

**FORENSICS**  
Analyzing an Unknown Image

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## Grabbing the image for analyzing

I extracted this image under analysis from a Virtual Machine with Windows 2000 Server Running.

Many open source and commercial tools are available to take the image of a drive, hard disk, partition etc. Few tools which can be used are dd, windd etc.

I used dd command for taking the image of the running virtual machine.

First, lets list all the available drives/partitions on the VM.

```
C:\Documents and Settings\Administrator\Desktop\Image>dd --list
rawwrite dd for windows version 0.6beta3.
Written by John Newbigin <jn@it.swin.edu.au>
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Win32 Available Volume Information
\\.\Volume{8b8bc805-1343-11da-8a6d-806d6172696f}\
  link to \\?\Device\HarddiskVolume1
  fixed media
  Mounted on \\.\c:

\\.\Volume{5b62ae2c-e362-11de-a17e-806d6172696f}\
  link to \\?\Device\CdRom0
  CD-ROM
  Mounted on \\.\d:

\\.\Volume{2ed3539c-1344-11da-a45a-806d6172696f}\
  link to \\?\Device\Floppy0
  removable media
  Mounted on \\.\a:

\\.\Volume{30378224-b3ad-11df-add2-000c29b9a54a}\
  link to \\?\Device\Harddisk1\DP(1)0-0+5
  removable media
  Mounted on \\.\e:

NT Block Device Objects
\\?\Device\CdRom0
\\?\Device\Floppy0
\\?\Device\Harddisk0\Partition0
  link to \\?\Device\Harddisk0\DR0
  Fixed hard disk media. Block size = 512
  size is 8455104000 bytes
\\?\Device\Harddisk0\Partition1
  link to \\?\Device\HarddiskVolume1
\\?\Device\Harddisk1\Partition0
  link to \\?\Device\Harddisk1\DR4
  Removable media other than floppy. Block size = 512
  size is 8127512576 bytes
\\?\Device\Harddisk1\Partition1
  link to \\?\Device\Harddisk1\DP(1)0-0+5
  Removable media other than floppy. Block size = 512
  size is 8123383808 bytes

Virtual input devices
/dev/zero  <null data>
/dev/random <pseudo-random data>
-         <standard input>

Virtual output devices
-         <standard output>
/dev/null  <discard the data>

C:\Documents and Settings\Administrator\Desktop\Image>_
```

Figure: Available drives/partitions on the VM

- \\.\a: A Drive, Floppy Drive
- \\.\c: C Drive
- \\.\d: C Drive, CD ROM Drive
- \\.\e: C Drive, USB Drive

Extracted the image using dd.exe.

```
C:\Documents and Settings\Administrator\Desktop>cd image
C:\Documents and Settings\Administrator\Desktop\Image>dd if=\\.\Device\Harddisk0
olumel of=e:\vm_forensics bs=512 --progress
rawwrite dd for windows version 0.6beta3.
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Error native opening input file: 0 The operation completed successfully

C:\Documents and Settings\Administrator\Desktop\Image>dd if=\\.\Device\Harddisk0
\DR0 of=e:\vm_forensics bs=512 --progress
rawwrite dd for windows version 0.6beta3.
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4,294,966,784 Error writing file: 112 There is not enough space on the disk
4,294,966,784
8388608+0 records in
8388607+0 records out

C:\Documents and Settings\Administrator\Desktop\Image>
```

Figure. Snapshot of the dd command usage for extracting the VM image

- if input drive name which is used for analysis
- of output path to save the image
- bs block size
- progress shows the progress of the image

**P.S. Couldn't get the full image as there is no sufficient space on my machine.**

By conducting investigations on the disk image, we could unearth any hidden intrusions since the image captures the invisible information as well. The advantages of analyzing disk images are that the investigators can:

- a) preserve the digital crime-scene
- b) obtain the information in slack space
- c) access unallocated space, free space, and used space
- d) recover file fragments, hidden or deleted files and directories
- e) view the partition structure and
- f) get date-stamp and ownership of files and folders.

Lets check the md5 hash of the image under analysis for integrity purposes. The md5 hash algorithm produces a 128 bit “fingerprint” of a file, also known as a message digest. This ensures non-repudiation integrity of the file. To view the md5 hash value assigned to a given file, the md5sum utility can be used.

```
C:\Documents and Settings\Administrator\Desktop\Image>md5sum E:\vm_forensics
a949d7ca43a9e50e0787a99865353789 E:\vm_forensics
C:\Documents and Settings\Administrator\Desktop\Image>
```

Figure. md5sum of the image

Lets check the **file type** of the image under analysis by using **file** command. The file command works by testing “arguments” within a file, and will then classify the file as whichever file type the file command sees fit. We see from the output of the file command that the image file contains an x86 boot sector. The boot sector of a computer is a primary starting point for an OS. The operating system will start at the boot loader, and the machine will read the first 512 bytes of the disk, which is known as the boot sector. The first 512 Bytes (boot sector) will be loaded into memory and will then be executed. This will initiate the boot process.

The x86 boot sector type message was obtained because the magic number 0xAA55 value is located at the 0x1FE offset within the image; defined in the file “/usr/share/file/magic” which is used by file command.

```
[root@localhost pgdis]#  
[root@localhost pgdis]# file vm_forensics  
vm_forensics: x86 boot sector, Microsoft Windows XP MBR, Serial 0x9e43652a; part  
ition 1: ID=0x7, active, starthead 1, startsector 63, 16482627 sectors, code off  
set 0xc0  
[root@localhost pgdis]#  
[root@localhost pgdis]#
```

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Lets run mmls utility to determine the File system type of the given image extracted by using dd command.

```

[root@localhost pgdis]#
[root@localhost pgdis]# mmls -t dos -vbr vm_forensics
tsk_img_open: Type: 0 NumImg: 1 Img1: vm_forensics
dos_load_prim: Table Sector: 0
tsk_img_read: Loading data into cache 3 (0)
raw_read: byte offset: 0 len: 65536
load_pri:0:0 Start: 63 Size: 16482627 Type: 7
load_pri:0:1 Start: 0 Size: 0 Type: 0
load_pri:0:2 Start: 0 Size: 0 Type: 0
load_pri:0:3 Start: 0 Size: 0 Type: 0
DOS Partition Table
Offset Sector: 0
Units are in 512-byte sectors

    Slot      Start          End            Length         Size      Description
00:  Meta      0000000000    0000000000    0000000001    0512B    Primary Table (#0)
01:  -----    0000000000    0000000062    0000000063    0031K    Unallocated
02:  00:00      0000000063    0016482689    0016482627    0007G    NTFS (0x07)
dos_load_prim: Table Sector: 63
tsk_img_read: Read found in cache 3
dos_load_prim_table: Testing FAT/NTFS conditions
dos_load_prim_table: NTFS OEM name exists
bsd_load_table: Table Sector: 64
tsk_img_read: Read found in cache 3
gpt_load_table: Sector: 63
tsk_img_read: Read found in cache 3
sun_load_table: Trying sector: 63
tsk_img_read: Read found in cache 3
sun_load_table: Trying sector: 64
tsk_img_read: Read found in cache 3
mac_load_table: Sector: 64
tsk_img_read: Read found in cache 3

```

- t Specify the media management type (dos, mac, bsd etc)
- b partition sizes in bytes
- r Recurse into DOS partitions and look for other partition tables.
- v verbose

We see above that the NTFS (*New Technology File System*) partition begins at sector 63 (to see this look at the last column in the row where it says NTFS (0x07). Now look to the left in the start column of the row NTFS and we can see the value 0000000063). So for all the Sleuth Kit commands we need to specify an **offset of 63** if the file used is raw image.

MMLS is a forensics utility that query's an image file, and prints the partition tables and disk labels. This command is very useful when attempting to determine at which sector a partition begins and ends. We see that there is a NTFS file system on this image. We use the `-t dos` switch to tell mmls to utilize a dos based architecture for the file system.

## NTFS Structure

This structure is before separating Physical File System from the Logical File system or Raw Image.

```
[root@localhost pgdis]# hexdump -C vm_forensics |more
```

```
00007e00 eb 52 90 4e 54 46 53 20 20 20 20 00 02 08 00 00 |.R.NTFS .....|
00007e10 00 00 00 00 00 00 f8 00 00 3f 00 ff 00 3f 00 00 00 |.....?...?...|
00007e20 00 00 00 00 80 00 80 00 42 81 fb 00 00 00 00 00 00 |.....B.....|
00007e30 04 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 14 b8 0f 00 00 00 00 00 00 |.....?.....|
00007e40 f6 00 00 00 01 00 00 00 d3 4b 72 84 75 72 84 e2 |.....Kr.ur..|
00007e50 00 00 00 00 fa 33 c0 8e d0 bc 00 7c fb b8 c0 07 |....3....|....|
00007e60 8e d8 e8 16 00 b8 00 0d 8e c0 33 db c6 06 0e 00 |.....3....|
00007e70 10 e8 53 00 68 00 0d 68 6a 02 cb 8a 16 24 00 b4 |..S.h..hj...$.|
00007e80 08 cd 13 73 05 b9 ff ff 8a f1 66 0f b6 c6 40 66 |...s.....f...@f|
00007e90 0f b6 d1 80 e2 3f f7 e2 86 cd c0 ed 06 41 66 0f |.....?.....Af.|
00007ea0 b7 c9 66 f7 e1 66 a3 20 00 c3 b4 41 bb aa 55 8a |..f..f. ...A..U.|
00007eb0 16 24 00 cd 13 72 0f 81 fb 55 aa 75 09 f6 c1 01 |,$....r...U.u....|
00007ec0 74 04 fe 06 14 00 c3 66 60 1e 06 66 a1 10 00 66 |t.....f`..f...f|
00007ed0 03 06 1c 00 66 3b 06 20 00 0f 82 3a 00 1e 66 6a |...f;...:..fj|
00007ee0 00 66 50 06 53 66 68 10 00 01 00 80 3e 14 00 00 |.fP.Sfh....>...|
00007ef0 0f 85 0c 00 e8 b3 ff 80 3e 14 00 00 0f 84 61 00 |.....>.....a.|
00007f00 b4 42 8a 16 24 00 16 1f 8b f4 cd 13 66 58 5b 07 |.B..$......fX[.|
00007f10 66 58 66 58 1f eb 2d 66 33 d2 66 0f b7 0e 18 00 |fXfX..-f3.f....|
00007f20 66 f7 f1 fe c2 8a ca 66 8b d0 66 c1 ea 10 f7 36 |f.....f..f....6|
00007f30 1a 00 86 d6 8a 16 24 00 8a e8 c0 e4 06 0a cc b8 |.....$......|
00007f40 01 02 cd 13 0f 82 19 00 8c c0 05 20 00 8e c0 66 |..... ..f|
00007f50 ff 06 10 00 ff 0e 0e 00 0f 85 6f ff 07 1f 66 61 |.....o...fa|
00007f60 c3 a0 f8 01 e8 09 00 a0 fb 01 e8 03 00 fb eb fe |.....|
00007f70 b4 01 8b f0 ac 3c 00 74 09 b4 0e bb 07 00 cd 10 |....<.t.....|
00007f80 eb f2 c3 0d 0a 41 20 64 69 73 6b 20 72 65 61 64 |....A disk read|
00007f90 20 65 72 72 6f 72 20 6f 63 63 75 72 72 65 64 00 | error occurred.|
00007fa0 0d 0a 4e 54 4c 44 52 20 69 73 20 6d 69 73 73 69 |..NTLDR is missi|
00007fb0 6e 67 00 0d 0a 4e 54 4c 44 52 20 69 73 20 63 6f |ng...NTLDR is co|
00007fc0 6d 70 72 65 73 73 65 64 00 0d 0a 50 72 65 73 73 |mpressed...Press|
00007fd0 20 43 74 72 6c 2b 41 6c 74 2b 44 65 6c 20 74 6f | Ctrl+Alt+Del to|
00007fe0 20 72 65 73 74 61 72 74 0d 0a 00 00 00 00 00 00 | restart.....|
00007ff0 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 83 a0 b3 c9 00 00 55 aa |.....U.|
00008000 05 00 4e 00 54 00 4c 00 44 00 52 00 04 00 24 00 |..N.T.L.D.R...$.|
00008010 49 00 33 00 30 00 00 e0 00 00 00 30 00 00 00 00 |I.3.0.....0....|
00008020 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 |.....|
```

## Structure of Sector 1 (MBR)

```
[root@localhost pgdis]# hexdump -C vm_forensics_ntfs |more
00000000 eb 52 90 4e 54 46 53 20 20 20 20 00 02 08 00 00 |.R.NTFS .....|
00000010 00 00 00 00 00 f8 00 00 3f 00 ff 00 3f 00 00 00 |.....?...?...|
00000020 00 00 00 00 80 00 80 00 42 81 fb 00 00 00 00 00 |.....B.....|
00000030 04 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 14 b8 0f 00 00 00 00 00 |.....|
00000040 f6 00 00 00 01 00 00 00 d3 4b 72 84 75 72 84 e2 |.....Kr.ur..|
00000050 00 00 00 00 fa 33 c0 8e d0 bc 00 7c fb b8 c0 07 |.....3.....|....|
00000060 8e d8 e8 16 00 b8 00 0d 8e c0 33 db c6 06 0e 00 |.....3.....|
00000070 10 e8 53 00 68 00 0d 68 6a 02 cb 8a 16 24 00 b4 |..S.h..hj...$.|
00000080 08 cd 13 73 05 b9 ff ff 8a f1 66 0f b6 c6 40 66 |...s.....f...@f|
00000090 0f b6 d1 80 e2 3f f7 e2 86 cd c0 ed 06 41 66 0f |.....?.....Af|
000000a0 b7 c9 66 f7 e1 66 a3 20 00 c3 b4 41 bb aa 55 8a |..f..f. ...A..U|
000000b0 16 24 00 cd 13 72 0f 81 fb 55 aa 75 09 f6 c1 01 |.$...r...U.u...|
000000c0 74 04 fe 06 14 00 c3 66 60 1e 06 66 a1 10 00 66 |t.....f'..f...f|
000000d0 03 06 1c 00 66 3b 06 20 00 0f 82 3a 00 1e 66 6a |...f;. ...:..fj|
000000e0 00 66 50 06 53 66 68 10 00 01 00 80 3e 14 00 00 |.fP.Sfh.....>...|
000000f0 0f 85 0c 00 e8 b3 ff 80 3e 14 00 00 0f 84 61 00 |.....>.....a..|
00000100 b4 42 8a 16 24 00 16 1f 8b f4 cd 13 66 58 5b 07 |.B..$. ....fX[.|
00000110 66 58 66 58 1f eb 2d 66 33 d2 66 0f b7 0e 18 00 |fXfX..-f3.f....|
00000120 66 f7 f1 fe c2 8a ca 66 8b d0 66 c1 ea 10 f7 36 |f.....f..f....6|
00000130 1a 00 86 d6 8a 16 24 00 8a e8 c0 e4 06 0a cc b8 |.....$. ....|
00000140 01 02 cd 13 0f 82 19 00 8c c0 05 20 00 8e c0 66 |..... ..f|
00000150 ff 06 10 00 ff 0e 0e 00 0f 85 6f ff 07 1f 66 61 |.....o...fa|
00000160 c3 a0 f8 01 e8 09 00 a0 fb 01 e8 03 00 fb eb fe |.....|
00000170 b4 01 8b f0 ac 3c 00 74 09 b4 0e bb 07 00 cd 10 |.....<.t.....|
00000180 eb f2 c3 0d 0a 41 20 64 69 73 6b 20 72 65 61 64 |....A disk read|
00000190 20 65 72 72 6f 72 20 6f 63 63 75 72 72 65 64 00 | error occurred.|
000001a0 0d 0a 4e 54 4c 44 52 20 69 73 20 6d 69 73 73 69 |..NTLDR is missi|
000001b0 6e 67 00 0d 0a 4e 54 4c 44 52 20 69 73 20 63 6f |ng...NTLDR is co|
000001c0 6d 70 72 65 73 73 65 64 00 0d 0a 50 72 65 73 73 |mpressed...Press|
000001d0 20 43 74 72 6c 2b 41 6c 74 2b 44 65 6c 20 74 6f | Ctrl+Alt+Del to|
000001e0 20 72 65 73 74 61 72 74 0d 0a 00 00 00 00 00 00 | restart.....|
000001f0 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 83 a0 b3 c9 00 00 55 aa |.....U..|
00000200 05 00 4e 00 54 00 4c 00 44 00 52 00 04 00 24 00 |..N.T.L.D.R...$.|
00000210 49 00 33 00 30 00 00 e0 00 00 00 30 00 00 00 00 |I.3.0.....0....|
00000220 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 |.....|
```

Byte Offset	Field Length	Field Name
0x00	3 bytes	Jump Instruction (0xeb5290)
0x03	LONGLONG	OEM ID (4e 54 46 53 20 20 20 20)
0x0B	25 bytes	BPB
0x24	48 bytes	Extended BPB
0x54	426 bytes	Bootstrap Code
0x01FE	WORD	End of Sector Marker (55 aa)

eb 52            JMP 82                    //Jump 82 (dec) bytes

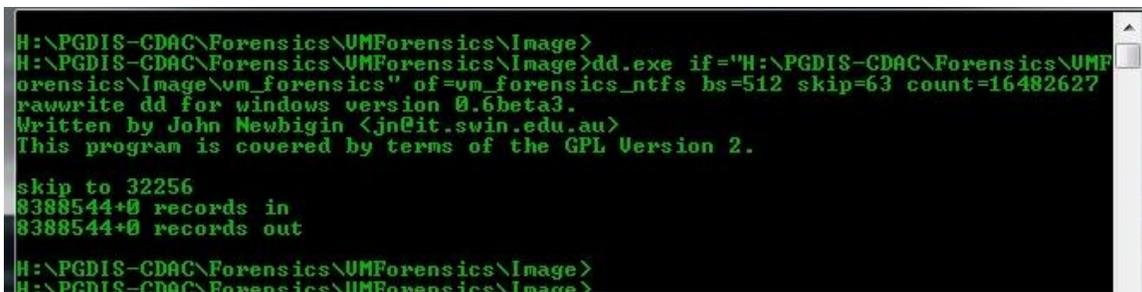
90                NOP

On NTFS volumes, the data fields that follow the BPB form an extended BPB. The data in these fields enables Ntldr (NT loader program) to find the master file table (MFT) during startup. On NTFS volumes, the MFT is not located in a predefined sector, as on FAT16 and FAT32 volumes. For this reason, the MFT can be moved if there is a bad sector in its normal location. However, if the data is corrupted, the MFT cannot be located, and Windows NT/2000 assumes that the volume has not been formatted.

Bytes 0x00- 0x0A are the jump instruction and the OEM ID  
Bytes 0x0B-0x53 are the BPB and the extended BPB.  
The remaining code is the bootstrap code and the end of sector.

### Extracting the File System from the image

File system is extracted using dd.exe command. Input file is the raw image collected from the machine which is under forensic investigation. Block size used to extract File system is 512 bytes and skipped 62 sectors because our NTFS File System is starting after those sectors.



```
H:\PGDIS-CDAC\Forensics\UMForensics\Image>
H:\PGDIS-CDAC\Forensics\UMForensics\Image>dd.exe if="H:\PGDIS-CDAC\Forensics\UMF
orensics\Image\vm_forensics" of=vm_forensics_ntfs bs=512 skip=63 count=16482627
rawwrite dd for windows version 0.6beta3.
Written by John Newbiggin <jn@it.swin.edu.au>
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skip to 32256
8388544+0 records in
8388544+0 records out

H:\PGDIS-CDAC\Forensics\UMForensics\Image>
H:\PGDIS-CDAC\Forensics\UMForensics\Image>
```

Calculating md5 of the extracted NTFS file system image



```
H:\PGDIS-CDAC\Forensics\UMForensics\Image>
H:\PGDIS-CDAC\Forensics\UMForensics\Image>md5sum.exe vm_forensics_ntfs
d1b07f1fa5696645204bb053ee3062c5 vm_forensics_ntfs

H:\PGDIS-CDAC\Forensics\UMForensics\Image>
```

### Analysis of different Layers

Layers	Sleuth Kit Commands
Physical Layer	m*-commands: mmls
File System Layer	fs*-commands: fsstat
File Name Layer	f*-commands: fls
Metadata Layer	i*-commands: icat
Data Layer	d*-commands: dcat

fsstat command output of the image is

```
[root@localhost pgdis]#  
[root@localhost pgdis]# fsstat -f ntfs -o 63 vm_forensics  
FILE SYSTEM INFORMATION  
-----  
File System Type: NTFS  
Volume Serial Number: E284727584724BD3  
OEM Name: NTFS  
Version: Windows 2000  
  
METADATA INFORMATION  
-----  
First Cluster of MFT: 4  
First Cluster of MFT Mirror: 1030164  
Size of MFT Entries: 1024 bytes  
Size of Index Records: 4096 bytes  
Range: 0 - 19693  
Root Directory: 5  
  
CONTENT INFORMATION  
-----  
Sector Size: 512  
Cluster Size: 4096  
Total Cluster Range: 0 - 2060327  
Total Range in Image: 0 - 1048567  
Total Sector Range: 0 - 16482625  
  
$AttrDef Attribute Values:  
Error loading attribute definitions  
[root@localhost pgdis]#
```

- f type of file system (fat12, ext2, ntfs, mac etc)
- o sector offset where the file system starts in the image

```
[root@localhost pgdis]# fsstat vm_forensics_ntfs  
FILE SYSTEM INFORMATION
```

```
-----  
File System Type: NTFS  
Volume Serial Number: E284727584724BD3  
OEM Name: NTFS  
Version: Windows 2000
```

```
METADATA INFORMATION
```

```
-----  
First Cluster of MFT: 4  
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```
CONTENT INFORMATION
```

```
-----  
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Total Cluster Range: 0 - 2060327
```

**Total Range in Image: 0 - 1048567**  
**Total Sector Range: 0 - 16482625**

**\$AttrDef Attribute Values:**  
**Error loading attribute definitions**  
[root@localhost pgdis]#

To investigate how intrusions result in data hiding, data deletion and other obfuscations, it is essential to understand the physical characteristics of the Microsoft NTFS file system. Master File Table (MFT) is the core of NTFS since it contains details of every file and folder on the volume and allocates two sectors for every MFT entry. Hence, a good knowledge of the MFT layout structure also facilitates the disk recovery process.

**In NTFS, everything on disk is a file. Even the metadata is stored as a set of files.** The Master File Table (MFT) is an index of every file on the volume. For each file, the MFT keeps a set of records called attributes and each attribute stores a different type of information. Each MFT entry has a fixed size which is 1 KB (at byte offset 64 in the boot sector one could identify the MFT record size).

```
[root@localhost pgdis]# istat -f ntfs vm_forensics_ntfs 7
MFT Entry Header Values:
Entry: 7      Sequence: 7
$LogFile Sequence Number: 0
Allocated File
Links: 1

$STANDARD_INFORMATION Attribute Values:
Flags: Hidden, System
Owner ID: 0
Created:      Tue Aug 23 01:03:40 2005
File Modified: Tue Aug 23 01:03:40 2005
MFT Modified: Tue Aug 23 01:03:40 2005
Accessed:    Tue Aug 23 01:03:40 2005

$FILE_NAME Attribute Values:
Flags: Hidden, System
Name: $Boot
Parent MFT Entry: 5      Sequence: 5
Allocated Size: 8192     Actual Size: 8192
Created:      Tue Aug 23 01:03:40 2005
File Modified: Tue Aug 23 01:03:40 2005
MFT Modified: Tue Aug 23 01:03:40 2005
Accessed:    Tue Aug 23 01:03:40 2005

Attributes:
error looking attribute name
[root@localhost pgdis]#
```

The \$Boot metadata file structure is located in MFT entry 7 (inode) and contains the boot sector of the file system. It contains information about the size of the volume, clusters and the MFT. The \$Boot metadata file structure has four attributes, namely, \$STANDARD\_INFORMATION, \$FILE\_NAME, \$SECURITY\_DESCRIPTION and \$DATA. The \$STANDARD\_INFORMATION attribute contains temporal information such as flags, owner, security ID and the last accessed, written, and created times.

The \$FILE\_NAME attribute contains the file name in UNICODE, the size and temporal information as well. The \$SECURITY\_DESCRIPTION attribute contains information about the access control and security properties. Finally, the \$DATA attribute contains the file contents. These attributes values for the test sample are shown in above snapshot as an illustration. To achieve this, we used the following TSK command tools:

```
[root@localhost pgdis]# istat -f ntfs vm_forensics_ntfs 7
```

```
[root@localhost pgdis]# istat -f ntfs vm_forensics_ntfs 4
MFT Entry Header Values:
Entry: 4          Sequence: 4
$LogFile Sequence Number: 58725203
Allocated File
Links: 1

$STANDARD_INFORMATION Attribute Values:
Flags: Hidden, System
Owner ID: 0
Created:         Tue Aug 23 01:03:40 2005
File Modified:  Tue Aug 23 01:03:40 2005
MFT Modified:   Tue Aug 23 01:03:40 2005
Accessed:       Tue Aug 23 01:03:40 2005

$FILE_NAME Attribute Values:
Flags: Hidden, System
Name: $AttrDef
Parent MFT Entry: 5      Sequence: 5
Allocated Size: 36864    Actual Size: 36000
Created:         Tue Aug 23 01:03:40 2005
File Modified:  Tue Aug 23 01:03:40 2005
MFT Modified:   Tue Aug 23 01:03:40 2005
Accessed:       Tue Aug 23 01:03:40 2005

Attributes:
error looking attribute name
[root@localhost pgdis]#
```

istat utility displays details of a meta-data structure i.e. inode. -f ntfs says File System type of the image is NTFS, inode number 4 gives the information of \$AttrDef file.

NTFS includes several system files, all of which are hidden from view on the NTFS volume. A *system file* is one used by the file system to store its metadata and to implement the file system. System files are placed on the volume by the Format utility.

**Table explaining** Metadata Stored in the Master File Table

<b>SYSTEM FILE</b>	<b>FILE NAME</b>	<b>MFT RECORD</b>	<b>PURPOSE OF THE FILE</b>
Master file table	<b>\$Mft</b>	0	Contains one base file record for each file and folder on an NTFS volume. If the allocation information for a file or folder is too large to fit within a single record, other file records are allocated as well.
Master file table 2	<b>\$MftMirr</b>	1	A duplicate image of the first four records of the MFT. This file guarantees access to the MFT in case of a single-sector failure.
Log file	<b>\$LogFile</b>	2	Contains a list of transaction steps used for NTFS recoverability. Log file size depends on the volume size and can be as large as 4 MB. It is used by Windows NT/2000 to restore consistency to NTFS after a system failure.
Volume	<b>\$Volume</b>	3	Contains information about the volume, such as the volume label and the volume version.
Attribute definitions	<b>\$AttrDef</b>	4	A table of attribute names, numbers, and descriptions.
Root file name index	<b>\$</b>	5	The root folder.
Cluster bitmap	<b>\$Bitmap</b>	6	A representation of the volume showing which clusters are in use.
Boot sector	<b>\$Boot</b>	7	Includes the BPB used to mount the volume and additional bootstrap loader code used if the volume is bootable.
Bad cluster file	<b>\$BadClus</b>	8	Contains bad clusters for the volume.
Security file	<b>\$Secure</b>	9	Contains unique security descriptors for all files within a volume.
Uppcase table	<b>\$Uppcase</b>	10	Converts lowercase characters to matching Unicode uppercase characters.
NTFS extension file	<b>\$Extend</b>	11	Used for various optional extensions such as quotas, reparse point data, and object identifiers.
		12-15	Reserved for future use.
Quota management file	<b>\$Quota</b>	24	Contains user assigned quota limits on the volume space.
Object Id file	<b>\$ObjId</b>	25	Contains file object IDs.
Reparse point file	<b>\$Reparse</b>	26	This file contains information about files and folders on the volume include reparse point data

```
[root@localhost pgdis]#
[root@localhost pgdis]# istat -f ntfs vm_forensics_ntfs 1000
MFT Entry Header Values:
Entry: 1000          Sequence: 1
$LogFile Sequence Number: 45814097
Allocated File
Links: 1

$STANDARD_INFORMATION Attribute Values:
Flags: Archive
Owner ID: 0
Created:      Wed Dec  8 01:30:00 1999
File Modified: Wed Dec  8 01:30:00 1999
MFT Modified:  Tue Aug 23 08:49:39 2005
Accessed:     Tue Aug 23 08:49:39 2005

$FILE_NAME Attribute Values:
Flags: Archive
Name: irmon.dll
Parent MFT Entry: 26  Sequence: 1
Allocated Size: 81920      Actual Size: 79632
Created:      Tue Aug 23 01:04:53 2005
File Modified: Tue Aug 23 01:05:07 2005
MFT Modified:  Tue Aug 23 01:05:07 2005
Accessed:     Tue Aug 23 01:05:07 2005

Attributes:
error looking attribute name
[root@localhost pgdis]#
```

Figure. Showing contents at inode 1000 (picked randomly)

Following commands are not giving output when ran on vm\_forensics image

```
[root@localhost pgdis]# fls -f ntfs -o 63 -aD vm_forensics
[root@localhost pgdis]# fls -f ntfs -o 63 -a vm_forensics
[root@localhost pgdis]# fls -f ntfs -o 63 vm_forensics
```

```
[root@localhost pgdis]# blkstat -vvf ntfs -o 63 vm_forensics 20
tsk_parse_offset: Offset set to 32256
tsk_img_open: Type: 0 NumImg: 1 Img1: vm_forensics
tsk_img_read: Loading data into cache 3 (32256)
raw_read: byte offset: 32256 len: 65536
ntfs_dinode_lookup: Processing MFT 0
tsk_img_read: Read found in cache 3
ntfs_dinode_lookup: upd_seq 1 Replacing: 0068 With: 0000
ntfs_dinode_lookup: upd_seq 2 Replacing: 0068 With: 0000
ntfs_proc_attrseq: Processing entry 0
ntfs_proc_attrseq: Resident Attribute in 0 Type: 16 Id: 0 Name: N/A
ntfs_proc_attrseq: Resident Attribute in 0 Type: 48 Id: 3 Name: N/A
ntfs_proc_attrseq: Non-Resident Attribute in 0 Type: 128 Id: 1 Name: $Data Start VCN:
0
```

ntfs\_make\_data\_run: Len idx: 0 cur: 60 (3c) tot: 60 (3c)  
ntfs\_make\_data\_run: Len idx: 1 cur: 19 (13) tot: 4924 (133c)  
ntfs\_make\_data\_run: Off idx: 0 cur: 4 (4) tot: 4 (4)  
ntfs\_make\_data\_run: Signed addr\_offset: 4 Previous address: 0  
ntfs\_proc\_attrseq: Non-Resident Attribute in 0 Type: 176 Id: 5 Name: N/A Start VCN: 0  
ntfs\_make\_data\_run: Len idx: 0 cur: 1 (1) tot: 1 (1)  
ntfs\_make\_data\_run: Off idx: 0 cur: 2 (2) tot: 2 (2)  
ntfs\_make\_data\_run: Signed addr\_offset: 2 Previous address: 0  
ntfs\_dinode\_lookup: Processing MFT 3  
ntfs\_dinode\_lookup: Found in offset: 4 size: 4924 at offset: 3072  
ntfs\_dinode\_lookup: Entry address at: 19456  
tsk\_img\_read: Read found in cache 3  
ntfs\_dinode\_lookup: upd\_seq 1 Replacing: 0068 With: 0000  
ntfs\_dinode\_lookup: upd\_seq 2 Replacing: 0068 With: 0000  
ntfs\_proc\_attrseq: Processing entry 3  
ntfs\_proc\_attrseq: Resident Attribute in 3 Type: 16 Id: 0 Name: N/A  
ntfs\_proc\_attrseq: Resident Attribute in 3 Type: 48 Id: 1 Name: N/A  
ntfs\_proc\_attrseq: Resident Attribute in 3 Type: 64 Id: 6 Name: N/A  
ntfs\_proc\_attrseq: Resident Attribute in 3 Type: 80 Id: 2 Name: N/A  
ntfs\_proc\_attrseq: Resident Attribute in 3 Type: 96 Id: 4 Name: N/A  
ntfs\_proc\_attrseq: Resident Attribute in 3 Type: 112 Id: 5 Name: N/A  
ntfs\_proc\_attrseq: Resident Attribute in 3 Type: 128 Id: 3 Name: \$Data  
ntfs\_dinode\_lookup: Processing MFT 6  
ntfs\_dinode\_lookup: Found in offset: 4 size: 4924 at offset: 6144  
ntfs\_dinode\_lookup: Entry address at: 22528  
tsk\_img\_read: Read found in cache 3  
ntfs\_dinode\_lookup: upd\_seq 1 Replacing: 003b With: 0000  
ntfs\_dinode\_lookup: upd\_seq 2 Replacing: 003b With: 0000  
ntfs\_make\_data\_run: Len idx: 0 cur: 63 (3f) tot: 63 (3f)  
ntfs\_make\_data\_run: Off idx: 0 cur: 95 (5f) tot: 95 (5f)  
ntfs\_make\_data\_run: Off idx: 1 cur: 226 (e2) tot: 57951 (e25f)  
ntfs\_make\_data\_run: Off idx: 2 cur: 15 (f) tot: 1040991 (fe25f)  
ntfs\_make\_data\_run: Signed addr\_offset: 1040991 Previous address: 0  
tsk\_img\_read: Loading data into cache 2 (4263931392)  
raw\_read: byte offset: 4263931392 len: 65536  
ssize: 512 csize: 8 serial: e284727584724bd3  
mft\_rsize: 1024 idx\_rsize: 4096 vol: 2060328 mft: 4 mft\_mir: 1030164  
tsk\_img\_read: Loading data into cache 1 (114176)  
raw\_read: byte offset: 114176 len: 65536  
Cluster: 20  
Allocated  
[root@localhost pgdis]#



## Lets analyze using MountImagePro v4.12

Downloaded Mount Image Pro v4.12 (Trial) and tried to mount vm\_forensics\_ntfs image but vm\_forensics\_ntfs was not mounting properly so renamed to vm\_forensics\_ntfs.dd

Mounting procedure:

1. "Add Image" to add a forensic image file
2. Select the device or image that you wish to mount and then press the "Mount Filesystem" button
3. The device or image will then mount and display
4. If the drive is mounted with a drive letter, you should then be able to browse to the drive using Windows. Double click on the drive letter to open Windows Explorer.

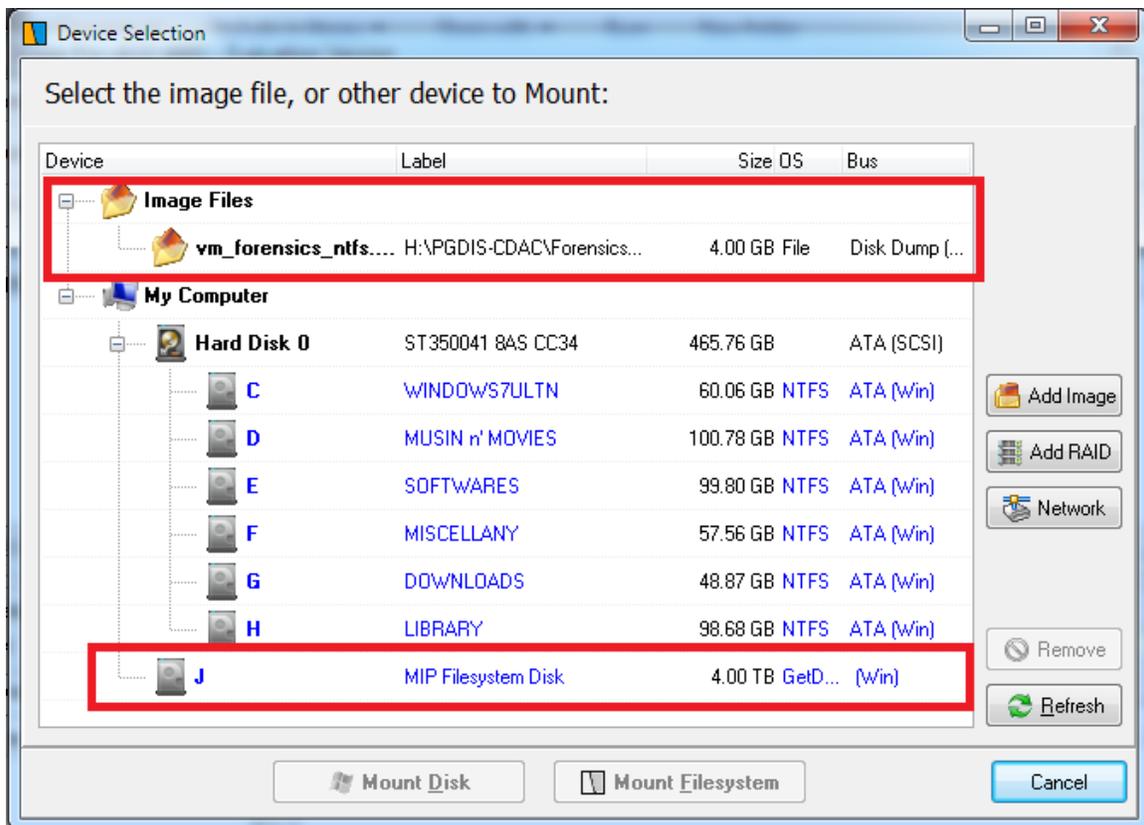


Figure: Mount snapshot on MountImagePro v4.12

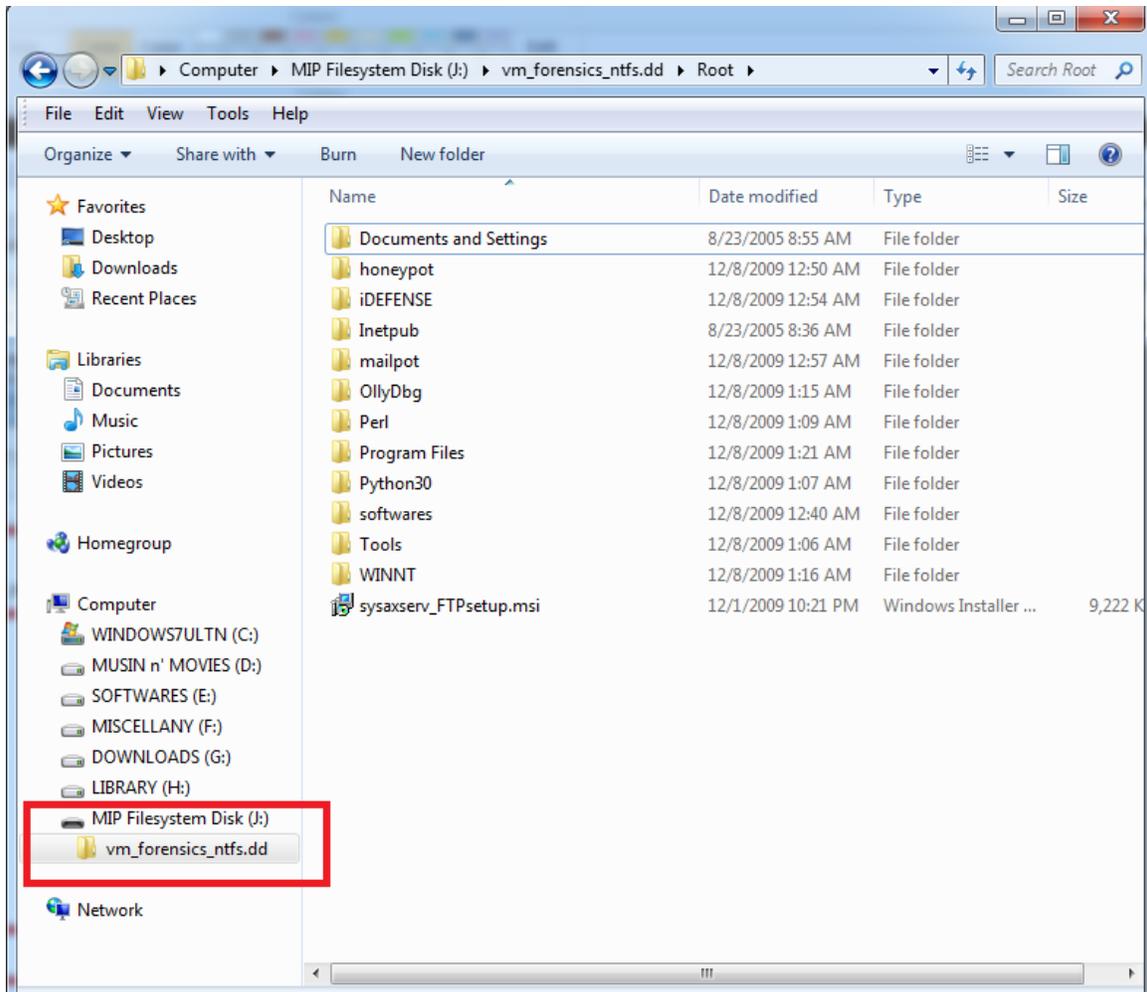


Figure: Mounted drive J and it's Directories as seen in Windows Explorer

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