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Introduction

The Computer Forensics Tool Testing (CFTT) program is a joint project of the National Institute of Justice (NIJ), the research and development organization of the U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ), and the National Institute of Standards and Technology's (NIST's) Office of Law Enforcement Standards and Information Technology Laboratory. CFTT is supported by other organizations, including the Federal Bureau of Investigation, the U.S. Department of Defense Cyber Crime Center, U.S. Internal Revenue Service Criminal Investigation Division Electronic Crimes Program, and the U.S. Department of Homeland Security's Bureau of Immigration and Customs Enforcement, U.S. Customs and Border Protection, and U.S. Secret Service. The objective of the CFTT program is to provide measurable assurance to practitioners, researchers, and other applicable users that the tools used in computer forensics investigations provide accurate results. Accomplishing this requires the development of specifications and test methods for computer forensics tools and subsequent testing of specific tools against those specifications.

Test results provide the information necessary for developers to improve tools, users to make informed choices, and the legal community and others to understand the tools' capabilities. The CFTT approach to testing computer forensic tools is based on well-recognized methodologies for conformance and quality testing. The specifications and test methods are posted on the [CFTT Web site](#) for review and comment by the computer forensics community.

This document reports the results from testing Voom Hardcopy II, against the [*Forensic Media Preparation Tool Test Assertions and Test Plan Version 1.0*](#), available at the CFTT Web site.

Test results for other devices and software packages using the CFTT tool methodology can be found on [NIJ's computer forensics tool testing Web page](#).

Test Results for Forensic Media Preparation Tool

Tool Tested: Voom HardCopy II
Version: 1-11
Serial No. A001256
Run Environments: Custom

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1. Results Summary

In all the test cases run against Voom HardCopy II Version 1-11, all visible sectors were successfully overwritten. For the test cases that used destination drives containing an HPA or DCO, the tool behaved as designed by the vendor. It removed any HPA or DCO and overwrote the sectors with zeros.

2. Test Case Selection

Voom HardCopy II was tested for its ability to overwrite sectors. The test cases selected were limited to only those test cases defined by *Forensic Media Preparation Tool Test Assertions and Test Plan Version 1.0* and applicable to features supported by this tool.

Since Voom HardCopy II does not support a secure erase mode those tests were omitted; All selected test cases were *WRITE* tests (cases FMP-01 and FMP-03).

Three hidden sector test cases (FMP-03) were included among the cases selected. They were included to measure the tool behavior in conjunction with hidden sectors.

The following cases were used in testing Voom HardCopy II:

- FMP-01-ATA28
- FMP-01-ATA48
- FMP-01-SATA28
- FMP-01-SATA48
- FMP-03-DCO
- FMP-03-DCO+HPA

- FMP-03-HPA

The following source interfaces were tested: ATA28, ATA48, SATA28, SATA48.

3. Test Materials

3.1 Support Software

Several programs were used in the setup and analysis of the test drives. These include **hdat2** (download from: [hdat2 download page](#), **dsumm** (download from: [CFTT Project Website](#)) and the **diskwipe** program from **FS-TST Release 2.0** (download from: [CFTT fs-tst20.zip download page](#)).

The **hdat2** program is used to create, remove and document hidden areas on a drive.

The **diskwipe** program initializes the hard drive with known content.

The **dsumm** program analyzes the content of a hard drive. It produces a summary of disk contents in terms of counts for each byte value present on the drive. For example, if a drive can contain 10GB (19531250 sectors of 512 bytes per sector) and the drive is wiped with zero bytes, then **dsumm** reports 10,000,000,000 zero bytes. The program also prints the first sector found with printable ASCII content.

3.2 Test Drive Creation

The following steps are used to setup a test drive:

1. The drive is initially filled with known content by the **diskwipe** program. The **diskwipe** program writes the sector address to each sector in both C/H/S and LBA format. The remainder of the bytes in each sector is set to a constant fill value unique for each drive. The fill value is noted in the **diskwipe** tool log file.
2. The **dsumm** program is run to capture and analyze the drive content. Each sector has unique content after the drive setup is complete.
3. If the destination drive is intended for a hidden area test (FMP-03), an HPA, a DCO or both are created.
4. The drive size after creation of a hidden area is recorded.

3.3 Test Drive Analysis

The following steps are used to analyze a test drive after it has been wiped by the tool under test:

1. The size of the drive is recorded. This determines if the tool changes the size of a hidden area.

2. Any hidden areas still present on the drive are removed.
3. The **dsumm** program is run to determine the final content of the drive.

3.4 Test Drives

The following hard drives were used in testing. The column labeled **Test Case** identifies the test case. The column labeled **Sectors** is the size of the drive with no DCO or HPA. The column labeled **Model** is the model of the drive as returned by the ATA IDENTIFY DEVICE command. The column labeled **Serial #** is the serial number as returned by the ATA IDENTIFY DEVICE command.

Test Case	Sectors	Model	Serial #
FMP-01-ATA28	156301488	WDC WD800BB-75CAA0	WD-WMA8E2108916
FMP-01-ATA48	488397168	WDC WD2500JB-00GVC0	WD-WCAL78188039
FMP-01-SATA28	234441648	WDC WD1200JD-00GBB0	WD-WMAES2049679
FMP-01-SATA48	312581808	ST9160310AS	5SV092JK
FMP-03-DCO	78140160	FUJITSU MHW2040BH	K10XT7B278AP
FMP-03-DCO+HPA	490234752	Maxtor 7Y250P0	Y63FSHTE
FMP-03-HPA	312581808	WDC WD1600JB-00GVC0	WD-WMAL94865344

For FMP-03 test cases the layout of visible and hidden sectors is as follows. The column labeled **Test Case** identifies the test case. The column labeled **Size** is the number of visible sectors presented to the device for the test case. The column labeled **Hidden** is the size in sectors of the hidden area.

Test Case	Size	Total	Hidden (DCO+HPA)
FMP-03-DCO	7814016	78140160	70326144
FMP-03-DCO+HPA	465234752	490234752	25000000 (10000000+15000000)
FMP-03-HPA	46887271	312581808	265694537

4. Test Results

The main item of interest for interpreting the test results is determining the conformance of the tool under test with the test assertions. Conformance with each assertion tested by a given test case is evaluated by examining the **Log Highlights** box of the test report summary.

4.1 Test Results Report Key

A summary of the actual test results is presented in this report. The following table presents a description of each section of the test report summary.

Heading	Description
First Line:	Test case ID, name, and version of tool tested.
Case Summary:	Test case summary from <i>Forensic Media Preparation Tool Test Assertions and Test Plan Version 1.0</i> .

Test Case FMP-01-ATA28 Voom HardCopy II Version 1-11			
	<pre> 274642393 33 (3) 272159917 34 (4) 262536293 35 (5) 225709546 36 (6) 215483146 37 (7) 215483143 38 (8) 215483135 39 (9) 75907021680 56 (V) Totals for non-ASCII sectors summary format: <count> <hex value> <(actual character if printable)> ... 80026361856 bytes, 156301488 sectors, 14 distinct values seen 156301488 sectors have printable text </pre>		
Log Highlights:	<pre> Size after tool runs: 156301488 from total of 156301488 (with 0 hidden) Analysis of tool result -- Totals for all sectors summary format: <count> <hex value> <(actual character if printable)> ... 80026361856 00 Totals for non-ASCII sectors summary format: <count> <hex value> <(actual character if printable)> ... 80026361856 00 80026361856 bytes, 156301488 sectors, 1 distinct values seen No sectors have printable text </pre>		
Results:	Assertion & Expected Result	Actual Result	
	FMP-CA-01 Visible sectors overwritten	as expected	
Analysis:	Expected results achieved		

4.2.3 FMP-01-SATA28

Test Case FMP-01-SATA28 Voom HardCopy II Version 1-11					
Case Summary:	FMP-01. Overwrite visible sectors using WRITE commands.				
Assertions:	FMP-CA-01 All visible sectors shall be overwritten with the specified benign data.				
Tester Name:	Csr				
Analysis host:	Frank				
Test host:	None				
Test date:	Thu Jul 30 08:57:27 2009				
Test drive:	1C-SATA				
Source Setup:	<p>Initial setup size: 234441648 from total of 234441648 (with 0 hidden) IDE disk: Model (WDC WD1200JD-00GBB0) serial # (WD-WMAES2049679)</p> <p>Sector 0 is first sector with printable text ===== Start text ===== 00000/000/01 000000000000 ===== End text Sector 0 ===== 1 <new line> character inserted for readability</p> <p>Totals for all sectors summary format: <count> <hex value> <(actual character if printable)> ... 234441648 00 113938640928 1C 234441648 20 () 468883296 2F (/) 1461085523 30 (0) 678339301 31 (1) 497617498 32 (2) 407041791 33 (3) 391715334 34 (4) 376075228 35 (5) 347651457 36 (6) 332766225 37 (7) 332765657 38 (8) 332658242 39 (9)</p> <p>Totals for non-ASCII sectors summary format: <count> <hex value> <(actual character if printable)> ... 120034123776 bytes, 234441648 sectors, 14 distinct values seen 234441648 sectors have printable text</p>				
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3. Develop affordable and effective tools and technologies to enhance the administration of justice and public safety.

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