
root@SIFT-Workstation: /home/sansforensics/Desktop
File Edit View Terminal Help
root@SIFT-Workstation: /home/sansforensics/Desktop# log2timeline-sift -z EST5EDT -i mount_points/ewf/ewf1
```

Figure 27 – Using log2timeline-sift to create a timeline for the Windows partition.

When the command is complete, the output is placed in the “cases” directory on the SIFT desktop. From here, the CSV file can be copied onto the host machine and opened with Microsoft Excel. Once the file is opened in Excel, the columns must be delimited, as Excel does not automatically parse the information into columns (See **Figure 11**). If it parses correctly, it will look similar to the worksheet shown in **Figure 12**.

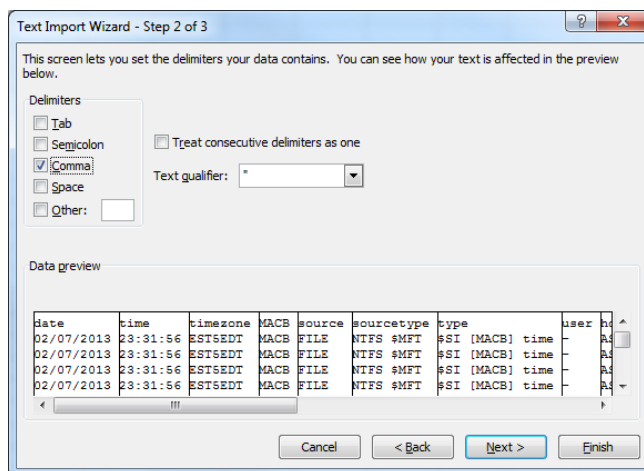


Figure 28 – Delimiting CSV document in Excel

	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M	N	O	P	Q
1	date	time	timezone	MACB	source	sourcetype	type	user	host	short	desc	version	filename	inode	notes	format	extra
2	2/7/2013	23:31:56	EST5EDT	MACB	FILE	NTFS \$MFT	\$SI [MACB]		ASHLEY-PC	C:/SMFT	C:/SMFT	2	C:/SMFT	0		Log2t::inp	
3	2/7/2013	23:31:56	EST5EDT	MACB	FILE	NTFS \$MFT	\$SI [MACB]		ASHLEY-PC	C:/SMFT	C:/SMFT	2	C:/SMFT	1		Log2t::inp	
4	2/7/2013	23:31:56	EST5EDT	MACB	FILE	NTFS \$MFT	\$SI [MACB]		ASHLEY-PC	C:/LogFil	C:/LogFil	2	C:/LogFil	2		Log2t::inp	
5	2/7/2013	23:31:56	EST5EDT	MACB	FILE	NTFS \$MFT	\$SI [MACB]		ASHLEY-PC	C:/SVolun	C:/SVolun	2	C:/SVolun	3		Log2t::inp	
6	2/7/2013	23:31:56	EST5EDT	MACB	FILE	NTFS \$MFT	\$SI [MACB]		ASHLEY-PC	C:/Sattrd	C:/Sattrd	2	C:/Sattrd	4		Log2t::inp	

Figure 29 – Log2Timeline-SIFT output in Excel

4.4 Running Log2Timeline for Linux and Macintosh Partitions

The **log2timeline-sift** command automates actions for timeline creation with Windows partitions in SIFT. To create a timeline with log2timeline against other partition types, such as Linux and Macintosh, log2timeline has to be run manually. Please refer to the [section on mounting](#) for information on how to mount and prepare evidence for use with log2timeline.

4.4.1 Running Log2Timeline on a Linux Exhibit

After the image has been mounted correctly and the partition has its own mount point, the time zone of the Linux partition should be verified. To do this, run the command **less** (directory path to Linux mount point)/**etc/timezone** as seen in **Figure 13**. The **less** command allows a file to be previewed in the command window. To exit the **less** windows press **q**.

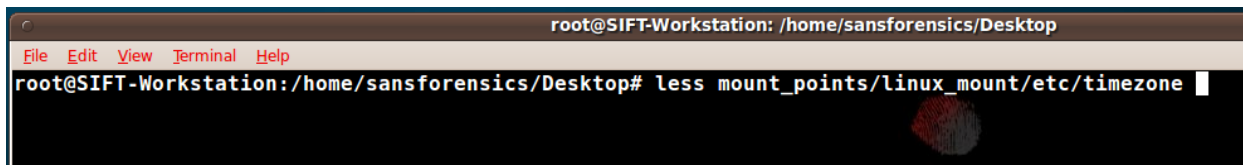


Figure 30 – Previewing the Time Zone Set for the Linux Partition

Once the command is run, the timezone stored in the **/etc/timezone** system file of the partition will be displayed and log2timeline can be run. The command to run log2timeline is **log2timeline -z** [exhibit time zone] **-f** [selected modules] **-o** [output format] **-v -log** [logfile output location] **-r -p** [Evidence/exhibit mount point location] (**Figure 14**).

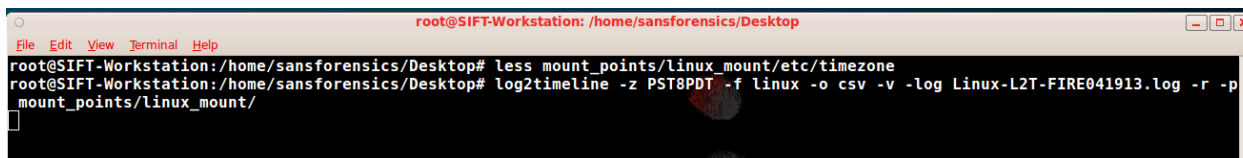


Figure 31 – Running Log2Timeline Manually Against Linux Partition

4.4.2 Running Log2Timeline on a Macintosh Exhibit

With Linux, most system information is stored in plain text, such as the timezone file referenced above. For Macintosh OSX, the timezone, along with other system information, is stored in a .plist (property list) file. Plist files are either XML or binary format, and they act similarly to the registry. The timezone information is saved in binary format on the Macintosh OSX in the **GlobalPreferences.plist**. Plist files are more difficult for most text editors to interpret, despite the key information being in plain text. To read the information from the plist file, use the command **less** [path to mount point]/**Library/Preferences/.GlobalPreferences.plist** (**Figure 15**).

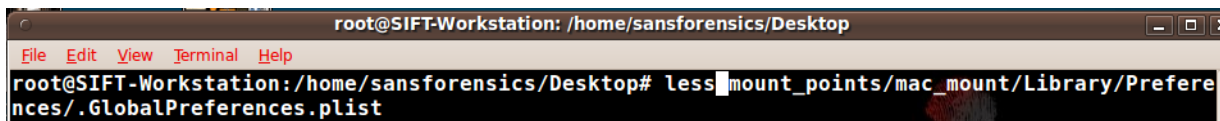


Figure 32 – Previewing the Time Zone Set for the Macintosh Partition



```
root@SIFT-Workstation: /home/sansforensics/Desktop
```

```
File Edit View Terminal Help
```

```
bplist00<D7>^A^B^C^D^E^F^G^H Hqr ^P/com.apple.AppleModemSettingTool.LastCountryCode ^P,com.  
apple.preferences.timezone.selected_city ^PESCcom.apple.ColorSync.DevicesWCountry[AppleLocale  
AppleLanguages ^P)com.apple.TimeZonePref.Last Selected CityRUS<DA>  
^K^L^M^N^O^P^Q^R^S^T^U^V^W^X^Y^Z^HESCA\RegionalCodeVersion\TimeZoneNameXLatitudeZPopulationY  
GeonameIDYLongitude[CountryCodeTName\LocalizedNamesRVTP^PA ^PPAmerica/New York#@F<<E9><C0>^@  
^@^@Q<96><C9>^R^@<DE><C4>##<C0>RM<92><A0>^@^@ZBurlington<DF>^P^Q^J^^^ !"#%&'()*+,-./01234  
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0<D2>BCDI ^P^RDeviceDescriptions ^P^OFactoryProfiles<DF>^P^REFGH IJKLMN OPQRST UVWXYZ[\]^_ abcdef  
ghUnl NLUbn NOUpL PLUen USUpT PTUfr FRUDA DKUzh CNUpt BRUes ESUja JPUru RUUsv SEUzh TWUde DEUF  
i FTUIT ITUKo KRIKleuren-LCDYFarge-LCDYKolor LCDYColor LCD[LCD a ColorLCD couleurn^L@c^@D^@  
^@cf^e^a^@^@ev^e^e^s^@k^e^e6>^er^cmf i<82>r^@ ^@L^@C^@D^@LCD ColoridoYLCD colorg0<AB>0<E9>0<FC>  
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eviceProfileURL<DF>^P^REFGH IJKLMN OPQRST UVWXYZ[\]^_ abcdefgh ^PW/Library/ColorSync/Profiles/Di  
splays/Color LCD-00000610-0000-9C5F-0000-0000042717C0.icc<A1>)<AA>stuwxyz ^P^Q44.4758834838867  
2 ^P^R-73.2120742797851600 ^P^P America/New YorkZBurlingtonVU.S.A.ZBurlington ^P^RDEPRECATED IN  
10.6^@H^@W^@i^@x^@<96>^@<9E>^@<AA>^@<B9>^@<E5>^@<E8>^@<FD>^@A  
^A^RA^A^ _A(^A3^A=^AG^AS^AX^AJ^AL^A??A<88>^A<8B>^A<90>^A<99>^A<A4>^A<A9>^A<A4>^A<C9>^A<CC>^A<CF>^A<D2>  
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E^BP^B|^Bf|^Bq|^B||^B<83>^B<8E>^B<A3>^B<AE>^B<B9>^B<C4>^B<C7>^B<FA>^B<FF>^C^T^C3^CM^CS^CY^C|Ce^C  
k^Cq^Cw^Cj^C<83>^C<89>^C<8F>^C<95>^C<9B>^C<A1>^C<A7>^C<AD>^C<B3>^C<B9>^C<C5>^C<CF>^C<D9>^C<E3>  
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^B^E^U^E^E<96>^E<98>^E<A3>^E<B7>^E<CC>^E<CE>^E<E1>^E<EC>^E<F3>^E<FE>^@^@^@^@^@^@B^A^@^@^@
```

After determining the time zone information from the Macintosh partition, follow the steps outlined for creating a timeline for Linux (**Figure 14**).



5 Timeline Creation and Analysis with Log2Timeline in Windows 7 & 8

5.1 Log2Timeline with Windows 7

5.1.1 Configuring Log2Timeline with Windows 7

Windows 7 is a popular desktop environment, and most forensic tools are built to run natively on the Windows platform, including Log2Timeline, which is cross platform. To install Log2Timeline on Windows, the [ActiveState Perl](#) framework, [Log2timeline framework](#), and two additional libraries ([Library 1](#), [Library 2](#)) have to be downloaded and unzipped. Once all of these are downloaded and unzipped, and ActiveState Perl is installed, launch the Perl Package Manager (PPM) to download the Perl dependencies (See **Figure 1**). Each bullet point below is a different dependency that must be installed for Log2Timeline to run properly. Install each package by searching for the package name, right clicking, and selecting "Install."

- datetime
- win32::api
- date::manip
- xml::libxml
- carp::assert
- digest::crc
- data::hexify
- image::exiftool
- file::mork
- datetime::format::strptime
- parse::win32registry
- html::scrubber

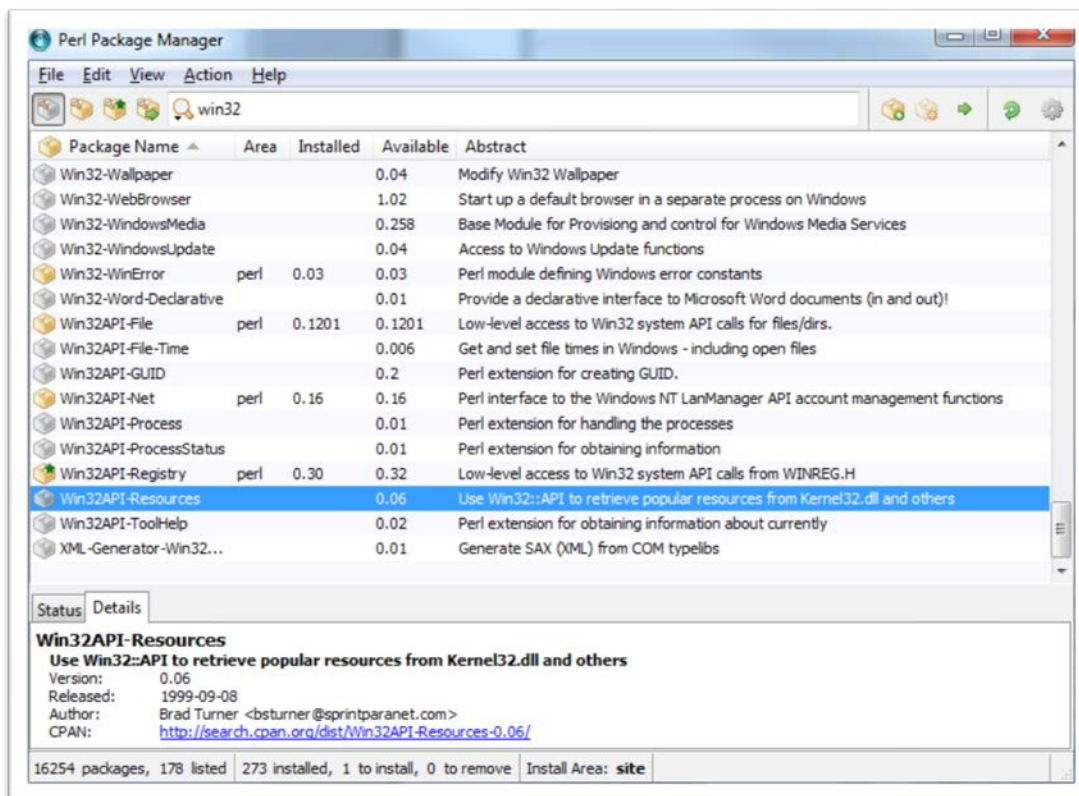


Figure 34 – PPM Package Manager

Copy the entire directory of XML-Entities/lib/XML folder into the Perl installation/lib/XML directory. After you have copied this, create a folder within the Perl installation lib/ directory named Mac. Copy the files from the Mac-Properties lib directory into the newly created Mac folder next. Then you can follow the steps outlined in **Table 1**.

1. Inside the log2timeline directory
 - a. Delete the file lib/Log2t/input/pcap.pm
 - b. Copy the content of the lib/Parse/* to c:/perl/lib/Parse/
 - c. Copy the content of the folder lib/Log2t to c:/perl/lib/Log2t/*
 - d. Copy lib/Log2Timeline.pm to c:/perl/lib/
 - e. Copy log2timeline to c:/perl/bin/log2timeline.pl
 - f. Copy l2t_process to c:/perl/bin/l2t_process.pl
 - g. Copy timescanner to c:/perl/bin/timescanner.pl

Table 2

After completing the installation, the acquired image must be mounted. To do this, use FTK Imager to open the E01 file (in this example it is FIRE-041913.E01). Right click on the image and select “Image Mounting...” from the context menu. Then select the “Physical & Logical” mount type and assign a drive letter using the “Block Device/Read Only” mount method (See **Figure 2**). Clicking mount will now virtually mount each partition of the E01 as a drive, allowing Log2Timeline to parse through the partitions.

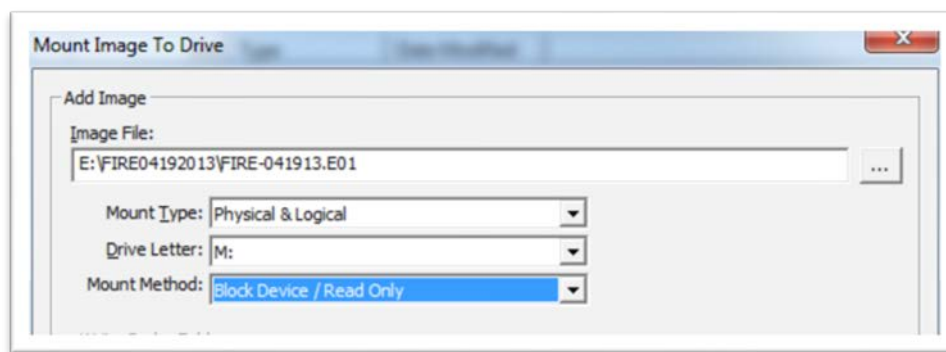


Figure 35 – Mounting the Image for Log2Timeline Processing

5.1.2 Running Log2Timeline on Windows 7

When the previous process is completed, the log2timeline process can be run by opening the command prompt in the C:\Perl\bin\ directory. Holding shift, then right click and select “open command window here” from the context menu. At this point, type **perl log2timeline -f win7 -z EST5EDT -o csv -log E:\path\to\log\file.txt -w: E:\path\to\output\file.csv -r -p M:** where drive M: is the target to scan. This will generate the log text file and the output csv file in the directory selected (see Figure 3).

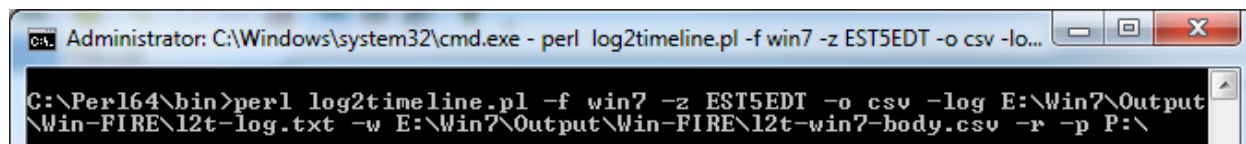


Figure 36 – Command used to create timeline

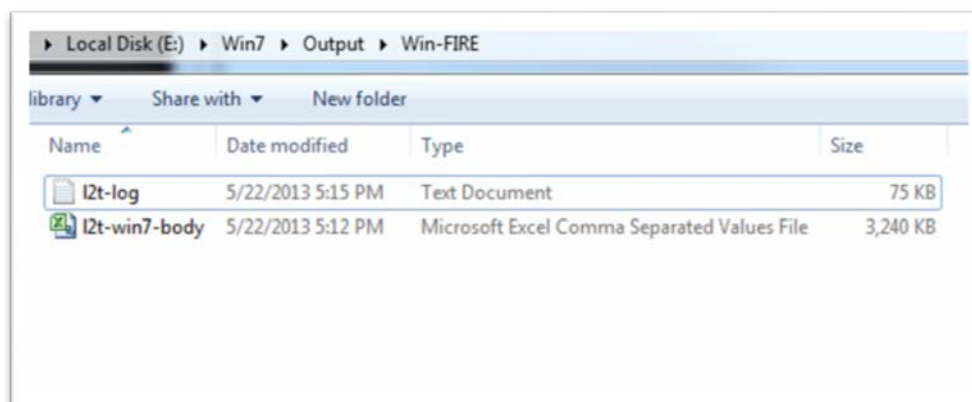


Figure 37 – Output files and locations

the test image contained 3 partitions, and the run above run was only for the Windows 7 partition. Windows 7 only recognizes the NTFS, exFAT, and FAT file systems. Since FTK virtually mounts as a drive on Windows, Windows does not mount the drives as usable. Windows 7 is not able to interpret data on EXT or HFS+ file systems, preventing the Macintosh and Linux partitions from being mounted.

5.2 Configuring and Running Log2Timeline with Windows 8

The process for configuration and execution of Log2Timeline on Windows 7 and Windows 8 is identical.

6 Timeline Creation and Analysis with Log2Timeline in TAPEWORM

6.1 Configuring TAPEWORM for Log2Timeline

TAPEWORM is an open sourced workflow automation system bundled inside a Debian based virtual machine and can be downloaded at: http://tapeworm.s3.amazonaws.com/TAPEWORM_1.1.2013_Jan_17.vmware7vm.zip.

Once the zip file for TAPEWORM is downloaded and unzipped, it can be opened in VMWare Workstation 7, 8, 9,;VMWare Fusion; or VMWare Player, 3, 4, or 5. Additionally, it can be converted for use with VirtualBox (using the latest version of any software is recommended). Once it has been opened in the virtualization product, VMWare (shown in **Figure 1**) can be configured for the host machine.

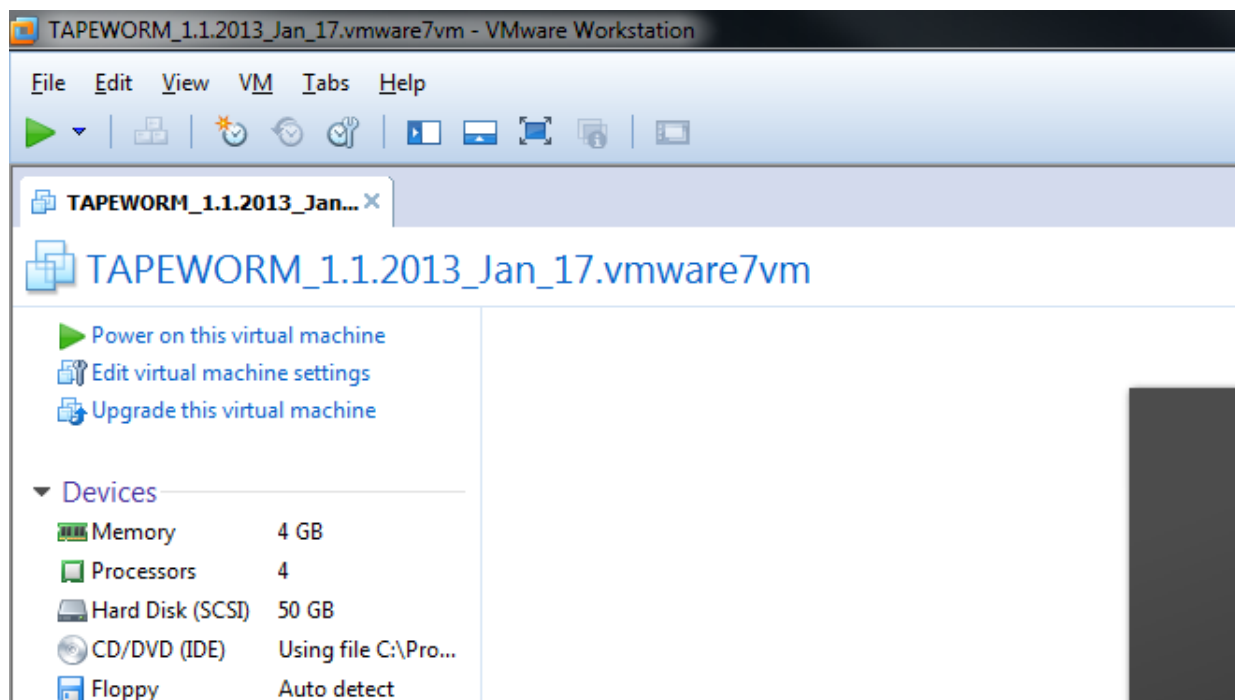


Figure 38 – TAPEWORM VM in VMWare Workstation 9.0.2

Opening the “Edit virtual machine settings” window allows the user to change the number of processors, amount of RAM, and shared folders to be configured for use. The recommended specifications are preset into the virtual machine.

Figure 2 shows the shared folder configuration.

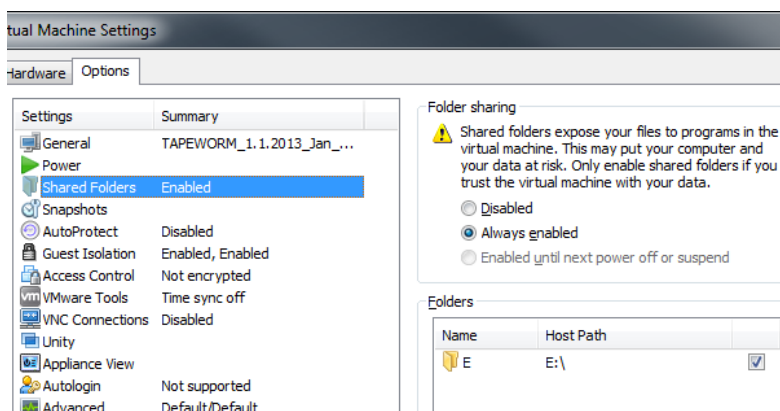


Figure 39 – Shared Folder Configuration

6.2 Running Log2Timeline in TAPEWORM

Once the virtual machine is running, the desktop will show the main tapeworm window (See **Figure 3**). From this interface, the automated graphic user interface (GUI) can be used, and the preprocessing and timeline creation for any exhibit can begin. It should be noted that if the main window is minimized, other tools may be accessed either from the terminal or separate GUI applications from the desktop.

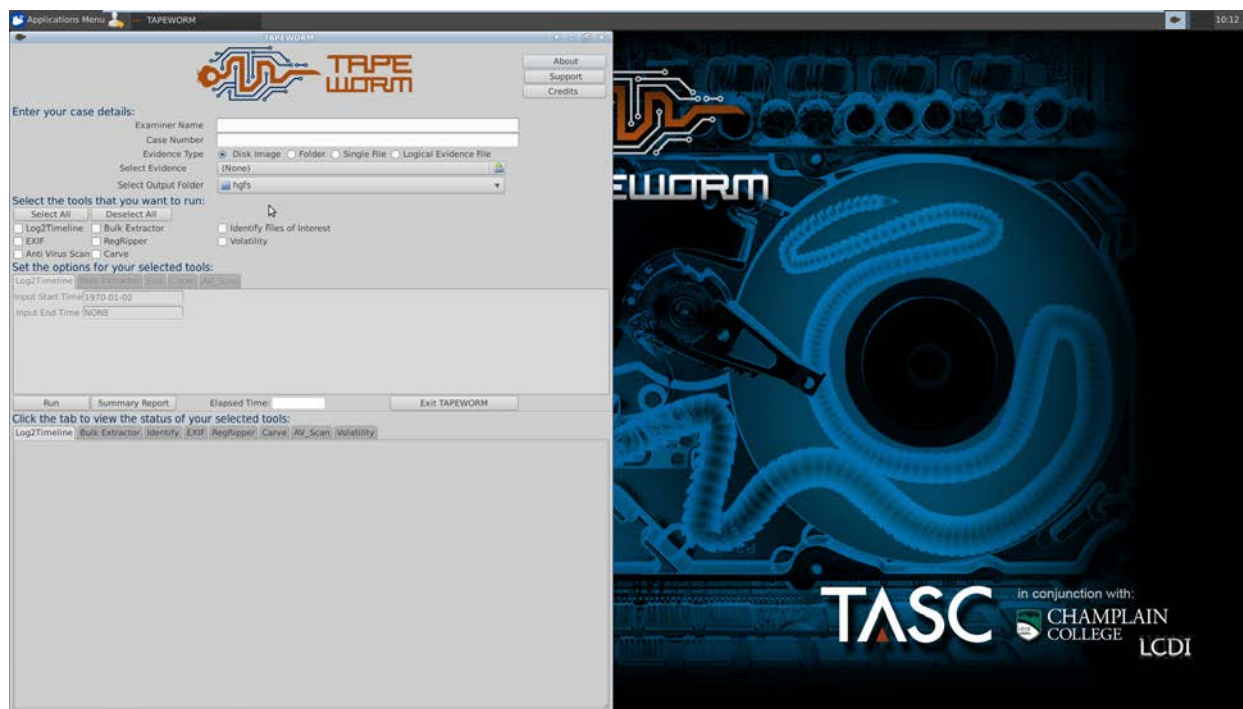



Figure 40 – TAPEWORM Interface

As seen in **Figure 4**, the TAPEWORM interface has case options that need to be filled out in regards to the specific case being processed. After filling out case details, select the evidence type. For creating a timeline, the disk image option is most often used due to the E01, DD, or AFF files used to acquire exhibits. Additionally, Log2Timeline can be run against a folder or logical image (but not a single file) using TAPEWORM's interface.

Once the evidence type is selected, select your evidence and output location. After choosing the input and output locations and selecting Log2Timeline, hit run. TAPEWORM will automate the process. It allows multiple tools to run in

succession as well, so if the evidence requires other processing, you can select the appropriate tools and options to run alongside the timeline at this point.



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Enter your case details:

Examiner Name

Case Number

Evidence Type
☒ Disk Image ☐ Folder ☐ Single File ☐ Logical Evidence File

Select Evidence

Select Output Folder

Select the tools that you want to run:

☒ Log2Timeline
 ☐ Bulk Extractor
 ☐ Identify Files of Interest

☐ EXIF
 ☐ RegRipper
 ☐ Volatility

☐ Anti Virus Scan
 ☐ Carve

Set the options for your selected tools:

Input Start Time

Input End Time

Elapsed Time:

Click the tab to view the status of your selected tools:

Figure 41 – TAPEWORM Case Information

TAPEWORM utilizes a number of the same steps taken when creating a timeline in SIFT 2.14. TAPEWORM begins by mounting the image, determining the partition types, creating necessary mount points, and doing the math for offsets, as well as starting and ending sectors.

```
Start Mountlog for image '/mnt/hgfs/E/FIRE/041912013/FIRE/041913.E01'
Expert Witness File detected, running ewfmount.
The file extension is: .E01!
The file Name is: FIRE-041913

/mnt/tapeworm/2013-05-16-101442.339559/mount__ewf is not mounted
Just created mount point: /mnt/tapeworm/2013-05-16-101442.339559/mount__ewfWe found a GUID partition table, need to use parted
GNU Parted 3.1
Using /mnt/tapeworm/2013-05-16-101442.339559/mount__ewf/ewf1
Welcome to GNU Parted! Type 'help' to view a list of commands.

(parted) unit B print q
Model: (file)
Disk /mnt/tapeworm/2013-05-16-101442.339559/mount__ewf/ewf1: 58506416640B
Sector size (logical/physical): 512B/512B
Partition Table: gpt
The partition table is: gpt
Disk Flags:

Number Start End Size File system Name Flags
1 20480B 209735679B 209715200B fat32 EFI System Partition boot
2 209735680B 19335938047B 19126202368B hfs+ Mac
3 194710072744B 19504726527B 33718784B fat16 Untitled
4 19505610752B 19506659327B 1048576B bios grub
5 1950659328B 32869711871B 13363052544B ext4
7 32869711872B 33507246079B 637532408B linux-swap(v1)
Skipping the linux-swap partition
4 33507246080B 58506346495B 24999100416B ntfs Untitled
***** PARTITION INFORMATION*****

/mnt/tapeworm/2013-05-16-101442.339559/mount_0 is not mounted
Just created mount point: /mnt/tapeworm/2013-05-16-101442.339559/mount_0*****
The mount command is: mount -t msdos -o loop,ro,offset=19471007744,noexec,noatime,nodiratime /mnt/tapeworm/2013-05-16-101442.339559/mount__ewf/ewf1
/mnt/tapeworm/2013-05-16-101442.339559/mount_0
```

Figure 42 – TAPEWORM Mount Log

For the test image used in this tutorial (FIRE 04192013.E01), TAPEWORM was able to create a timeline in 25 hours and 17 minutes. It is important to note that this exhibit had 3 operating systems installed: Windows 7, Mac OSX, and BackTrack Linux. Each of these Operating Systems runs on a separate time zone, each with unique user data. If the 25 hour and 17 minute run may seem extremely long, note that TAPEWORM ran Log2Timeline against every partition in the correct time zone, as well as in every format type in one instance without the use of a single command.

Once the timeline is completed, a new folder can be found in the output directory containing an organized (by tool) output. Inside the log2timeline directory are the file types and logs for running log2timeline, with the partition offset in the file names. TAPEWORM exports the timelines in CSV, bodyfile, mactime, or TLN formats. The CSV format is fairly common and can be opened with Microsoft Excel or any other spreadsheet program. The bodyfile and mactime format can be used with the Sleuth Kit and other open source forensic tools for timeline analysis. The TLN format is a custom format that can function with Harlan Carvey's tools.

6.3 Reading the output from TAPEWORM

For this guide, the CSV files will be used to look at the output. In TAPEWORM, the CSV documents are split when they are too large for excel to open, preventing any error for maximum file size. Also in the output folder are two different CSV files, one with modules and one without. TAPEWORM adds an additional column to the Log2timeline CSV output, to include the module used to process the particular artifact. For example, if the artifact listed in the CSV file originated from an index.dat file, the index.dat will be listed in the module column. This seems to be a lot of extra information, but when performing an investigation and attempting to look into specific information such as a timeline of Firefox history, sorting by module becomes extremely helpful. The CSV files will also contain the data within any specified date range, while the other file types do not allow for that sort of filtering. The CSV will be the most accurate source of information.

Opening the CSV files in Microsoft Excel shows the data neatly organized by column: sorted by date and time from oldest to newest (See **Figure 6**). Using Excel's data sort feature, the first row can be used to sort and filter content throughout the document.

	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I
	Date	Size	Type	Mode	UID	GID	Meta	L2T_Function	File_Name
2	Sat Jul 10 1971 17:44:21	905	..c.	r/rwxrwxrwx	0	0	94410-128-4		Partition_Off
3	Tue Dec 11 1979 05:05:34	171	..c.	r/rwxrwxrwx	0	0	94210-128-4		Partition_Off
4	Tue Dec 11 1979 05:05:34	171	..c.	r/rwxrwxrwx	0	0	94212-128-4		Partition_Off
5	Sat Dec 22 1979 04:31:02	2043	..c.	r/rwxrwxrwx	0	0	94223-128-4		Partition_Off
6	Sat Dec 22 1979 04:31:02	897	..c.	r/rwxrwxrwx	0	0	94224-128-4		Partition_Off
7	Sat Jan 16 1982 00:30:00	0	march		0	0	0	57790 [FXIF metadata]	[FXIF metadata]

Figure 43 – CSV Timeline Output

To enable the sorting feature, select the “data” tab in excel (See **Figure 7**).

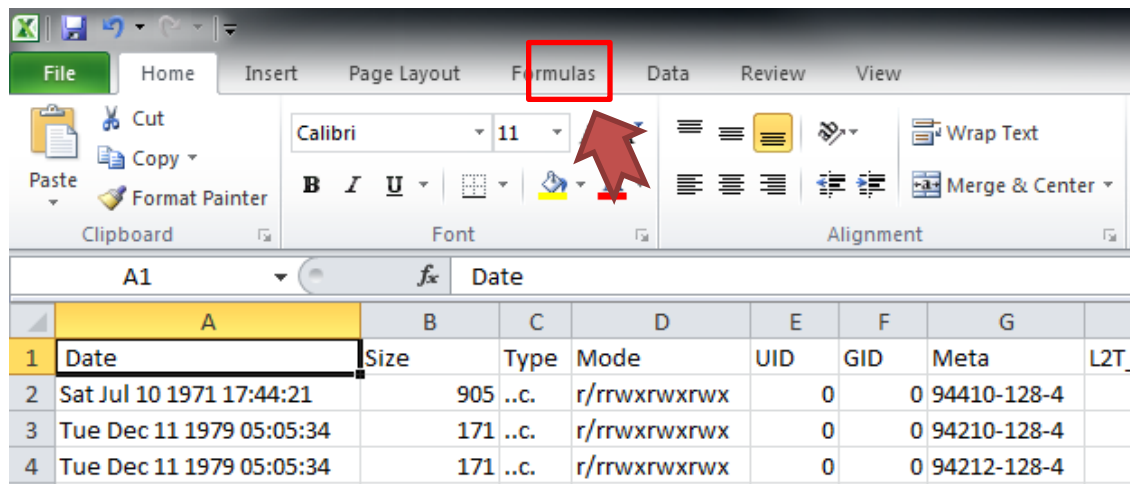


Figure 44 – Data Filtering with Excel

Then select filter (See **Figure 8**).

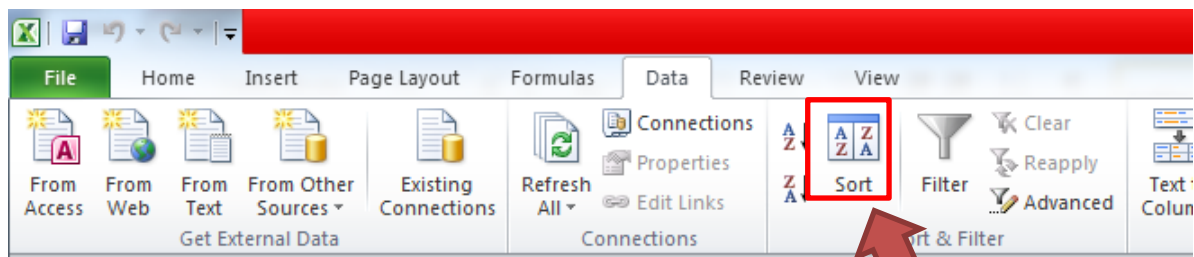


Figure 45 – Applying a Data Filter in Excel

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