

# **Introduction to BitCurator**

BitCuratorEdu

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# Many information professionals know how to process this stuff:



Source: The Processing Table: Reflections on a manuscripts internship at the Lilly Library.  
<https://processingtable.wordpress.com/tag/archival-processing/>

# How about processing this stuff?



Source: "Digital Forensics and creation of a narrative." *Da Blog: ULCC Digital Archives Blog*.  
<http://dablog.ulcc.ac.uk/2011/07/04/forensics/>



# Same Goals as When Acquiring Analog Materials

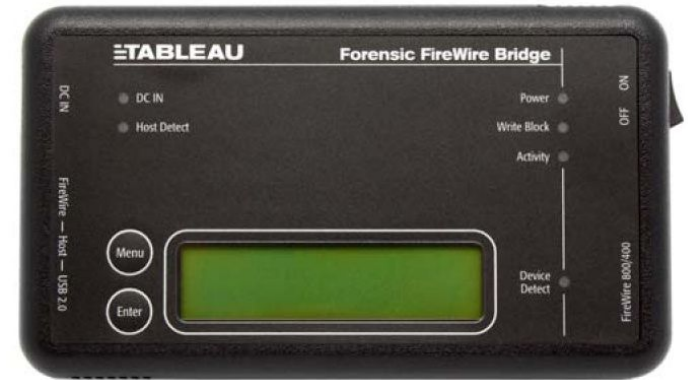
- Ensure integrity of materials
- Allow users to make sense of materials and understand their context
- Prevent inadvertent disclosure of sensitive data

# Same Fundamental Archival Principles Apply

Provenance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Reflect “life history” of records</li><li>• Records from a common origin or source should be managed together as an aggregate unit</li></ul>
Original Order	Organize and manage records in ways that reflect their arrangement within the creation/use environment
Chain of Custody	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• “Succession of offices or persons who have held materials from the moment they were created”<sup>1</sup></li><li>• Ideal recordkeeping system would provide “an unblemished line of responsible custody”<sup>2</sup></li></ul>

1. Pearce-Moses, Richard. *A Glossary of Archival and Records Terminology*. Chicago, IL: Society of American Archivists, 2005.
2. Hilary Jenkinson, *A Manual of Archive Administration: Including the Problems of War Archives and Archive Making* (Oxford: Clarendon Press, 1922), 11.

# But you might need some of this stuff:






# Motivation

- Archivists are often responsible for acquiring or helping others access materials on removable storage media
- Information is often not packaged nor described as one would hope
- Information professionals must extract whatever useful information resides on the medium, while avoiding the accidental alteration of data or metadata





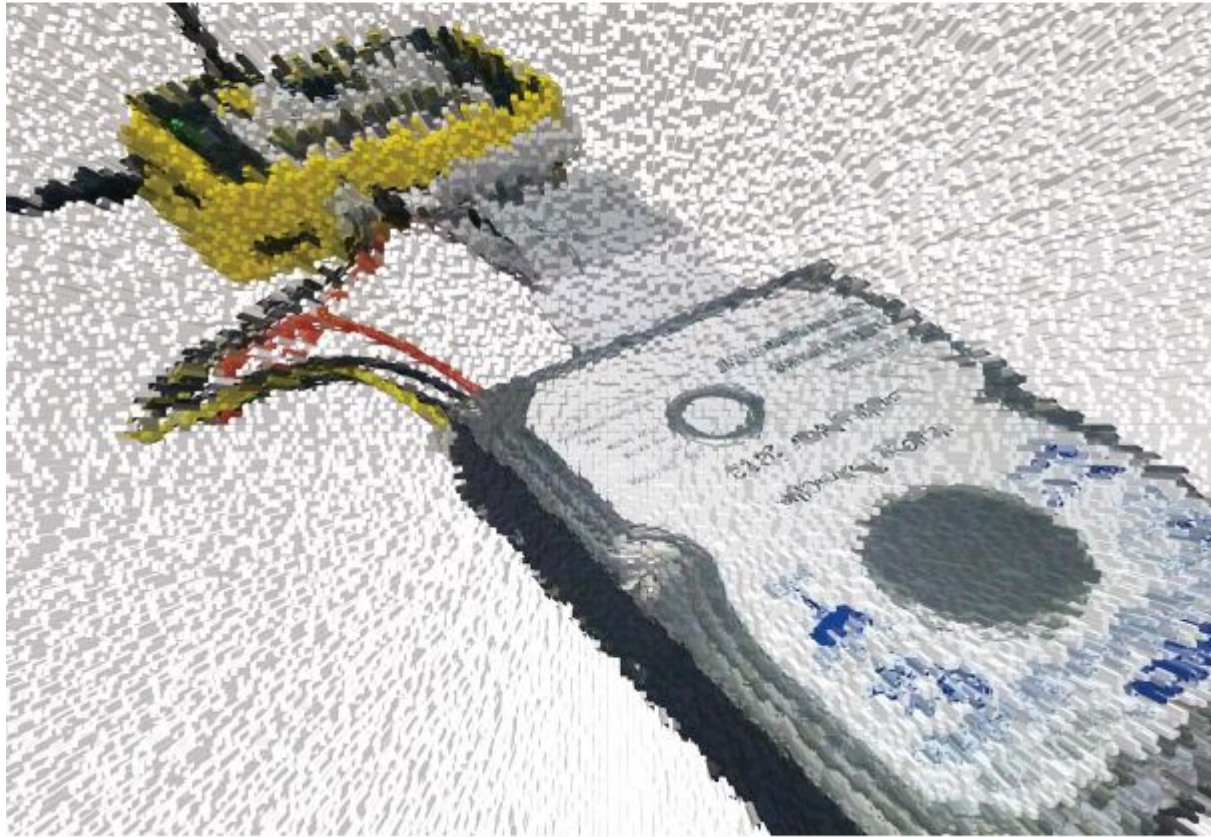
# Digital Forensics Can Help Archivists to Fulfill their Principles

Provenance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Identify, extract and save essential information about context of creation</li></ul>
Original Order	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Reflect original folder structures, files associations, related applications and user accounts</li></ul>
Chain of Custody	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Documentation of how records were acquired and any transformations to them</li><li>• Use well-established hardware and software mechanisms to ensure that data haven't been changed inadvertently</li></ul>
Identifying Sensitive Information	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Identify personally identifying information, regardless of where it appears</li><li>• Flag for removal, redaction, closure or restriction</li></ul>



# From Bitstreams to Heritage:

Putting Digital Forensics into Practice  
in Collecting Institutions



Christopher A. Lee, Kam Woods, Matthew Kirschenbaum, and Alexandra Chassanoff

# Digital Resources - Levels of Representation

Level	Label	Explanation
8	Aggregation of objects	Set of objects that form an aggregation that is meaningful encountered as an entity
7	Object or package	Object composed of multiple files, each of which could also be encountered as individual files
6	In-application rendering	As rendered and encountered within a specific application
5	File through filesystem	Files encountered as discrete set of items with associate paths and file names
4	File as “raw” bitstream	Bitstream encountered as a continuous series of binary values
3	Sub-file data structure	Discrete “chunk” of data that is part of a larger file
2	Bitstream through I/O equipment	Series of 1s and 0s as accessed from the storage media using input/output hardware and software (e.g. controllers, drivers, ports, connectors)
1	Raw signal stream through I/O equipment	Stream of magnetic flux transitions or other analog electronic output read from the drive without yet interpreting the signal stream as a set of discrete values (i.e. not treated as a digital bitstream that can be directly read by the host computer)
0	Bitstream on physical medium	Physical properties of the storage medium that are interpreted as bitstreams at Level 1

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This page lists all the seed queries that are used for monitoring videos related to elections on YouTube. Clicking on a query will show all the results collected over several crawls. Total number of these results are also listed here for each query. The last column in the following table shows how many total results YouTube had for a given query during our latest crawl. Clicking on 'Setup' associated with a query will bring up an interface where the curator can specify what constitutes as a "significant" change for a video of that query.

#	Query	Setup	Total results so far	Max results on last crawl
1	<a href="#">election 2008</a>	<a href="#">Setup</a>	574	6150
2	<a href="#">US election 2008</a>	<a href="#">Setup</a>	349	795
3	<a href="#">United States election 2008</a>	<a href="#">Setup</a>	216	257
4	<a href="#">presidential election 2008</a>	<a href="#">Setup</a>	206	1820
5	<a href="#">campaign 2008</a>	<a href="#">Setup</a>	273	2530
6	<a href="#">decision 2008</a>	<a href="#">Setup</a>	168	142
7	<a href="#">Joe Biden</a>	<a href="#">Setup</a>	209	1080
8	<a href="#">Hillary Rodham Clinton</a>	<a href="#">Setup</a>	193	353
9	<a href="#">Christopher Dodd</a>	<a href="#">Setup</a>	267	815
10	<a href="#">John Edwards</a>	<a href="#">Setup</a>	902	7540
11	<a href="#">Mike Gravel</a>	<a href="#">Setup</a>	301	1210
12	<a href="#">Dennis Kucinich</a>	<a href="#">Setup</a>	229	1600
13	<a href="#">Barack Obama</a>	<a href="#">Setup</a>	861	9140
14	<a href="#">Bill Richardson</a>	<a href="#">Setup</a>	287	1100
15	<a href="#">Wesley Clark</a>	<a href="#">Setup</a>	191	375
16	<a href="#">Al Gore</a>	<a href="#">Setup</a>	613	4910
17	<a href="#">Tom Vilsack</a>	<a href="#">Setup</a>	89	68
18	<a href="#">Sam Brownback</a>	<a href="#">Setup</a>	254	404

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The screenshot shows the YouTube interface for a video titled "Vote Different". The video features a woman rowing on a blue background, wearing a white tank top with a blue and red Obama campaign logo. The video player includes a progress bar at 0:16 / 1:14, a volume icon, and a download icon. Below the player, the rating is shown as four stars (Rate: ★★★★★) with 12,058 ratings, and the view count is 5,268,816. The right sidebar shows the channel "ParkRidge47" with a "Subscribe" button, the video's upload date "March 05, 2007", and a description "Make up your own mind. Decide for yourself who ...". Below this, there are sections for "More From: ParkRidge47" and "Related Videos", each listing other videos with their titles, durations, and view counts.

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**Vote Different**


From: **ParkRidge47**  
Joined: 1 year ago  
Videos: 3 [Subscribe](#)


Added: **March 05, 2007** ([More info](#))  
Make up your own mind. Decide for yourself who ...  
Embed: [Customize](#)  
<object width="425" height="344"><param name="movie" value="http:

► **More From: ParkRidge47**

▼ **Related Videos**

 **Barack Obama Hillary Clinton - Umbrella**  
01:56 From: wolf084  
Views: 11,179,757

 **The Shocking Video Hillary Does NOT Want You To See! (1of2)**  
10:28 From: NufftRespect  
Views: 3,401,587

 **Obama Girl Returns for Iowa! (Why Obama Won)**  
02:19 From: barelypolitical  
Views: 2,451,439

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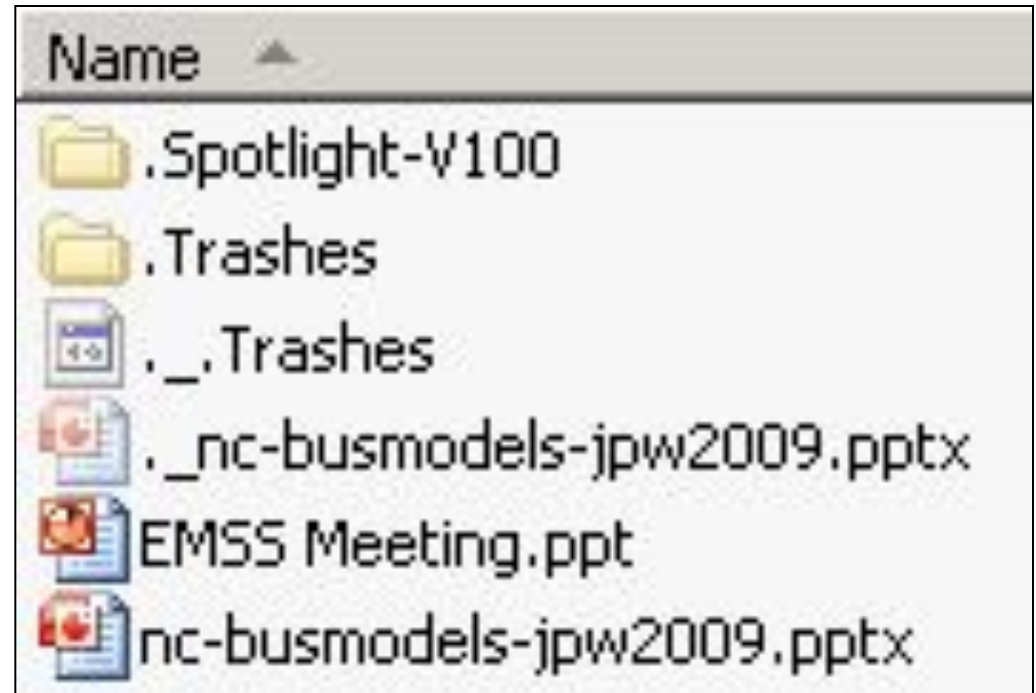
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C:\WINDOWS\system32\cmd.exe
Microsoft Windows XP [Version 5.1.2600]
(C) Copyright 1985-2001 Microsoft Corp.

G:\>dir /a
Volume in drive G is KINGSTON
Volume Serial Number is 17E9-242F

Directory of G:\

03/12/2009  08:54 AM                4,096  ._.Trashes
03/12/2009  08:54 AM                <DIR>  .Trashes
03/12/2009  08:54 AM                <DIR>  .Spotlight-V100
03/11/2009  07:07 PM          1,023,213  nc-busmodels-jpw2009.pptx
03/12/2009  08:55 AM                4,096  .nc-busmodels-jpw2009.pptx
03/31/2009  01:23 PM          6,442,496  EMSS Meeting.ppt
                                4 File(s)          7,473,901 bytes
                                2 Dir(s)         120,145,920 bytes free

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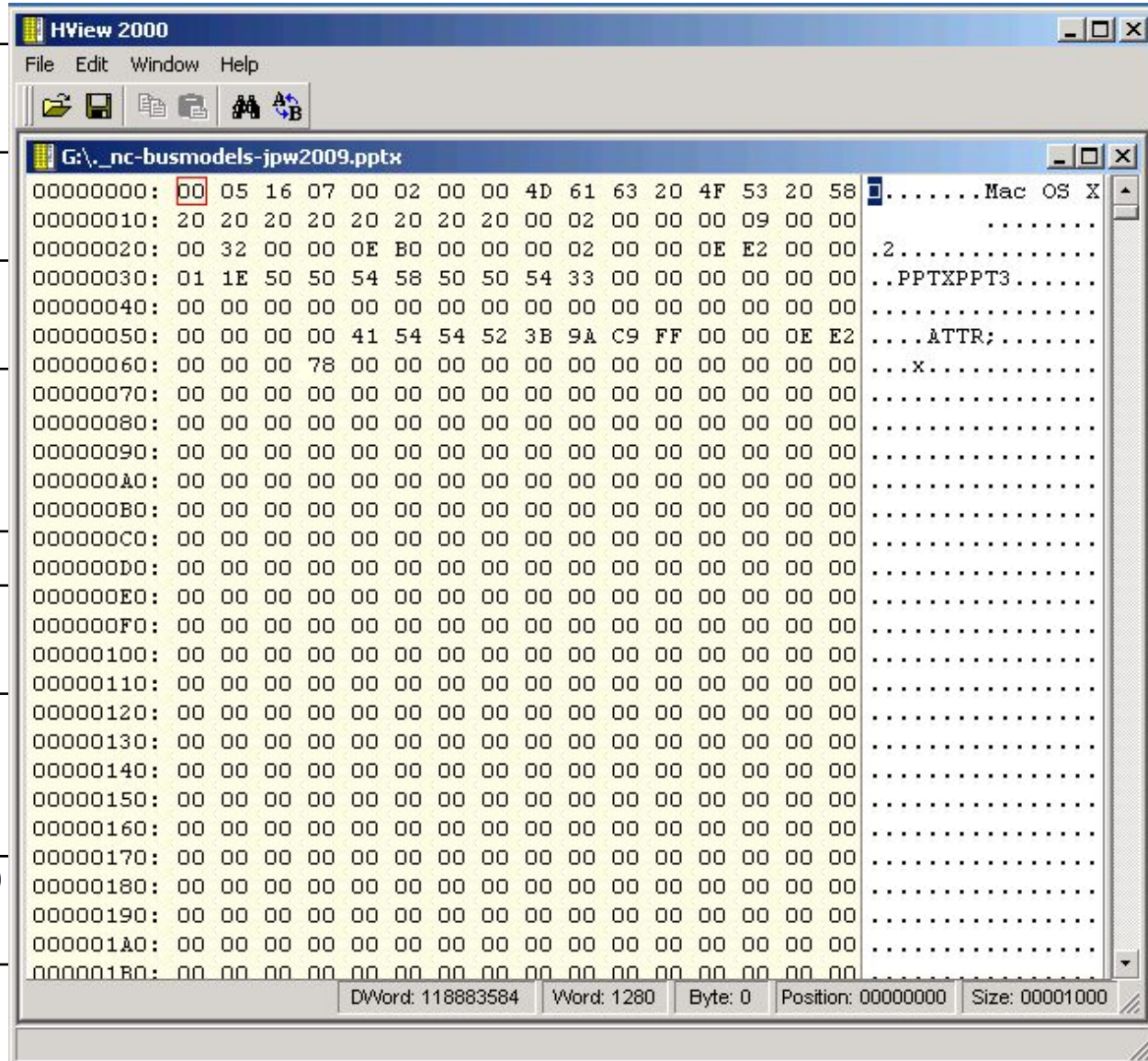
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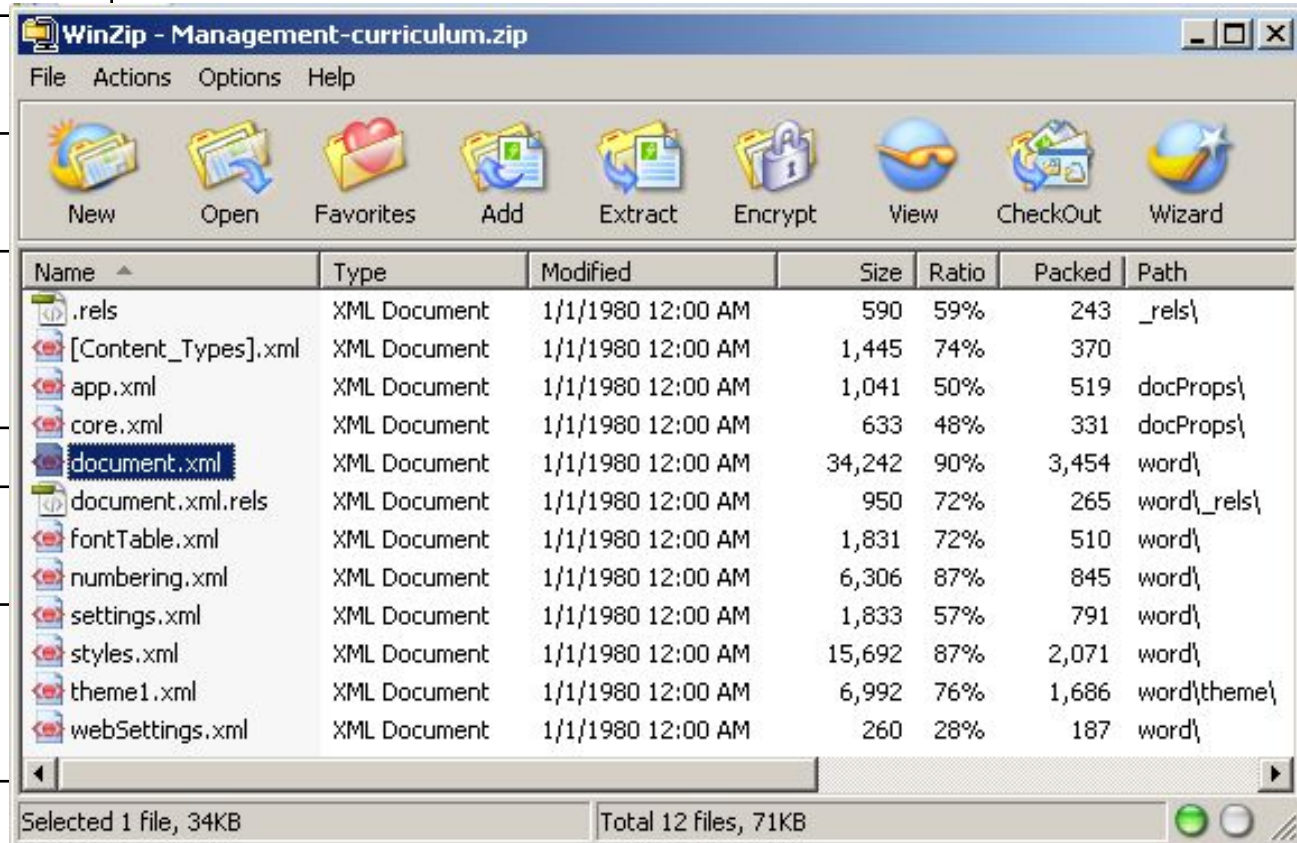
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The screenshot shows the Guymager application window. The title bar reads 'GUYMAGER'. Below the title bar are menus: 'Devices', 'Misc', and 'Help'. A 'Rescan' button is visible. The main window contains a table with the following columns: 'Serial nr.', 'Linux device', 'Model', 'State', 'Size', 'Hidden Areas', 'Bad sectors', and 'Progress'.

Serial nr.	Linux device	Model	State	Size	Hidden Areas	Bad sectors	Progress
100726PBN303GTHXUWUS	/dev/sda	ATA HITACHI HTS545032B9A300	Idle	320.1GB	unknown		
20071114173400000	/dev/sdb	Generic- Multi-Card	Acquisition running	2.0GB	unknown	0	8%

Below the table, there is a section with detailed information about the acquisition:

- Size: 2,032,664,576 bytes (1.89GiB / 2.03GB)
- Sector size: 512
- Image file: /home/kam/Desktop/Datasets/SDCardImageMay2012.E??
- Info file: /home/kam/Desktop/Datasets/SDCardImageMay2012.info
- Current speed: 8.32 MB/s
- Started: 26. May 11:18:23 (00:00:37)
- Hash calculation: MD5 and SHA-256
- Source verification: on
- Image verification: on

The application is running on a system with a taskbar at the bottom showing various icons, including a folder labeled 'Imaging Tools' and a folder labeled 'Datasets'.

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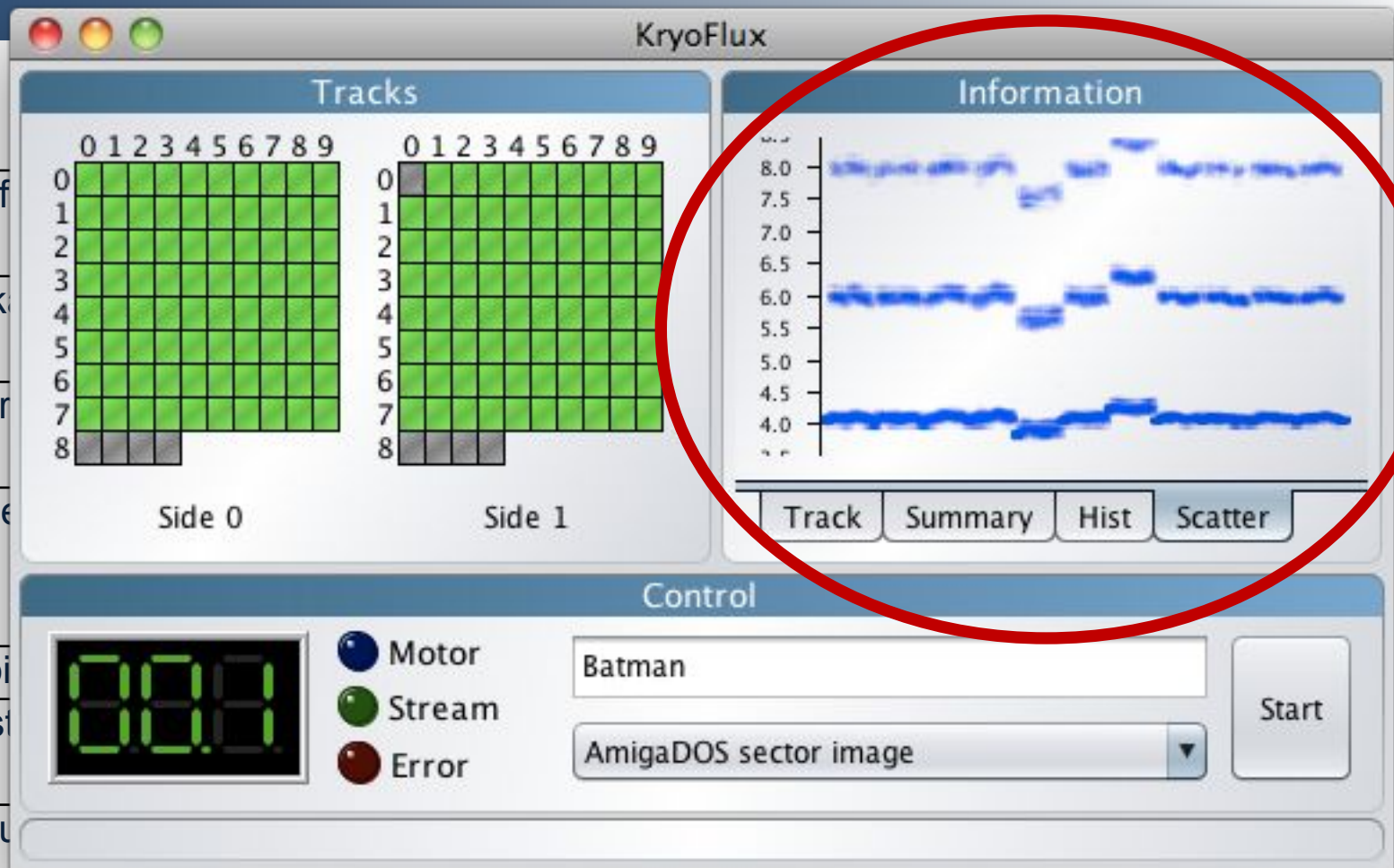
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Browsing the contents of an archival collection using a finding aid	
Viewing a web page that contains several files, including HTML, a style sheet and several images	
In-application rendering	Using Microsoft Excel to view an xls file, watching an online
File through filesystem	Windows Explorer, typing to show the contents of a
File as "raw" bitstream	Opening an individual file in a hex editor
Sub-file data structure	Extracting values
Bitstream through I/O equipment	Connecting a floppy drive to a host computer and then generating a magnetic flux transition image of the disk
<b>Raw signal stream through I/O equipment</b>	Connecting a floppy drive to a host computer and then generating a magnetic flux transition image of the disk
Bitstream on physical medium	Using a high-power microscope and camera to take a picture of the surface of a hard drive or pits and lands on an optical disk

<http://www.pagetable.com/?p=32>



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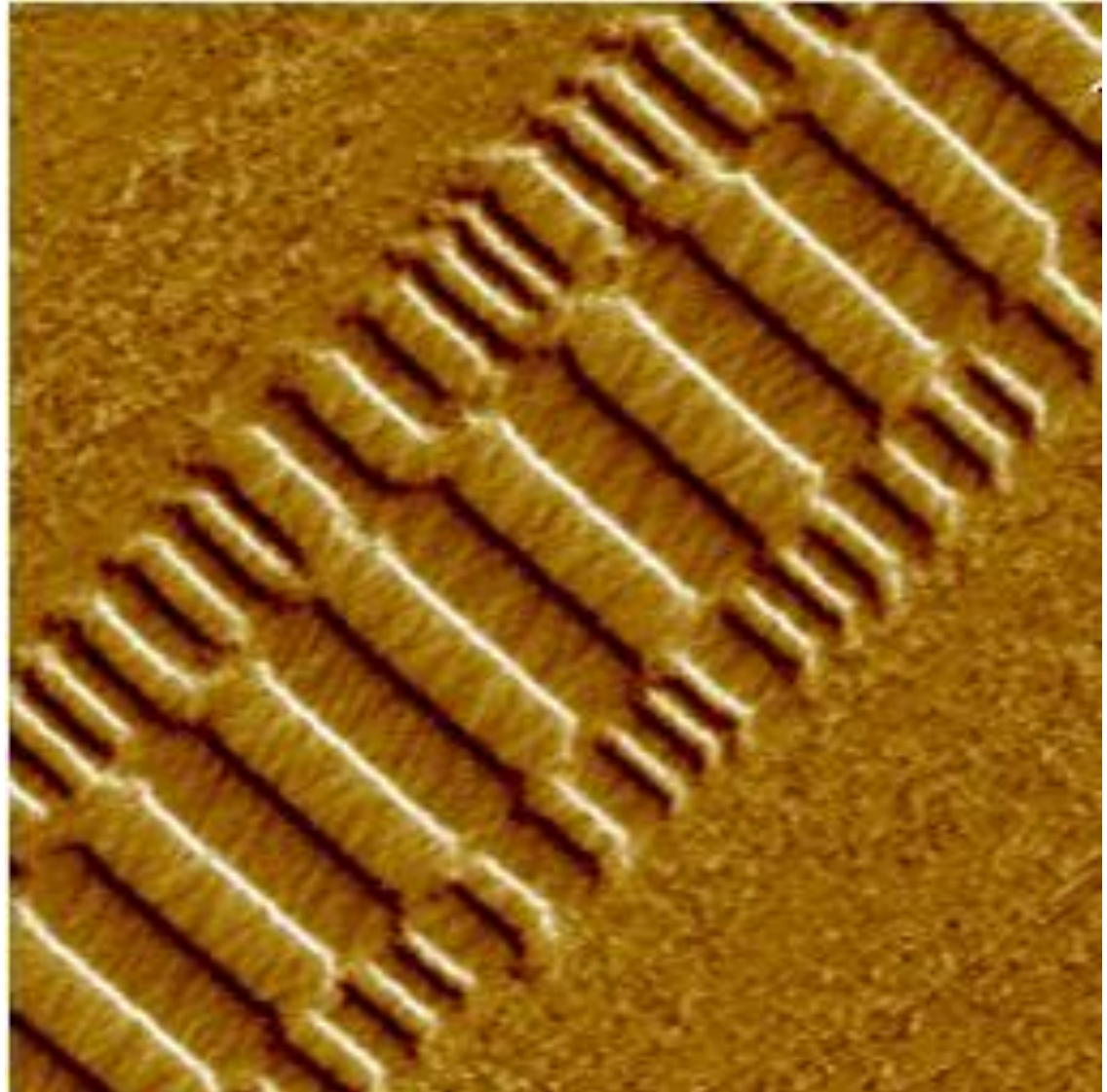
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# BitCurator

- Funded by Andrew W. Mellon Foundation
  - Phase 1: October 1, 2011 – September 30, 2013
  - Phase 2 – October 1, 2013 – September 30, 2014
- Partners: School of Information and Library Science (SILS) at UNC and Maryland Institute for Technology in the Humanities (MITH)



# BitCurator Goals

- Develop a system for collecting professionals that incorporates the functionality of open-source digital forensics tools
- Address two fundamental needs not usually addressed by the digital forensics industry:
  - Incorporation into the workflow of archives/library ingest and collection management environments
  - Provision of public access to the data



# BitCurator Environment\*

- Bundles, integrates and extends functionality of open source software
- Can be run as:
  - Self-contained environment running directly on a computer (download installation ISO)
  - Using “bootstrapping” installation scripts to turn any Ubuntu Linux machine into a BitCurator Environment
  - Self-contained Linux environment in a virtual machine using e.g. Virtual Box or VMWare
  - As individual components run directly in your own Linux environment or (whenever possible) Windows environment

\*To read about and download the environment, see:

<https://github.com/BitCurator/bitcurator-distro>



# BitCurator Consortium

- Continuing home for hosting, stewardship and support of BitCurator tools and associated user engagement
- Administrative home: Educopia Institute
- Funding based on membership dues
- Software and documentation are free and open source, but membership provides benefits (e.g. support, training, consulting)

*<https://bitcuratorconsortium.org/>*



## A Growing Community

The BitCurator Consortium provides spaces for members to share documentation, develop their skills, and improve the BitCurator environment.

[Membership is open >](#)

Membership is open to libraries, archives, museums, and other institutions worldwide that seek a collaborative community within which they may explore and apply forensics approaches and solutions to their digital collections.

[Become a member now >](#)

## How to Use BitCurator

- Acquire and process digital collections.
- Maintain the original order of digital materials.
- Survey the extent and composition of digital collections.
- Redact personally identifiable information.
- Extract technical and preservation metadata.
- Package digital materials for archival storage.

Learn more about [getting started](#).

## Member Benefits

- Use of the members-only BCC mailing list and help desk
- Access to the members-only [videos](#) and [documentation](#)
- Prioritized requests for BitCurator feature development
- Opportunities to serve on the BCC [committees](#)
- Voting rights for community governance
- Professional development opportunities
- Discounts for events including the [BitCurator User Forum](#)

## How our members are using BitCurator

## Members

McMaster  
University

Penn State  
University

Massachusetts  
Institute of  
Technology

Duke University

The University of  
Maryland, MITH

Stanford University

Yale University

The University of  
Manchester Library

University of



# BitCurator Consortium: Fostering Community

## ■ Communication

- Monthly community calls
- Listserv
- Maintains documentation feat. community scripts and data set libraries

## ■ Active Subgroups

- Software Development
- Program
- Membership Working Group
- Executive Council

## ■ Events

- Mixers at various professional conferences
- Annual User Forum

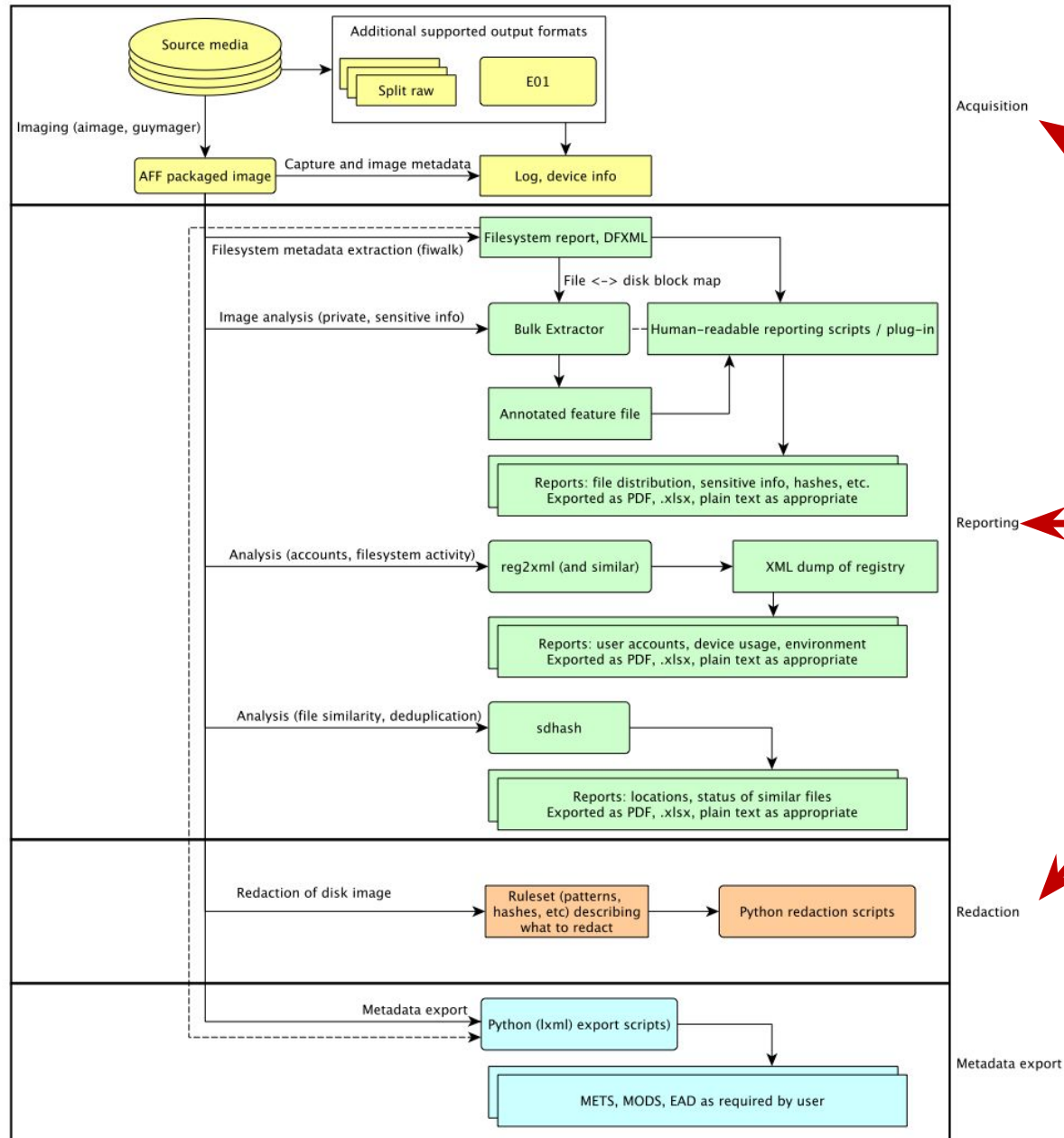
# BitCuratorEdu (2018-2021)

- **Partners:** University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill School of Information and Library Science (UNC SILS), Educopia Institute, BitCurator Consortium, and the Council of State Archivists (CoSA)
- **Purpose:** study and advance adoption of digital forensics tools and methods in libraries and archives through professional education
- **Research Questions:**
  - What are the primary **institutional and technological factors** that influence adoption of digital forensics tools and methods in LIS classes in different educational settings?
  - What are the most viable mechanisms for **sustaining collaboration** among LIS programs on the adoption of digital forensics tools and methods?
- **Objectives:**
  - **produce and disseminate** learning materials
  - **investigate and report** on institutional factors to facilitate, hinder and shape adoption of educational offerings
  - **advance** community of practice around digital forensics education

# Advisory Board

Catholic University	Jane Zhang, Associate Professor
Indiana University	Devan Donaldson, Assistant Professor
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San Jose State University	Sandra Hirsh, Professor and Director of the School of Information; Alyce Scott, Lecturer
University of Illinois	Rhiannon Bettivia, Postdoctoral Research Associate
University of Maryland	Ricky Punzalan, Assistant Professor at iSchool, Affiliate Assistant Professor in Anthropology, and Co-Director of Museum Scholarship and Material Culture Program
University of Michigan	Paul Conway, Associate Professor
University of Texas	Patricia Galloway, Professor
Wayne State University	Kimberly Schroeder, Lecturer

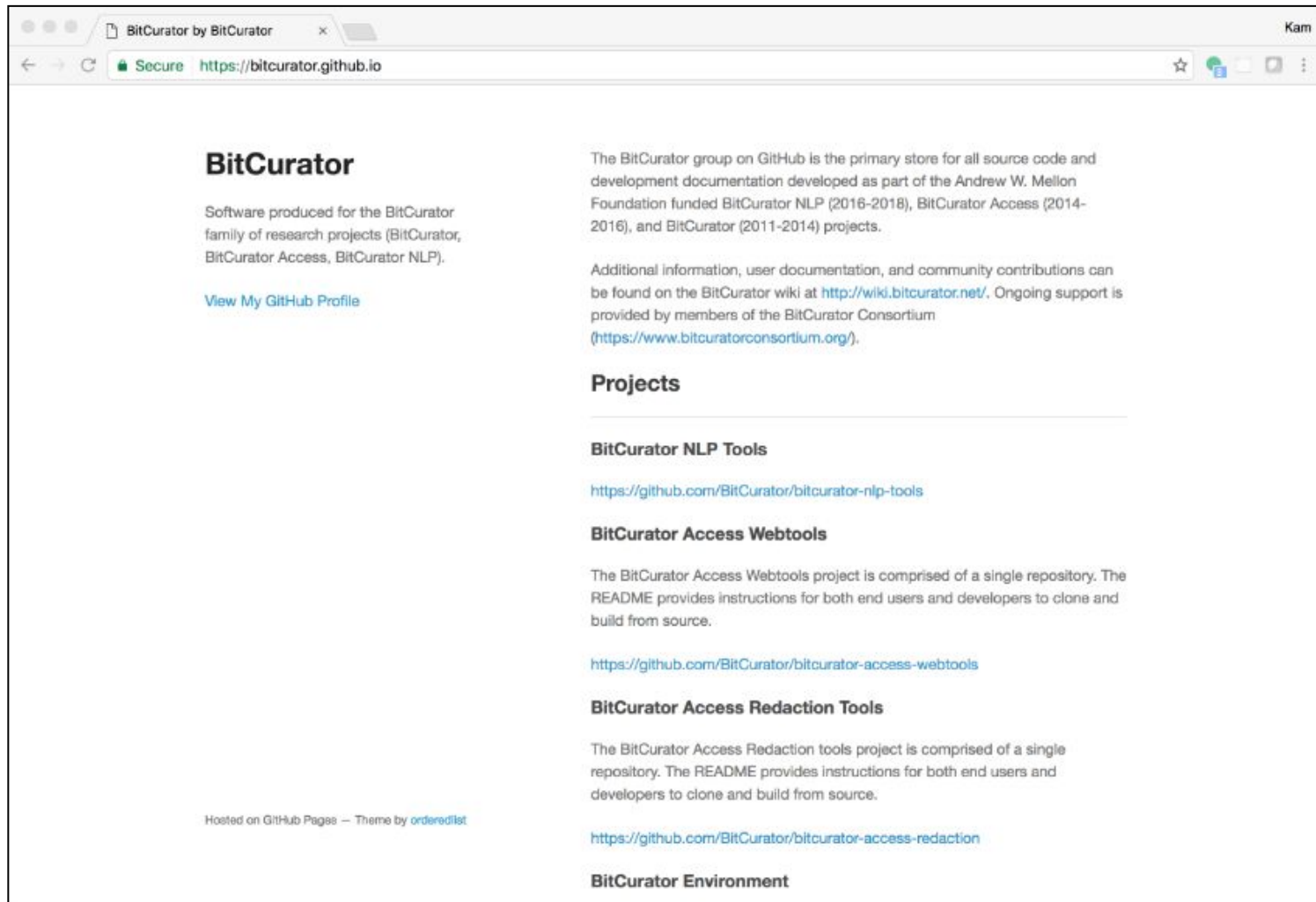
# BitCurator-Supported Workflow



- Acquisition
- Reporting
- Redaction
- Metadata Export



# For Further Information



<https://bitcurator.github.io/>

Most of the tasks we cover in this class are explained in the Quick Start Guide.  
The most recent version is always available at:  
<https://github.com/BitCurator/bitcurator-distro/wiki/Releases>

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# BitCurator

## Quick Start Guide

Last updated: August 1, 2018

Release(s): 2.0.4 and later

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Documentation  
and Help

## Network Servers

BitCurator

### Additional Tools

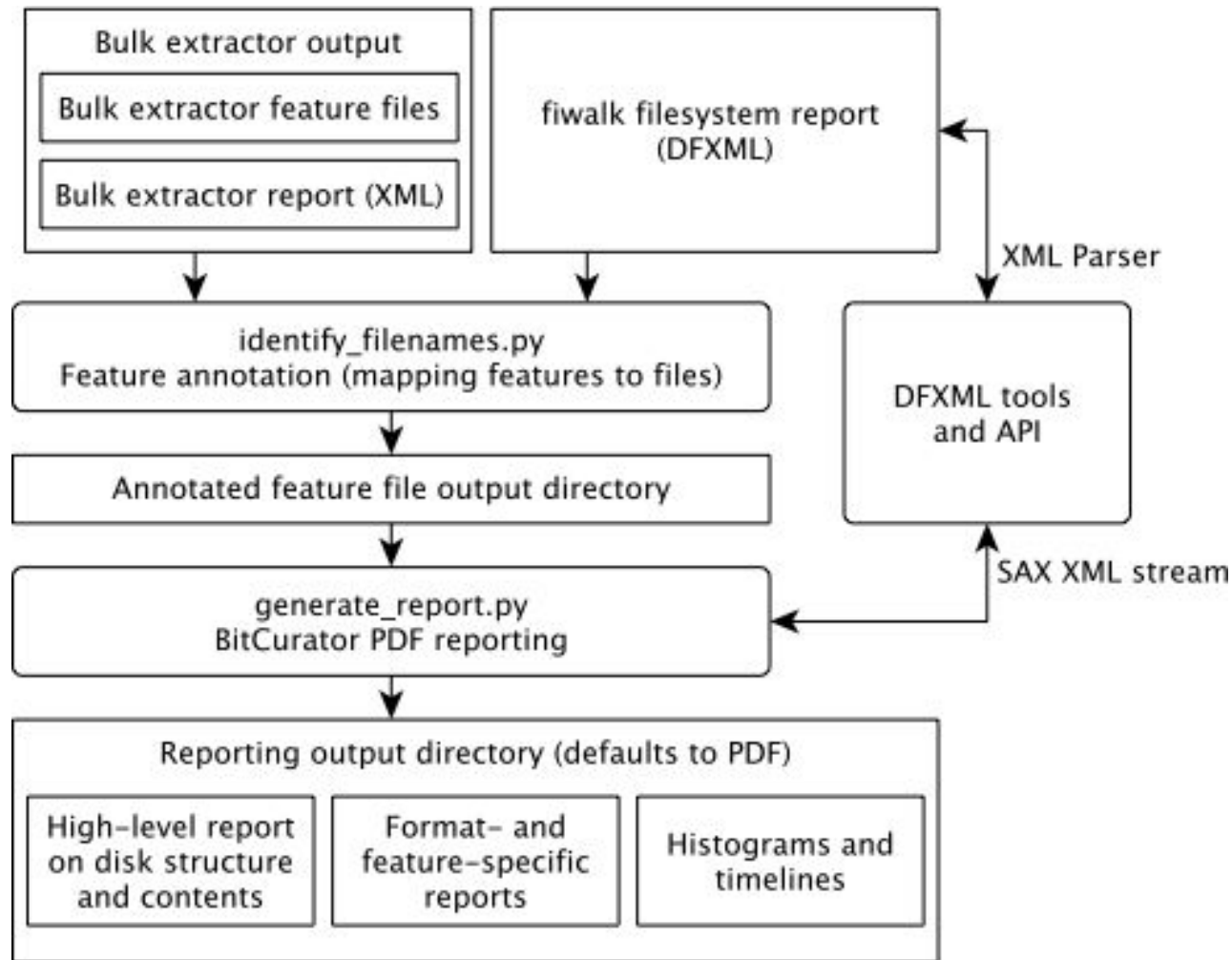
sf\_bc\_share

Trash



# Creating and Extracting Forensic Metadata

# High-Level view of Metadata Generation and Reporting



See: Woods, Kam, Christopher Lee, and Sunitha Misra. "Automated Analysis and Visualization of Disk Images and File Systems for Preservation." In *Proceedings of Archiving 2013* (Springfield, VA: Society for Imaging Science and Technology, 2013), 239-244.

## Bulk Extractor Viewer

File Edit View Tools Help

X Highlight: Reports Feature Filter ☐

Feature File None

Referenced Feature  
Referenced Feature

## Run bulk\_extractor

## Required Parameters

Scan: ☒ Image File ☐ Raw Device ☐ Directory of FilesImage file  ...Output Feature Directory  ...

## General Options

- ☐ Use Banner File  ...
- ☐ Use Alert List File  ...
- ☐ Use Stop List File  ...
- ☐ Use Find Regex Text File  ...
- ☐ Use Find Regex Text

## Tuning Parameters

- ☐ Use Context Window Size
- ☐ Use Page Size
- ☐ Use Margin Size
- ☐ Use Min Word Size
- ☐ Use Max Word Size
- ☐ Use Block Size
- ☐ Use Number of Threads

## Scanner Controls

- ☐ Use Plugin Directory  ...
- ☐ Use Scan Option Name

## Scanners

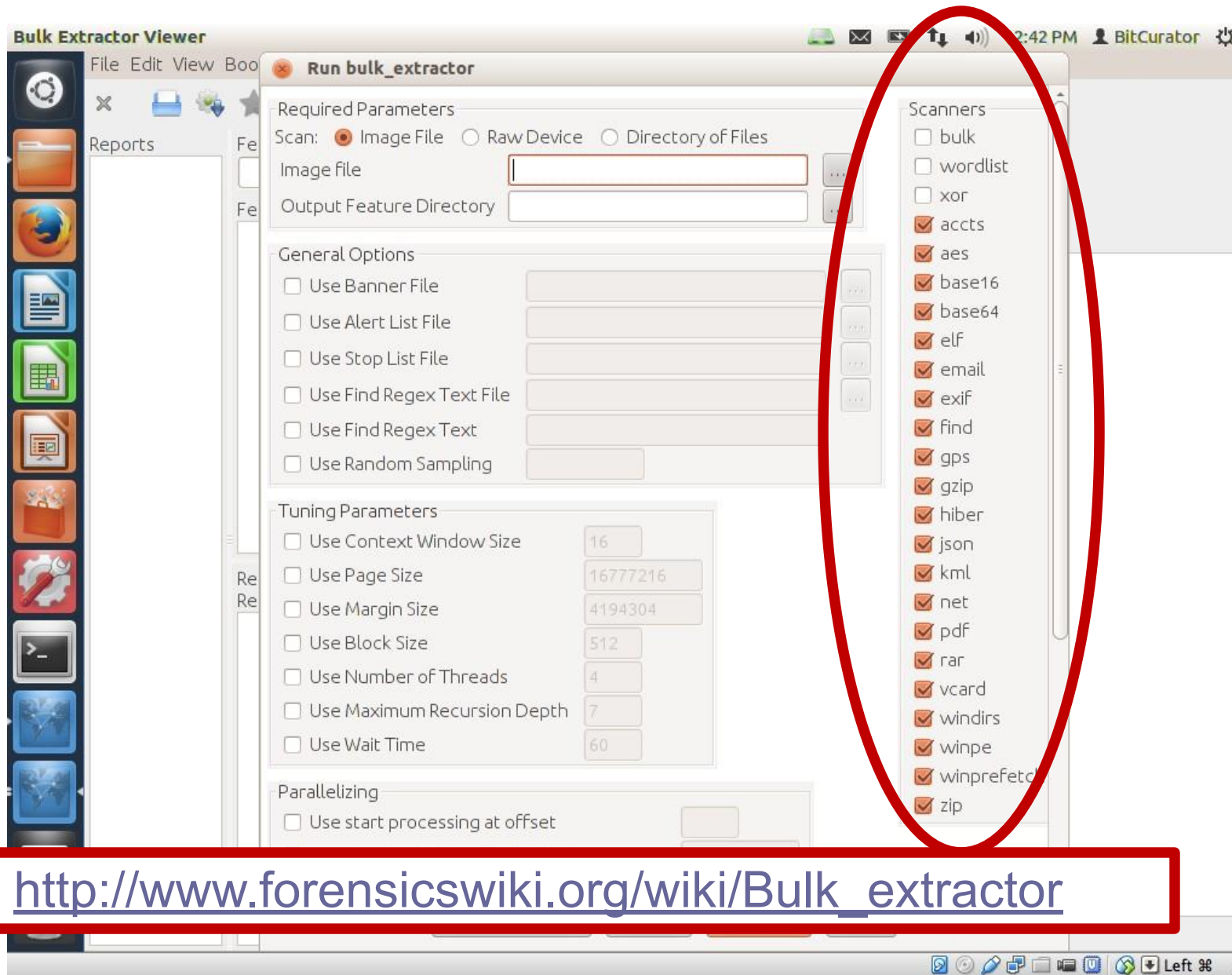
- ☐ bulk
- ☐ wordlist
- ☒ accts
- ☒ aes
- ☒ base16
- ☒ base64
- ☒ elf
- ☒ email
- ☒ exif
- ☒ gps
- ☒ gzip
- ☒ hiber
- ☒ json
- ☒ kml
- ☒ net
- ☒ pdf
- ☒ vcard
- ☒ windirs
- ☒ winpe
- ☒ winprefetch
- ☒ zip

Restore Defaults

Start bulk\_extractor

Cancel

# Bulk Extractor\* – Identifying Potentially Sensitive Information



See: [http://www.forensicswiki.org/wiki/Bulk\\_extractor](http://www.forensicswiki.org/wiki/Bulk_extractor)

\*Developed by Simson Garfinkel



## Bulk Extractor Viewer

File Edit View Tools Help

X Highlight:  ☒ Match caseReports Feature Filter ☐ Match case Navigation

x bulk\_extractor Scan

Image File sampleimage.E01

Feature Directory bulk-extractor-output

Progress Done

bulk\_extractor scan completed. See Status, below, for details.

Options

'bulk\_extractor'

'-o'

'/home/bcadmin/Desktop'

'/home/bcadmin/Desktop'

## Report is Ready



bulk\_extractor has completed.

Report bulk-extractor-output has been opened and is ready for viewing.



Status

Elapsed time: 0.4985 sec.

Overall performance: 2.958 MBytes/sec.

Total email features found: 0

Done.

Close

☒ Text ☐ Hex

# Histogram of Email Addresses (Specific Instances in Context on Right)

BitCurator-0.2.0 [Running]

**Bulk Extractor Viewer**

File Edit View Tools Help

Highlight:  ☒ Match case

Reports

- beoutput
  - domain.txt
  - domain\_histogram.txt
  - email.txt
  - email\_histogram.txt**
  - ether.txt
  - ether\_histogram.txt
  - json.txt
  - packets.pcap
  - rfc822.txt
  - tcp.txt
  - tcp\_histogram.txt
  - url.txt
  - url\_histogram.txt
  - url\_services.txt
  - windirs.txt
  - winpe.txt

Feature Filter ☐ Match case

Navigation

sampleimage.E01, 42273785, privacy@Motorola.com

Image File sampleimage.E01

Feature File email.txt

Feature Path 42273785

Feature privacy@Motorola.com

Image

42271936 your credit card number, so this information can only be viewed

42272000 by Motorola. Motorola uses Secure Sockets Layer (SSL) encrypti

42272064 on technology, the highest level of security on the Internet. Th

42272128 e SSL protocol provides server authentication, data integrity, a

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42272512 rries safely at its destination. However, no data transmission

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42272704 ola cannot ensure or warrant the security of any information you

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Referenced Feature File e...

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34804080	privacy@Motor
34807246	privacy@Motor
34808676	privacy@Motor
42271602	privacy@Motor
42273785	privacy@Motor
42274743	privacy@Motor
42347307	privacy@Motor
42349490	privacy@Motor
42350448	privacy@Motor
74735841	privacy@Motor
74738019	privacy@Motor
74738989	privacy@Motor

# Bulk Extractor Output\*

File	Description
aes_keys.txt	AES encryption keys
alerts.txt	Processing errors
ccn.txt	Credit card numbers
ccn_track2.txt	Credit card “track 2” information, which has previously been found in some bank fraud cases
domain.txt	Internet domains found on the drive, including dotted-quad addresses found in text
email.txt	Email addresses
ether.txt	Ethernet MAC addresses found through IP packet carving of swap files and compressed system hibernation files and fragments
exif.txt	EXIF data from JPEG images and video segments
find.txt	Results of specific regular expression searches
gps.txt	Extracted GPS coordinates from Garmin XML and GPS-enabled JPEG files
ip.txt	IP addresses found through IP packet carving
json.txt	Extracted and validated JavaScript Object Notation fragments
kml.txt	Extracted KML files

[https://www.forensicswiki.org/wiki/Bulk\\_extractor#Output\\_Feature\\_Files](https://www.forensicswiki.org/wiki/Bulk_extractor#Output_Feature_Files)

# Bulk Extractor Output (continued)\*

File	Description
report.txt	DFMXL file that explains what happened
rfc822.txt	Email message headers including Date:, Subject:, and Message-ID: fields
tcp.txt	TCP flow information found through IP packet carving
telephone.txt	Phone numbers (US and other countries)
url.txt	URLs, typically found in browser caches, email messages, and pre-compiled into executables
url_searches.txt	Histogram of terms used in Internet searches
url_services.txt	Histogram of the domain name portion of all URLs found on the media
winprefect.txt	Windows prefetch files and fragments, recorded as XML
wordlist.txt	A list of all “words” extracted from the disk, useful for password cracking
wordlist_*.txt	The wordlist with duplicates removed, formatted to be imported into a popular password-cracking program
zip.txt	Information about ZIP file components found on media (including compound files such as MS Office documents)

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# Technical Metadata (about the System Used to do the Capture) in a Bulk Extractor Report

Text Editor

report.xml (~/Desktop/Other/test3) - gedit

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report.xml

```
<?xml version='1.0' encoding='UTF-8'?>
<dfxml xmlns='http://afflib.org/bulk_extractor/'
  xmlns:xsi='http://www.w3.org/2001/XMLSchema-instance'
  xmlns:dc='http://purl.org/dc/elements/1.1/'>
  <dc:type>Feature Extraction</dc:type>
</dfxml>
<metadata>
  <creator version='1.0'>
    <program>BULK_EXTRACTOR</program>
    <version>1.1.3</version>
    <build_environment>
      <compiler>GCC 4.6</compiler>
      <compilation_date>2012-01-06T21:43:35</compilation_date>
      <library name="afflib" version="3.6.15"/>
      <library name="libewf" version="20100226"/>
      <library name="exiv2" version="0.21.1"/>
    </build_environment>
    <execution_environment>
      <cpuid>
        <identification>GenuineIntel</identification>
        <family>6</family>
        <model>5</model>
        <stepping>5</stepping>
        <efamily>0</efamily>
        <emodel>2</emodel>
        <brand>0</brand>
        <clflush_size>64</clflush_size>
        <nproc>16</nproc>
        <apicid>0</apicid>
        <L1_cache_size>262144</L1_cache_size>
      </cpuid>
      <os_sysname>Linux</os_sysname>
      <os_release>3.0.0-16-generic</os_release>
      <os_version>#28-Ubuntu SMP Fri Jan 27 17:44:39 UTC 2012</os_version>
    </execution_environment>
  </creator>

```

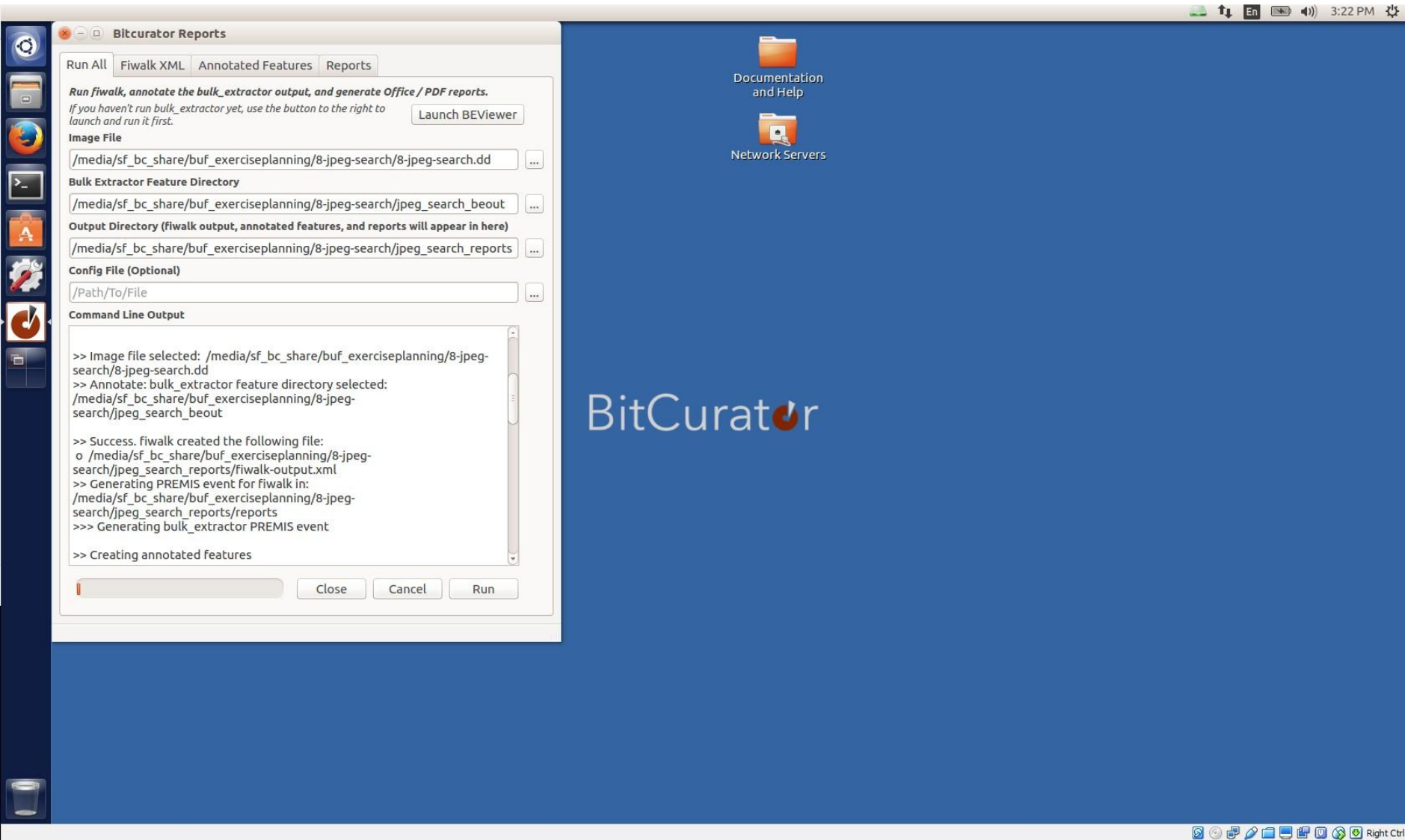
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# BitCurator Reporting Tool



# Provenance – DFXML Output from fiwalk

BitCurator-0.2.0 [Running]

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file:///home/b...mpleimage.xml

file:///home/bcadmin/Desktop/SampleData/sampleimage.xml

This XML file does not appear to have any style information associated with it. The document tree is shown below.

```
-<dfxml version="1.0">
  -<metadata>
    <dc:type>Disk Image</dc:type>
  </metadata>
  -<creator version="1.0">
    <program>fiwalk</program>
    <version>4.0.2</version>
    -<build_environment>
      <compiler>GCC 4.6</compiler>
      <library name="afflib" version="3.7.1"/>
      <library name="libewf" version="20130303"/>
    </build_environment>
    -<execution_environment>
      -<command_line>
        fiwalk -f -X /home/bcadmin/Desktop/SampleData/sampleimage.xml /home/bcadmin/Desktop/SampleData/sampleimage.E01
      </command_line>
      <start_time>2013-03-12T00:08:28Z</start_time>
    </execution_environment>
  </creator>
  -<source>
    <image_filename>/home/bcadmin/Desktop/SampleData/sampleimage.E01</image_filename>
  </source>
  <!-- fs start: 0 -->
  -<volume offset="0">
    <partition_offset>0</partition_offset>
    <block_size>2048</block_size>
    <ftype>2048</ftype>
    <ftype_str>iso9660</ftype_str>
    <block_count>36839</block_count>
```

## Capturing Original Order - Filesystem Metadata Output from fiwalk\*

```
-<fileobject>
  -<parent_object>
    <inode>102</inode>
  </parent_object>
  <filename>Papers8/37638.BrannyPhyle.Joseph+Moore.pdf</filename>
  <partition>1</partition>
  <id>901</id>
  <name_type>r</name_type>
  <filesize>100857</filesize>
  <alloc>1</alloc>
  <used>1</used>
  <inode>6783</inode>
  <meta_type>1</meta_type>
  <mode>511</mode>
  <nlink>1</nlink>
  <uid>0</uid>
  <gid>0</gid>
  <mtime prec="2">2009-11-17T19:35:10</mtime>
  <atime prec="86400">2009-12-10T05:00:00</atime>
  <ctime prec="2">2009-12-10T19:34:11</ctime>
  <libmagic>PDF document, version 1.4 </libmagic>
  -<byte_runs>
    <byte_run file_offset="0" fs_offset="56621568" img_offset="56653824" len="100857"/>
  </byte_runs>
  <hashdigest type="md5">eb60256dabffa67cef7211bcba659815</hashdigest>
  <hashdigest type="sha1">e56f606877f10daf91dc0304ea120b35452bd36e</hashdigest>
</fileobject>
```

XML Schema for Digital Forensics XML

43 commits

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9 releases

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ajnelson authored on Dec 4, 2014		latest commit 4c8aab566e
ref	Allow offline validation with local XSD cache	2 years ago
LICENSE.txt	Add public domain license text	2 years ago
README.md	Document an XML validation step	6 months ago
dfxml.xsd	Document an XML validation step	6 months ago

README.md

This is the schema repository for Digital Forensics XML, version 1.1.1.

If you intend to use the dfxml.xsd file as a DFXML document validator, note that you will also need to download two accompanying .xsd files under the "ref" directory. The easiest way to do this is by downloading the repository as a Git clone, or by downloading the [zip archive](#) from the Github page.

To report issues, questions, or feature requests, please either:

- File a Github issue, seeing first if it is already filed, [here](#).
- Email the [dfxml@nist.gov](mailto:dfxml@nist.gov) mailing list. If you wish to join the mailing list, send an email to [dfxml-subscribe@nist.gov](mailto:dfxml-subscribe@nist.gov) (no subject or message body is necessary), and a moderator will grant access.

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Clone in Desktop

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[https://github.com/dfxml-working-group/dfxml\\_schema](https://github.com/dfxml-working-group/dfxml_schema)



# Various Specialized BitCurator Reports

BitCurator-Demo-0.3.4 [Running]

Document Viewer

format\_table.pdf

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Report: File System Statistics and Files BitCurator

File Format Table

Disk Image: sampleimage.E01

Format	Short Form	Files
data	dat_ata	31
news or mail, ASCII text, with CR/LF line terminators	new_ors	1
PCX ver. 2.5 image data	PCX_ata	1
PDF document, version 1.4	PDF_1-4	6
MS Windows icon resource - 21 icons, 3x, 4-colors	MS_ors	1
x86 boot sector, code offset 0x52, O...doors 1, dos < 4.0 BootSector (0x0)	x86_x0-	1
SysEx File - GreyMatter	Sys_er	1
empty (Zip archive data, at least v1.0 to extract)	emp_d-	2
TIFF image data, little-endian	TIF_ian	2
ASCII text, with no line terminators (OpenDocument Text)	ASC_at-	1
JPEG image data, JFIF standard 1.01	JPE_01	4
PE32 executable (GUI) Intel 8086, f..., InnoSetup self-extracting archive	PE3_je	1
JPEG image data, JFIF standard 1.01, ...25(x5C276(x5C332ue(x5C0115(x5C261"	JPE_61-	2
...	ASC_ors	40
summary info	Com_ifo	1
...	emp_pty	9
ata, at least v2.0 to extract)	ASC_at-	1

bc\_format\_bargraph.pdf

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Thumbnails

Disk Image: sampleimage.E01 File counts (by format)

Format	Counts
ASC_ors	31
emp_pty	9
PDF_1-4	6
JPE_01	4
TIF_ian	2
emp_d-	2
PCX_ata	2
Com_ifo	1
PE3_je	1
ASC_at-	1
Sys_er	1
x86_x0-	1
MS_ors	1
PCX_ata	1
new_ors	1

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# Specialized BitCurator Reports

File	Content
bc_format_bargraph.pdf	histogram of file formats found on the volume
bulk_extractor_report.pdf	high-level overview of feature locations on disk
fiwalk_deleted_files.pdf	shows paths to any deleted materials found in a given partition
fiwalk-output.xml.xlsx	Excel converted DFXML output (file system metadata)
fiwalk_report.pdf	high-level overview of file system characteristics
format_table.pdf	long-form file format names for formats shown in bar graph
premis.xml	PREMIS preservation metadata



# PREMIS (Preservation) Metadata Generated from Running BitCurator Tools – Recorded as PREMIS Events

premis.xml (~/Desktop/demo1/demo1reports/reports) - gedit

```
<?xml version="1.0" encoding="UTF-8"?>
<premis xmlns="info:lc/xmlns/premis-v2" version="2.0" xsi="http://www.w3c.org/2001/XMLSchema-instance">
  <object>
    <objectIdentifier>
      <objectIdentifierType>0d4e30d6-b8dc-11e3-a80f-080027f8dfea</objectIdentifierType>
      <objectIdentifierValue>/home/bcadmin/Desktop/terry-work-usb-2009-12-11.E01</objectIdentifierValue>
    </objectIdentifier>
  </object>
  <event>
    <eventIdentifier>
      <eventIdentifierType>0d4ea1ce-b8dc-11e3-a80f-080027f8dfea</eventIdentifierType>
      <eventIdentifierValue>E01/home/bcadmin/Desktop/terry-work-usb-2009-12-11.E01</eventIdentifierValue>
    </eventIdentifier>
    <eventType>Capture</eventType>
    <eventDateTime>Wed Jan 19 12</eventDateTime>
    <eventOutcomeInformation>
      <eventOutcome>E01</eventOutcome>
      <eventOutcomeDetail>Version: 20100226
, Image size: 512</eventOutcomeDetail>
    </eventOutcomeInformation>
  </event>
  <event>
    <eventIdentifier>
      <eventIdentifierType>19882604-b8dc-11e3-93f0-080027f8dfea</eventIdentifierType>
      <eventIdentifierValue>bulk_extractor -o /home/bcadmin/Desktop/demo1 /home/bcadmin/Desktop/terry-
work-usb-2009-12-11.E01</eventIdentifierValue>
    </eventIdentifier>
    <eventType>Feature Stream Analysis</eventType>
    <eventDateTime>2014-03-31T13:49:59Z</eventDateTime>
    <eventOutcomeInformation>
      <eventOutcome>Bulk Extractor Output</eventOutcome>
      <eventOutcomeDetail>version: 1.4.4</eventOutcomeDetail>
    </eventOutcomeInformation>
  </event>
</premis>
```

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# BitCurator PDF Redaction Tool

badmin@ubuntu: ~/bitcurator-redact-pdf/build/libs

## BitCurator PDF Redact

PDF Files Entity Recognition Text Patterns Help

Files	Path	Output
Abstract....	/home/bc...	/home/bc...

Named Entities Text Patterns

Named entities are people, places, and organizations detected in the text of PDF files you have added.

Entity Text	Type	#	Files	Action
Archive Analytics	ORGANIZATION	1	1	Ignore
Cassandra	PERSON	1	1	Ignore
Digital Curation Innovation...	ORGANIZATION	1	1	Ignore
Maryland	LOCATION	1	1	Ignore
NCSA	ORGANIZATION	1	1	Ignore
NLG for Libraries FY17 Nati...	ORGANIZATION	1	1	Ignore
University of Maryland	ORGANIZATION	1	1	Ignore
University of Maryland's Co...	ORGANIZATION	1	1	Ignore

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bcaadmin@ubuntu: ~/bitcurator-redact-pdf/build/libs

## BitCurator PDF Redact

PDF Files Entity Recognition Text Patterns Help

File name	Path	Output
Abstract....	/home/bc...	/home/bc...

New Pattern

Open File(s)..  
Save As..

Reset to Defaults

Save as Defaults

Clear All

Import Bulk Extractor features..  
Maryland

NCSA

NLG for Libraries FY17 Nati...

University of Maryland

University of Maryland's Co...

Patterns

ces, and organizations detected in the  
ed.

Type	#	Files	Action
ORGANIZATION	1	1	Ignore
PERSON	1	1	Ignore
ORGANIZATION	1	1	Ignore
LOCATION	1	1	Ignore
ORGANIZATION	1	1	Ignore
ORGANIZATION	1	1	Ignore
ORGANIZATION	1	1	Ignore
ORGANIZATION	1	1	Ignore

output folder: none

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## BitCurator PDF Redact

PDF Files Entity Recognition Text Patterns Help

Filename	Path	Output
Abstract...	/home/bc...	/home/bc...

Named Entities Text Patterns

Patterns are regular expressions used to redact matching text in PDFs. Add new patterns by clicking in the empty first row.

Name	Expression	Action
Social Security Num...	\d{3}-\d{2}-\d{4}	Redact
gross.joshua.b+job...	\Qgross.joshua.b+jo...	Ask
Glenn.Gunzelmann...	\QGlenn.Gunzelman...	Ask
gross.joshua.b@gm...	\Qgross.joshua.b@g...	Ask
mathbio@math.pitt...	\Qmathbio@math.pi...	Ask
cnbc-all@cnbc.cmu...	\Qcnbc-all@cnbc.cm...	Ask
bard@math.pitt.edu	\Qbard@math.pitt.e...	Ask
mathbio@math.pitt...	\Qmathbio@math.pi...	Ask
cnbc-all@cnbc.cmu...	\Qcnbc-all@cnbc.cm...	Ask
leonardochiesi@gma...	\Qleonardochiesi@g...	Ask
gross.joshua.b@gm...	\Qgross.joshua.b@g...	Ask
gross.joshua.b@gm...	\Qgross.joshua.b@g...	Ask
gross.joshua.b@gm...	\Qgross.joshua.b@g...	Ask
buy.com offers@en...	\Qbuy.com offers@e...	Ask
gross.joshua.b@gm...	\Qgross.joshua.b@g...	Ask
3C4A527E0E.40006...	\Q3C4A527E0E.400...	Ask
3C4A527E0E.40006...	\Q3C4A527E0E.400...	Ask
leonardochiesi@gma...	\Qleonardochiesi@g...	Ask
3C2acb011c090706...	\Q3C2acb011c0907...	Ask
daughtry@psu.edu	\Qdaughtry@psu.ed...	Ask
amsuich@nps.edu	\Qamsuich@nps.edu\	Ask
3C8AB9A1F305571...	\Q3C8AB9A1F30557...	Ask
amsuich@nps.edu	\Qamsuich@nps.edu\	Ask
3C8AB9A1F305571...	\Q3C8AB9A1F30557...	Ask
amsuich@nps.edu	\Qamsuich@nps.edu\	Ask
3C8AB9A1F305571...	\Q3C8AB9A1F30557...	Ask
hous-daccq-136905...	\Qhous-daccq-1369...	Ask
cherylseekingforoom...	\Qcherylseekingforo...	Ask
hous-daccq-136905...	\Qhous-daccq-1369...	Ask
hous-daccq-136905...	\Qhous-daccq-1369...	Ask
hous-daccq-136905...	\Qhous-daccq-1369...	Ask
bw3magggers@gmail...	\Qbw3magggers@gm...	Ask
hous-daccq-136905...	\Qhous-daccq-1369...	Ask
gross.joshua.b+job...	\Qgross.joshua.b+io...	Ask

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## Redact Document

NLG for Libraries FY17 National Digital Platform Research Grant full proposal narrative -- University of Mary

### Abstract

#### Improving Fedora to Work with Web-scale Storage and Serv

Memory institutions around the world face a rapidly expanding need for storage and access and metadata. The Fedora Repository has long been at the forefront of their efforts, developing the challenge, including four major versions of the Fedora Repository software. Now they have put forward a bold call to the community to create new implementations of Fedora to meet needs, publishing a formal API that specifies the expectations of a Fedora repository. Through computational archives and through prior Fedora involvements, we have learned that scalability, by which we mean the ability to expand storage capacity without losing performance, that institutions must be able to incrementally grow a fully-functional repository as collection the need for expensive enterprise storage plans, massive data migrations, and performance of the vertical storage strategy of previous repository implementations.

The Digital Curation Innovation Center (DCIC) at the University of Maryland's College of Information Science (Maryland's iSchool) intends to conduct a 2-year project to research, develop, and test software to improve the performance and scalability of the Fedora Repository for the Fedora community. In this project we will apply the new Fedora 5 application programming interface (API) to the stack called **DRAS-TIC** to create a new Fedora implementation we are calling **DRAS-TIC**, which stands for Digital Repository at Scale that Invites Computation, was developed over the years through a collaboration between UK-based storage company, Archive Analytics, and funding from an NSF DIBBs (Data Infrastructure Building Blocks) grant (NCSA "Brown University" leverages NoSQL industry standard distributed database technology, in the form of Apache Cassandra, to provide near limitless scaling of storage without performance degradation. With Cassandra we can also hold redundant copies of data in datacenters around the world. Even if an entire datacenter access can remain uninterrupted, and data re-replicated to a new datacenter. Beyond institutions, we think this creates the possibility for new reciprocal storage arrangements between Fedora institutions.

To meet with this potential, **DRAS-TIC** will first need to be adapted to the new Fedora API and tested to meet the performance expectations of our Fedora community partners. We have a number of institutional partners in the Fedora community that will work with us to develop use cases and expectations. As we develop and test **DRAS-TIC Fedora**, their institutional needs will guide us and become our measure of success. The proposal has received the endorsement of the Fedora community. <http://fedora-repository.org/leadership-group>.

The proposed project will produce open-source software, tested cluster configurations, documentation, and practice guides that will enable institutions to manage Fedora repositories with Petabyte-scale data.

Page	Text	Type	Action
1	DRASTIC	REGEX	Ask
1	DRASTIC	REGEX	Ignore
1	DRASTIC	REGEX	Ask
1	DRASTIC	REGEX	Redact
1	DRASTIC	REGEX	Ask
1	DRASTIC	REGEX	Ask
1	DRASTIC	REGEX	Ask



# Other Functionality to Meet Identified User Needs:

Function	Tool(s)
Identify duplicate files	FSLint
Characterize files	FIDO, Siegfried, Brunnhilde
Scan for viruses	ClamTK
Examine, copy and extract information from old Mac disks	HFS Utilities (including HFS Explorer)
Capture AV file metadata	MediaInfo, FFProbe
Extract text from older binary (.doc) Word files	antiword
Read contents of Microsoft Outlook PST files	readpst
Examine embedded header information in images	pyExifToolGUI
Generate images of problematic disks or particular disk types (in addition to Guymager)	dd, dcfldd, ddrescue, cdrdao (for audio CDs)
Extract and analyze data from Windows Registry files	regripper
Identify files that are partially similar but not identical	sdhash, ssdeep
Package files for storage and/or transfer	BagIt (Java) library, Bagger
File preview (left-click on file then hit space bar)	gnome-sushi

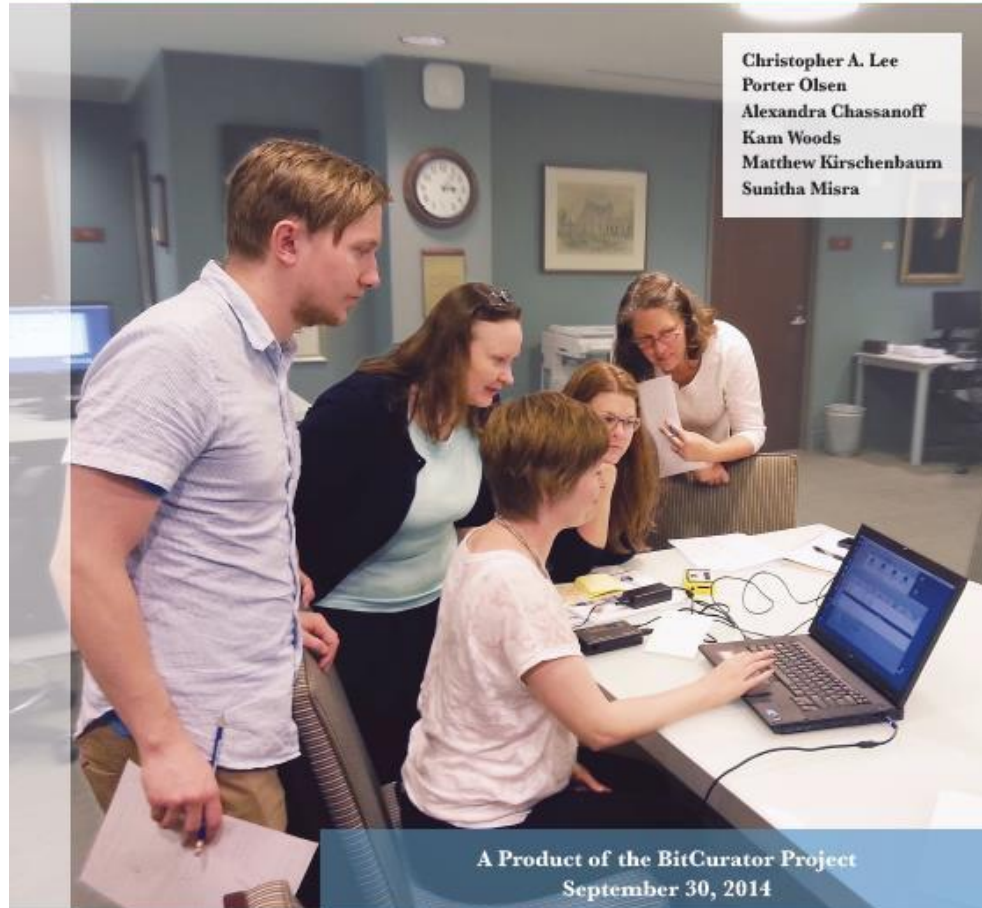
## Other Functionality to Meet Identified User Needs (Continued):

Function	Tool(s)
Play and examine metadata from AV media files	VLC media player
Damaged/lost partition recovery	TestDisk
Damaged/lost file recovery	PhotoRec
Identify the filesystem on a disk	disktype
Index and search for keywords in documents	recoll
Find blacklist data by using hashes calculated from hash blocks	hashdb
Generate hashes of files and blocks	GTK Hash, md5deep, md5sum
Compare hashes of files to hashes in the National Software Reference Library (NSRL) of known system files	nsrlookup
View and edit bytestreams (hex editor)	Bless Hex Editor, GHex

# From Code to Community:

## Building and Sustaining BitCurator through Community Engagement

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