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Test Results for Binary Image (JTAG, Chip-Off) Decoding and Analysis Tool: Autopsy 4.13.0

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Introduction

The Computer Forensics Tool Testing (CFTT) program is a joint project of the Department of Homeland Security (DHS), the National Institute of Justice (NIJ), and the National Institute of Standards and Technology Special Program Office (SPO) and Information Technology Laboratory (ITL). 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 DHS'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 forensics tools is based on well-recognized methodologies for conformance and quality testing. Interested parties in the computer forensics community can review and comment on the specifications and test methods posted on the CFTT Web site (https://www.cftt.nist.gov/).

This document reports the results from testing Autopsy v4.13.0 decoding and analysis of mobile devices JTAG and chip-off binaries.

Test results from other tools can be found on the DHS S&T-sponsored digital forensics web page, https://www.dhs.gov/science-and-technology/nist-cftt-reports.

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How to Read This Report

This report is divided into four sections. Section 1 identifies and provides a summary of any significant anomalies observed in the test runs. This section is sufficient for most readers to assess the suitability of the tool for the intended use. Section 2 identifies the mobile devices used for testing. Section 3 lists testing environment, the internal memory data objects used to populate the mobile devices. Section 4 provides an overview of the test case results reported by the tool.

Test Results for Binary Image (JTAG, Chip-Off) Decoding and Analysis Tool

Tool Tested:	Autopsy
Software Version:	V4.13.0
Supplier:	Basis Technology
Address:	101 Main Street 14F Cambridge, MA 02142
Phone:	+1-617-386-2000
WWW:	http://www.sleuthkit.org/

1 Results Summary

Below is a comprehensive summary of how Autopsy v4.13.0 performed when parsing and extracting supported data objects and elements from the JTAG and Chip-Off images of mobile devices. Except for the following anomalies, the tool was able to decode and report all supported data objects completely and accurately for all Chip-Off and JTAG binary images tested.

Stand-alone Files:

- Stand-alone files (i.e., audio, graphics, video) were not reported. (Devices: *HTC One Mini_Chip-off, HTC Desire S_Chip-off*)

Social media Data:

- Facebook social media data was partially reported i.e., account related information. (Devices: *HTC Desire 626_Chip-off, LG K7_Chip-off, HTC One XL_Chip-off, HTC Desire S_Chip-off, HTC Desire S_JTAG, HTC One XL_JTAG*).
- Twitter social media data was partially reported i.e., account related information. (Devices: *LG K7_Chip-off, ZTE 970_Chip-off, Samsung S2_Chip-off*)
- SnapChat social media data was partially reported i.e., account related information. (Devices: *LG K7_Chip-off, Samsung S4_Chip-off, Samsung S4_JTAG*)

Internet Related Data:

- Bookmarks and history related data were not reported. (Device: *LG K7_Chip-off*)

GPS Related Data:

- GPS related data (i.e., longitude, latitude coordinates, routes, addresses, etc.) was not reported. (Device: *HTC One Mini_Chip-off, HTC One Mini_JTAG*)

Notes:

- The Chip-off and JTAG binary file analysis was performed by searching through individual files and databases contained within a partition. To view these files an association was created within Autopsy with a viewer capable of presenting a specific type of data artifact. Mobile data artifacts extracted from the Chip-off and JTAG binaries were not normalized i.e., categorized based upon data type (contacts, calendar, notes, call logs, SMS, MMS, etc.).
- These tests were performed by confirming that application-level data could be found from analyzing memory images. A failure to extract application-level data could be the result of file system or application-level parsing errors or because the tool does not support the specific version of the phone app. If the forensics tool can correctly parse the file system, then the user can still manually review the contents of the application-level databases.

For more test result details see section 4.

2 Mobile Device Binary Images

The following table lists the mobile device binaries used for testing Autopsy v7.2.

Make	Model	OS Version	Data Extraction
HTC	Desire S	Android 2.3 Gingerbread	Chip-Off, JTAG
HTC	One Mini	Android 4.2 Jelly Bean	Chip-Off, JTAG
HTC	One XL	Android 4.0 Ice Cream Sandwich	Chip-Off, JTAG
Samsung	S4	Android 4.2 Jelly Bean	Chip-Off, JTAG
HTC	Desire 626	Android 5.1 Lollipop	Chip-Off
LG	K7	Android 5.1 Lollipop	Chip-Off
ZTE	Z970	Android 4.4 KitKat	Chip-Off
Samsung	S2	Android 2.3 Gingerbread	Chip-Off

Table 1: Mobile Device Binary Images

3 Testing Environment

The tests were run in the NIST CFTT lab. This section describes the selected test execution environment, and the data objects populated onto the internal memory of mobile devices.

3.1 Execution Environment

Autopsy v4.13.0 was installed on Windows 10 Pro version 10.0.14393.

3.2 Internal Memory Data Objects

Autopsy v4.13.0 was tested for its ability to parse and extract supported data objects and elements from the JTAG and Chip-Off images of the test mobile devices. Table 2 below, defines the data objects and elements used for populating the mobile devices provided the mobile device supports the data element.

Data Objects	Data Elements
Address Book Entries	*Regular Length*
	Maximum Length
	Special Character
	Blank Name
	Regular Length, email
	Regular Length, graphic
	Regular Length, Address
	Deleted Entry
	Non-Latin Entry
	Contact Groups
PIM Data: Datebook/Calendar; Memos	*Regular Length*
	Maximum Length
	Deleted Entry
	Special Character
	Blank Entry
Call Logs	*Incoming*
	Outgoing
	Missed
	Incoming – Deleted
	Outgoing – Deleted
	Missed - Deleted
Text Messages	*Incoming SMS – Read*
	Incoming SMS – Unread
	Outgoing SMS
	Incoming EMS – Read
	Incoming EMS – Unread
	Outgoing EMS
	Incoming SMS – Deleted
	Outgoing SMS – Deleted
	Incoming EMS – Deleted
	Outgoing EMS – Deleted
	Non-Latin SMS/EMS
MMS Messages	*Incoming Audio*
	Incoming Graphic
	Incoming Video
	Outgoing Audio
	Outgoing Graphic
	Outgoing Video

Data Objects	Data Elements
Application Data	*Device Specific App Data*
Stand-alone data files	*Audio*
	Graphic
	Video
	Audio – Deleted
	Graphic - Deleted
	Video - Deleted
Internet Data	*Visited Sites*
	Bookmarks
	E-mail
Location Data	*GPS Coordinates*
	Geo-tagged Data
Social Media Data	*Facebook*
	Twitter
	LinkedIn
	Instagram
	Pinterest
	SnapChat
	WhatsApp

Table 2: Internal Memory Data Objects

4 Test Results

This section provides the test case results reported by the tool. Sections 4.1 – 4.2 identify the make and model of the mobile device used for creating the binary image and data extraction technique employed i.e., Chip-Off, JTAG.

The *Test Cases* column in sections 4.1 and 4.2 are comprised of two sub-columns that define a particular test category and individual sub-categories that are verified when decoding and analyzing the associated binary image. The results are as follows:

As Expected: the mobile forensic application returned expected test results – the tool parsed and extracted supported data objects from the JTAG, Chip-Off binary successfully.

Partial: the mobile forensic application returned some of data from the JTAG, Chip-Off binary.

Not As Expected: the mobile forensic application failed to return expected test results – the tool did not acquire or report supported data from the JTAG, Chip-Off binary successfully.

NA: Not Applicable – the mobile forensic application is unable to perform the test or the tool does not provide support for the acquisition for a particular data element.

4.1 Chip-Off Data Extractions

The internal memory contents for Chip-Off binary images were decoded and analyzed with Autopsy v4.13.0.

All test cases pertaining to the acquisition of supported Android devices were successful with the exception of the following.

- Stand-alone files (i.e., audio, graphics, video) were not reported for the HTC One Mini and HTC Desire S.
- Facebook social media data was partially reported i.e., account related information for the HTC Desire 626, LG K7, HTC One XL and HTC Desire S.
- Twitter social media data was partially reported i.e., account related information for the LG K7, ZTE 970, Samsung S2 and HTC Desire S.
- SnapChat social media data was partially reported i.e., account related information for the LG K7 and Samsung S4.
- Browser data (i.e., bookmarks, history) was not reported for the LG K7.
- GPS related data (e.g., waypoints, longitude, latitude, routes) were not reported for the HTC One Mini.

Notes:
-Devices defined in the table below with an '' e.g., HTC One XL*, both Chip-Off and JTAG data extractions were performed.*

-When performing the Chip-off data extraction, it appeared the HTC One Mini had suffered water damage, which may lead to differences in the data reported for the JTAG compared to Chip-off.

- Deleted Contacts, Calendar, Memo/Note entries were recovered for the HTC Desire 626, ZTE 970, Samsung S2, HTC One XL and Samsung S4.
- Deleted Contacts and Calendar entries were recovered for the LG K7 and HTC Desire S.
- Deleted Contacts were recovered for the HTC One Mini.
- Deleted Call logs were recovered for the LG K7, ZTE 970, Samsung S2, HTC One XL, Samsung S4, HTC One Mini and HTC Desire S.
- Deleted SMS entries were recovered for the LG K7, ZTE 970, Samsung S2, HTC One XL, Samsung S4, HTC One Mini and HTC Desire S.
- Deleted bookmark entries were recovered for the HTC Desire 626, ZTE 970, Samsung S2, HTC One XL, Samsung S4, HTC One Mini and HTC Desire S.

See Table 3 below for more details.

Autopsy v4.13.0									
Test Cases – Chip-Off Binary Decoding and Analysis		*Mobile Device Binary Images: Chip-Off*							
		HTC Desire 626	LG K7	ZTE 970	Samsung S2	HTC One XL*	Samsung S4*	HTC One Mini*	HTC Desire S*
Equipment/ User Data	IMEI	*As Expected*	*As Expected*	*As Expected*	*As Expected*	*As Expected*	*As Expected*	*As Expected*	*As Expected*
	MEID/ESN	*NA*	*NA*	*NA*	*NA*	*NA*	*NA*	*NA*	*NA*
	MSISDN	*As Expected*	*As Expected*	*As Expected*	*As Expected*	*As Expected*	*As Expected*	*As Expected*	*As Expected*
PIM Data	Contacts	*As Expected*	*As Expected*	*As Expected*	*As Expected*	*As Expected*	*As Expected*	*As Expected*	*As Expected*
	Calendar	*As Expected*	*As Expected*	*As Expected*	*As Expected*	*As Expectec*	*As Expected*	*As Expected*	*As Expected*
	Memos/ Notes	*As Expected*	*As Expected*	*As Expected*	*As Expected*	*As Expected*	*As Expected*	*As Expected*	*As Expected*
Call Logs	Incoming	*As Expected*	*As Expected*	*As Expected*	*As Expected*	*As Expected*	*As Expected*	*As Expected*	*As Expected*
	Outgoing	*As Expected*	*As Expected*	*As Expected*	*As Expected*	*As Expected*	*As Expected*	*As Expected*	*As Expected*
	Missed	*As Expected*	*As Expected*	*As Expected*	*As Expected*	*As Expected*	*As Expected*	*As Expected*	*As Expected*
SMS Messages	Incoming	*As Expected*	*As Expected*	*As Expected*	*As Expected*	*As Expected*	*As Expected*	*As Expected*	*As Expected*
	Outgoing	*As Expected*	*As Expected*	*As Expected*	*As Expected*	*As Expected*	*As Expected*	*As Expected*	*As Expected*
MMS Messages	Graphic	*As Expected*	*As Expected*	*As Expected*	*As Expected*	*As Expected*	*As Expected*	*As Expected*	*As Expected*
	Audio	*As Expected*	*As Expected*	*As Expected*	*As Expected*	*As Expected*	*As Expected*	*As Expected*	*As Expected*
	Video	*As Expected*	*As Expected*	*As Expected*	*As Expected*	*As Expected*	*As Expected*	*As Expected*	*As Expected*
Stand-alone Files	Graphic	*As Expected*	*As Expected*	*As Expected*	*As Expected*	*As Expected*	*As Expected*	*Not As Expected*	*Not As Expected*
	Audio	*As Expected*	*As Expected*	*As Expected*	*As Expected*	*As Expected*	*As Expected*	*Not As Expected*	*Not As Expected*
	Video	*As Expected*	*As Expected*	*As Expected*	*As Expected*	*As Expected*	*As Expected*	*Not As Expected*	*Not As Expected*
Application Data	Documents (txt, pdf files)	*As Expected*	*As Expected*	*As Expected*	*As Expected*	*As Expected*	*As Expected*	*As Expected*	*As Expected*
Social Media Data	Facebook	*Partial*	*Partial*	*As Expected*	*As Expected*	*Partial*	*As Expected*	*As Expected*	*Partial*
	Twitter	*As Expected*	*Partial*	*Partial*	*Partial*	*As Expected*	*As Expected*	*As Expected*	*As Expected*
	LinkedIn	*As Expected*	*As Expected*	*NA*	*NA*	*NA*	*NA*	*NA*	*NA*
	Instagram	*As Expected*	*As Expected*	*As Expected*	*As Expected*	*NA*	*As Expected*	*NA*	*NA*

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Test Cases – Chip-Off Binary Decoding and Analysis		*Mobile Device Binary Images: Chip-Off*							
		HTC Desire 626	LG K7	ZTE 970	Samsung S2	HTC One XL*	Samsung S4*	HTC One Mini*	HTC Desire S*
	Pinterest	*NA*	*As Expected*	*As Expected*	*NA*	*NA*	*As Expected*	*NA*	*NA*
	SnapChat	*NA*	*Partial*	*As Expected*	*NA*	*NA*	*Partial*	*NA*	*NA*
	WhatsApp	*NA*	*As Expected*	*As Expected*	*NA*	*NA*	*NA*	*NA*	*NA*
Internet Data	Bookmarks	*As Expected*	*Not As Expected*	*As Expected*	*As Expected*	*As Expected*	*As Expected*	*As Expected*	*As Expected*
	History	*As Expected*	*Not As Expected*	*As Expected*	*As Expected*	*As Expected*	*As Expected*	*As Expected*	*As Expected*
	Email	*As Expected*	*As Expected*	*As Expected*	*As Expected*	*As Expected*	*As Expected*	*As Expected*	*As Expected*
GPS Data	Coordinates/Geo-tagged	*As Expected*	*As Expected*	*As Expected*	*As Expected*	*As Expected*	*As Expected*	*Not As Expected*	*As Expected*
Non-Latin Character	Reported in native format	*As Expected*	*As Expected*	*As Expected*	*As Expected*	*As Expected*	*As Expected*	*As Expected*	*As Expected*
Hashing	Case File/ Individual Files	*As Expected*	*As Expected*	*As Expected*	*As Expected*	*As Expected*	*As Expected*	*As Expected*	*As Expected*
Case File Data Protection	Modify Case Data	*As Expected*	*As Expected*	*As Expected*	*As Expected*	*As Expected*	*As Expected*	*As Expected*	*As Expected*

Table 3: Chip-Off Data Extractions

4.2 JTAG Data Extractions

The internal memory contents for JTAG binary images were decoded and analyzed with Autopsy v4.13.0.

All test cases pertaining to the acquisition of supported Android devices were successful with the exception of the following.

- Facebook social media data was partially reported (i.e., account information) for the HTC Desire S and HTC One XL.
- SnapChat social media data was partially reported (i.e., account information) for the Samsung S4.
- GPS related data (e.g., waypoints, longitude, latitude, routes) were not reported for the HTC One Mini.

Notes:
-Devices defined in the table below with an '' e.g., HTC One Mini*, both Chip-Off and JTAG data extractions were performed.*

- Deleted Contacts were recoverd for the HTC One Mini.
- Deleted Contacts and Calendar entries were recovered for the HTC Desire S, HTC One XL, Samsung S4.
- Deleted Memo/Note entries were recovered for the HTC One XL and Samsung S4.
- Deleted Call logs were recovered for the HTC One Mini, HTC One XL and Samsung S4.
- Deleted SMS entries were recovered for the HTC Desire S, HTC One Mini, HTC One XL and Samsung S4.
- Deleted bookmark entries were recovered for the HTC Desire S, HTC One Mini, HTC One XL and Samsung S4.

See Table 4 below for more details.

Autopsy v4.13.0					
Test Cases – JTAG Binary Decoding and Analysis		*Mobile Device Binary Images: JTAG*			
		HTC Desire S*	HTC One Mini*	HTC One XL*	Samsung S4*
Equipment/ User Data	IMEI	*As Expected*	*As Expected*	*As Expected*	*As Expected*
	MEID/ESN	*NA*	*NA*	*NA*	*NA*
	MSISDN	*As Expected*	*As Expected*	*As Expected*	*As Expected*
PIM Data	Contacts	*As Expected*	*As Expected*	*As Expected*	*As Expected*
	Calendar	*As Expected*	*As Expected*	*As Expectec*	*As Expected*
	Memos/Notes	*As Expected*	*As Expected*	*As Expected*	*As Expected*
Call Logs	Incoming	*As Expected*	*As Expected*	*As Expected*	*As Expected*
	Outgoing	*As Expected*	*As Expected*	*As Expected*	*As Expected*
	Missed	*As Expected*	*As Expected*	*As Expected*	*As Expected*
SMS Messages	Incoming	*As Expected*	*As Expected*	*As Expected*	*As Expected*
	Outgoing	*As Expected*	*As Expected*	*As Expected*	*As Expected*
MMS Messages	Graphic	*As Expected*	*As Expected*	*As Expected*	*As Expected*
	Audio	*As Expected*	*As Expected*	*As Expected*	*As Expected*
	Video	*As Expected*	*As Expected*	*As Expected*	*As Expected*
Stand-alone Files	Graphic	*As Expected*	*As Expected*	*As Expected*	*As Expected*
	Audio	*As Expected*	*As Expected*	*As Expected*	*As Expected*
	Video	*As Expected*	*As Expected*	*As Expected*	*As Expected*
Application Data	Documents (txt, pdf files)	*As Expected*	*As Expected*	*As Expected*	*As Expected*
Social Media Data	Facebook	*Partial*	*As Expected*	*Partial*	*As Expected*
	Twitter	*As Expected*	*As Expected*	*As Expected*	*As Expected*
	LinkedIn	*NA*	*NA*	*NA*	*NA*
	Instagram	*NA*	*NA*	*NA*	*As Expected*

Autopsy v4.13.0					
Test Cases – JTAG Binary Decoding and Analysis		*Mobile Device Binary Images: JTAG*			
		HTC Desire S*	HTC One Mini*	HTC One XL*	Samsung S4*
	Pinterest	*NA*	*NA*	*NA*	*As Expected*
	SnapChat	*NA*	*NA*	*NA*	*Partial*
	WhatsApp	*NA*	*NA*	*NA*	*NA*
Internet Data	Bookmarks	*As Expected*	*As Expected*	*As Expected*	*As Expected*
	History	*As Expected*	*As Expected*	*As Expected*	*As Expected*
	Email	*As Expected*	*As Expected*	*As Expected*	*As Expected*
GPS Data	Coordinates/ Geo-tagged	*As Expected*	*Not As Expected*	*As Expected*	*As Expected*
Non-Latin Character	Reported in native format	*As Expected*	*As Expected*	*As Expected*	*As Expected*
Hashing	Case File/ Individual Files	*As Expected*	*As Expected*	*As Expected*	*As Expected*
Case File Data Protection	Modify Case Data	*As Expected*	*As Expected*	*As Expected*	*As Expected*

Table 4: JTAG Data Extractions