

Mobile Devices:
iPhone Risks and Forensic Tool Capability

BEN KNIGHT
B.C.I.S (AUT, New Zealand)

A thesis submitted to the graduate faculty of Design and Creative Technologies
AUT University
in partial fulfilment of the
requirements for the degree of
Master of Forensic Information Technology

School of Computing and Mathematical Sciences

Auckland, New Zealand
2010

Declaration

I hereby declare that this submission is my own work and that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, it contains no material previously published or written by another person nor material which to a substantial extent has been accepted for the qualification of any other degree or diploma of a University or other institution of higher learning, except where due acknowledgement is made in the acknowledgements.

.....

Signature

Acknowledgements

I would like to thank everyone that has supported this thesis. I would like to show my gratitude to my supervisor, Brian Cusack from AUT, whose encouragement, guidance and support from beginning to end has made this thesis possible.

I am grateful to everyone that has set aside their time and shared their expertise with me. Bram Mooij, a digital forensic and mobile device expert from the New Zealand Police shared his incredible industry experience at an early stage of this research. His assistance was invaluable in defining research scope and forming an understanding of the technical aspects of this topic. A thank you to my work colleagues Campbell McKenzie and Shane Mahoney from PricewaterhouseCoopers whose ideas and guidance helped refine areas of the research.

I would like to show my gratitude to the companies that provided free access to their software, including: Munro Murdock, Jenni Willis and Gavin Gustafson from Paraben Corporation, Sean Morrissey from Katana Forensics and Tania Pankova from Oxygen Forensic. Research would not have been possible without this resource. I would also like to thank my quality reviewers: Amanda McCracken, David Hills and Gareth Fletcher with helping track down typographical errors.

Lastly, thank you to my Master of Forensic IT colleagues for their continued ideas and enthusiasm. I wish you the best of luck with your own thesis submissions.

Abstract

The research evaluates the capability of software based tools that extract data stored on an Apple iPhone. A literature review is performed covering material on: mobile devices, iPhone, hard disks, networking connectivity, usage environments, data integrity, evidence volatility, data extraction methods and operating systems. Literature shows that iPhone data extraction is complex due to hardware and software limitations. Understanding the capability of the tool used to retrieve data is important in ensuring a sound investigation. Based on literature a research methodology is defined. A descriptive approach is selected. The research process is split into three phases: test iPhone capability, evaluate extraction tools and compare extraction tools. At each phase data is collected, processed and analysed. At the first stage a “catalog” of known data stored on the iPhone is collected. At the second phase an audit “journal” of procedure and “extraction log” of extracted data is collected. At the last phase a sample set of weighted scenarios are used to analyse tool capability. Research findings indicate 12,963 files were extracted from an iPhone and classified in the catalog. Operating system limitations restrict user access to the iPhone file system. A method of opening access, known as jailbreaking, can be used to bypass such restrictions. Of the files in the catalog the highest result obtained by an extraction tool is 797 from Oxygen Forensics Suite 2010 and the lowest result is 178 from Device Seizure. Scenario analysis indicates Oxygen Forensics Suite 2010 works better in case scenarios whereas non-forensic tools have more limitations. Discussion of findings indicates that SQLite and Property List files are common sources of data storage on the iPhone. Analysis into the iPhone operating system shows that Apple has put multiple controls to limit access to the stored data. There is potential for further research in expanding research into extraction tool capability.

Table of Contents

Declaration	ii
Acknowledgements	iii
Abstract	iv
List of Figures.....	viii
List of Tables	viii
List of Abbreviations.....	ix

Chapter One - Introduction

1.0	Introduction.....	1
1.1	Problem Area	2
1.2	Motivation.....	2
1.3	Structure of Thesis.....	3
1.4	Research Question and Hypotheses.....	4
1.5	Research Findings	5
1.6	Conclusion	7

Chapter Two - Literature Review

2.0	Introduction.....	9
2.1	Mobile Devices	11
2.1.1	Forensic Evidence on Mobile Devices	11
2.1.2	Challenges	12
2.1.2.1	Storage.....	12
2.1.2.2	Maintaining Integrity	13
2.2	iPhone	14
2.2.1	Environments.....	16
2.2.1.1	Physical	16
2.2.1.2	Information Systems	17
2.2.1.3	End User.....	17
2.3	Networking	18
2.3.1	iPhone Network Connectivity.....	18
2.3.2	Volatility of Cellular Provider Evidence.....	20
2.4	Extraction Tools	22
2.4.1	Methods of Extraction.....	22
2.4.2	Data Extraction from an iPhone.....	24
2.4.3	Testing and Validation	25
2.5	Mac OS X Forensics.....	26
2.5.1	iPhone Operating System	26
2.6	Summary of Problem Areas	28
2.7	Conclusion	29

Chapter Three - Methodology

3.0	Introduction.....	30
3.1	Review of Similar Studies.....	31
3.1.1	Using the HFSD Journal for Deleted File Recovery.....	32
3.1.2	Internal Forensic Acquisition for Mobile Equipment	33
3.1.3	Prevalence, Use, and Evidentiary Issues of Digital Evidence of Cellular Telephone Consumer and Small-Scale Digital Devices.....	35
3.1.4	Forensic Data Recovery from Flash Memory.....	36
3.1.5	Mobile Device Analysis	37
3.2	Research Design.....	38
3.2.1	Review of Similar Studies	39
3.2.2	Review of Problem Areas.....	40
3.2.3	The Research Question.....	42
3.2.4	Hypotheses	42
3.2.5	Research Phases	43
3.2.6	Data Map.....	45
3.3	Data Requirements	46
3.3.1	Data Collection	46
3.3.2	Data Processing.....	48
3.3.3	Data Analysis.....	48
3.3.4	Data Presentation	50
3.4	Limitations	51
3.5	Expected Outcomes	51
3.6	Conclusion	52

Chapter Four - Research Findings

4.0	Introduction.....	54
4.1	Changes To Specified Methodology	55
4.1.1	Data Collection	55
4.1.2	Data Processing.....	56
4.1.3	Data Analysis.....	57
4.2	Field Findings.....	57
4.2.1	Phase One: Test iPhone Capability	58
4.2.2	Phase Two: Evaluate Extraction Tools	60
4.2.2.1	Journal	60
4.2.2.2	Extraction Log	63
4.2.3	Phase Three: Compare Extraction Tools.....	67
4.3	Research Analysis	69
4.3.1	Descriptive Methodology	70
4.3.2	Forensic Procedure.....	71

4.4	Visual Presentation of Findings	73
4.4.1	Phase One: Test iPhone Capability	73
4.4.2	Phase Two: Evaluate Extraction Tools	74
4.4.3	Phase Three: Compare Extraction Tools	76
4.5	Conclusion	77

Chapter Five - Discussion of Findings

5.0	Introduction.....	79
5.1	Research Question and Hypothese	80
5.1.1	Research Question	80
5.1.2	Sub-Questions.....	81
5.1.3	Hypotheses	82
5.2	iPhone Software	84
5.3	Jailbreaking	87
5.4	Maintaining Evidential Integrity	89
5.5	Research Data.....	91
5.6	Case Environments.....	94
5.7	Recommendations for Further Research.....	96
5.8	Conclusion	99

Chapter Six - Conclusion

6.0	Introduction.....	100
6.1	Summary of Findings	101
6.2	Research Question	102
6.3	Further Research.....	104
6.4	Conclusion	105

Publications.....	106
--------------------------	------------

References.....	107
------------------------	------------

Appendix

Appendix A - Catalog	116
Appendix B - Extraction Log	135
Appendix C - Journal	138
Appendix D - Scenario Analysis.....	142

List of Figures

Figure 2.1: Magnetic Hard disk & Solid State Disk	13
Figure 2.2: iPhone 3GS Logic Board	17
Figure 2.3: Tool Analysis Pyramid	24
Figure 2.4: Tool Assessment	25
Figure 2.5: iPhone OS Technology Layers.....	27
Figure 3.1: The Proposed Architecture	34
Figure 3.2: Research Phases	44
Figure 3.3: Data Map	45
Figure 4.1: Number of Classified Catalog Files	73
Figure 4.2: Extraction Log Results	74
Figure 4.3: Rating '0' Results.....	75
Figure 4.4: Rating '1' Results.....	75
Figure 4.5: Rating '2' Results.....	76
Figure 4.6: Scenario Results	77

List of Tables

Table 2.1: iPhone Technical Release Timeline.....	16
Table 2.2: Network Protocols Supported by the iPhone	19
Table 2.3: New Zealand Cellular Provider Protocols and Frequency Bands	20
Table 2.4: Flash Memory Used in Apple Devices	25
Table 4.1: Catalog by Classifications.....	60
Table 4.2: Summary of Journal Findings	60
Table 4.3: Size of Extracts.....	64
Table 4.4: Number of Hash Values Not Jailbroken	65
Table 4.5: Number of Hash Values Jailbroken.....	65
Table 4.6: Catalog by Classification	66
Table 4.7: Scenarios.....	68
Table 4.8 Scenario Requirements	68
Table 4.9: Ratings	68
Table 4.10: Scenario Analysis Summary Results	69
Table 4.11: Issues with Forensic Procedure	71
Table 5.2: Classification File Locations.....	92

List of Abbreviations

API	Application Programming Interface
ASAP	As Soon As Possible
CD	Compact Disc
CEO	Chief Executive Officer
CPU	Central Processing Unit
CSV	Comma Separated Values
dd	Disk Dump
ECID	Exclusive Chip ID
EDGE	Enhanced Data Rates for GSM Evolution
EEPROM	Electrically Erasable Programmable Read-Only Memory
FTK	Forensic Tool Kit
GB	Gigabyte
GPS	Global Positioning System
GSM	Global System for Mobile Communications
GUI	Graphical User Interface
HFS	Hierarchical File System
HSDPA	High-Speed Downlink Packet Access
JTAG	Joint Test Action Group
LAN	Local Area Network
MB	Megabyte
MD5	Message Digest
MMS	Multimedia Messaging Service
NAND	Not AND
NSP	Network Service Provider
NZD	New Zealand Dollars
OS	Operating System
PC	Personal Computer
PDA	Personal Digital Assistant
PIN	Personal Identification Number
PLIST	Property List
RAM	Random Access Memory
SD	Secure Digital

SIM	Subscriber Identity Module
SMS	Short Message Service
SQL	Structured Query Language
SSH	Secure Shell
UMTS	Universal Mobile Telecommunications System
USB	Universal Serial Bus
WLAN	Wireless Local Area Network

Chapter One

INTRODUCTION

1.0 INTRODUCTION

The Apple iPhone is a popular mobile device that has been sold globally to millions of people. Along with local and cellular network connectivity the iPhone also has an internal flash storage disk ranging from 8GB to 32GB. Depending on the requirements of a forensics case the information stored on an iPhone can be highly valuable. Every time a picture is taken on an iPhone the GPS information is embedded as part of the metadata of the file. Email can be setup to constantly push new messages to an iPhone and keep a local copy of the entire message. Third-party applications can download often private information from social networking websites. The flash disk in the iPhone is tightly integrated into all the other internal components and requires high levels of technical expertise to remove. Forensics often relies on being able to remove internal components. Hardware restrictions iPhone require forensic professionals to expand into innovative approaches for retrieving data. The physical removal procedure involves the risk of damaging internal components. The iPhone runs an OS (Operating System) called iOS. The OS is built off Mac OS X. Software access restrictions are built into the OS to prevent access to all the iPhone data.

Chapter one introduces the thesis topic and discusses the format of the following chapters. The problem area and motivation for researching this particular topic are discussed. Chapter one explains why this topic and problem area has been selected for research and why research into iPhone extraction tool capability will benefit forensic professionals. The research question is stated outright to introduce the scope of research prior to a review of literature.

In section 1.1 the problem area is discussed. The problem for this topic comes from limited understanding of tool capability and the need to develop robust expectations of extraction tools. In section 1.2 the motivation for doing this research

is discussed. The tightly integrated form factor makes iPhone data extraction more complicated for the forensic professional. Ensuring the correct forensic process is followed ensures sound investigations. The structure of the thesis is discussed in section 1.3. The four main chapters are introduced and summarised. Section 1.4 states the research question and hypotheses that are discussed in greater detail in section 5.1. The research findings from chapter four are summarised in section 1.5.

1.1 PROBLEM AREA

Forensic tools have over the years become the industry standard, such as EnCase and FTK have been heavily scrutinised and validated for use in court. EnCase and FTK do not offer the ability to extract data from mobile devices, such as iPhone or Android devices. Data may still be analysed with these tools. However, successful extraction is a fundamental component to a sound forensic investigation.

An abundance of tools are being released into the forensic market that support the extraction of data stored on an iPhone. Extraction tools position themselves as either forensic or non-forensic. Limited information is provided as to the approach extraction tools use to extract data. The completeness and accuracy of the data that is extracted is often untested and unknown.

1.2 MOTIVATION

The iPhone is a popular smartphone that has been sold by Apple since 2007. 33.75 million units have been reported as being sold (Apple, 2009, p.1). Development into the operating system that runs on the iPhone is rapid and hardware revisions are being introduced to the market every year. The iPhone is popular with a range of people, from consumers to business. Popularity around the iPhone will create a requirement for forensic professionals to extract information from such devices.

The traditional procedure of removing a computer's internal hard disk, connecting it to a write-blocker and using imaging software to copy a full physical forensic copy cannot be followed with an iPhone because the hardware is tightly integrated and has not been designed for simple removal. In addition to the limited hardware removal capability, the iPhone does not offer external access to the hard

disk. The iPhone also has no external storage capability, such as an SD (Secure Digital) card slot.

The iPhone is a feature-rich device. There can be up to 32GB of data stored on an iPhone. The nature of an iPhone is that a user will often store large amounts of personal information on their iPhone. The relevance of personal information may differ in terms of a forensic investigation. In cases where an iPhone is known to have been used to store or transmit information relevant to a case the complete and accurate extraction of that information is critical to the outcome.

Some of the common features of an iPhone that could store relevant information includes: SMS (Short Message Service), call logs, address books, map searches, geo-tagged camera photos, third-party applications, email, calendars and audio recordings. Although the iPhone stores personal information, the ability to extract an entire data set may be restricted.

1.3 STRUCTURE OF THESIS

This thesis is split into five chapters: Chapter Two “Literature Review”, Chapter Three “Methodology”, Chapter Four “Field Findings” and Chapter Five “Discussion of Findings”. The five chapters progress from a review of literature around the topic area to a discussion of the findings from the field work.

Chapter two involves a review of literature in and around the topic of iPhone data extraction. Literature topics reviewed in Chapter two include: mobile devices, small scale digital devices, forensic acquisition, challenges associated with mobile devices, storage hardware, iPhone background, networking, methods of evidence extraction, data validation, Mac OS X and iPhone OS. Chapter two is split into five main sections Mobile Devices, iPhone, Networking, Extraction Tools and Mac OS X Forensics. Chapter two concludes with a summary of problems areas identified in the literature that are discussed earlier in the chapter.

Chapter three builds on the literature review in chapter two and discusses a proposed methodology based on findings in the literature. Chapter three begins with a review of five similar studies. These similar studies are on the topics of: HFS data recovery, forensic acquisition of mobile devices, legal, flash memory data recovery

and mobile device analysis. Chapter three looks at the research design by first summarising the review of similar studies and then a review of problem areas. These are problem areas identified in literature. The research question is derived and with the research question are a series of hypotheses that will be tested after findings are collected. Four research phases are developed in chapter three and the whole research process is mapped out into a data map. Data requirements for the collection, processing and analysis of data are discussed in chapter three. The chapter concludes by discussing the expected outcomes based on the literature.

The methodology proposed in chapter three is followed in chapter four and research findings collected. Research findings are reported on in chapter four. The chapter begins by firstly clarifying changes made to the methodology specified in chapter three in the collection, processing and analysis of data. The research findings are reported based on the three research phases. Chapter four includes an analysis of the research that discusses the forensic procedure of the extraction process followed and the descriptive approach in reporting the findings. The final part of chapter four is a summary and visual presentation of the findings as reported earlier in the chapter.

The final chapter, chapter five, is a discussion of the findings reported on in chapter four. The chapter begins by answering the research question and sub-questions first identified in chapter three. The three hypotheses are tested and evaluated. Discussion in chapter five is split into five sections: iPhone software, jailbreaking, maintaining evidential integrity, research data and case environment. The chapter concludes the findings discussion by recommending possible areas for further research.

1.4 RESEARCH QUESTION AND HYPOTHESES

The research question is derived from the literature reviewed in chapter two. The research question and sub-questions are identified in section 3.2.3. The main question for this research is: “What is the capability of extraction tools for the extraction of information stored on an iPhone?” First identifying iPhone capability and then evaluating that against tool capability answers the research question. The two components used to answer the research question are a log of all the collected hash

values and an analysis of a sample set of case scenarios. Four sub-questions are also derived from literature and first identified in section 3.2.3. The sub-questions for this research relates back to the more high-level main question. The first sub-question is: “What information is stored on an iPhone?” The second sub-question is: “What information can be extracted?” The third sub-question (child to sub-question 1) is: “What information is input by the user?” The fourth sub-question (also child to sub-question 1) is: “What information is system generated?”

Three hypotheses are developed for testing as part of this research. Like the research question, the hypotheses are assertions derived from literature. The hypotheses are first identified in section 3.2.4 and tested in section 5.1.2. The three hypotheses are labelled H1 to H3. H1 is “Extraction tools obtain a full physical copy”, H2 is “Extraction is complete, accurate and repeatable” and H3 is “Jailbreaking doesn’t modify user data”.

1.5 RESEARCH FINDINGS

Research findings are the result of field work being performed based on the methodology discussed in chapter three. The research findings reported in chapter four are split by the three research phases first identified in section 3.2.5. The three research phases are: Phase One: Test iPhone Capability, Phase Two: Evaluate Extraction Tools and Phase Three: Compare Extraction Tools.

In phase one data is collected as part of the catalog. The two sources of catalog data are an iTunes backup and a dd (Disk Dump) disk image. An iTunes backup is a logical extract of the iPhone files and a dd disk image is a bit-by-bit of the entire disk. A dd disk image is more complete but requires jailbreaking the iPhone.

Results indicate that software restrictions limit the ability to identify iPhone capability. A software restriction that limits access to the file system is the sandboxed environment that the iPhone runs in. There are two users associated with the iPhone, the *root* and *mobile* users. The *root* user has full access to the iPhone file system but the iPhone must be jailbroken before this user can be activated for use. The *mobile* user has restricted access to the file system. The mobile user can access third-party applications and a limited portion of the logical files stored on the iPhone.

Files extracted as part of the iTunes backup and dd disk images are hashed. From the iTunes backup 343 files are hashed and from the dd disk image 12,963 files are hashed. The dd disk image also includes unallocated space on the disk. The iTunes backup grew to a size of 7.4MB and the dd disk image to a size of 15.33GB. An iTunes backup is stored in a series of “.mddata” and “.mddata” files and the dd disk image is stored as a single file in dd format. There are 16 “importance rating” classifications developed as part of the catalog. The classifications have an accompanying rating from 0 to 2. A rating of 0 indicates low importance and 2 indicates high importance.

Phase two involves collecting a journal and extraction log. There are 11 findings identified as part of the journal. The journal contains three columns: date, action and result (Appendix C). Journal findings include issues and procedures identified during field work. Journal findings include: firmware downgrade blocking, write-blocking, radio blocking, security mechanisms, iTunes versions, storage medium and iTunes background processes. Firmware downgrade restrictions limit the firmware versions that can be restored onto an iPhone. Due to hash signing, only the current version of iOS can be restored onto an iPhone 3GS or iPhone 4. Results indicate that no viable write-blocking method could be identified. However, write-blocking may be possible. Radio blocking is possible by enabling the airplane mode on the iPhone. PIN code and encryption security mechanisms aren't an issue with logical extraction.

The second source of data for phase two is the extraction log. MD5 hash values and file names are generated for the catalog and using the extraction tools being evaluated. Seven extraction tools are evaluated, with the number of hash values calculated ranging from 178 to 797 files. The smallest extract of 5.5MB was obtained using MobileSyncBrowser and the largest of 4.2GB was obtained by using Oxygen Forensics Suite 2010. Results indicate that forensic tools extract more files than non-forensic tools. The number of files extracted doesn't vary significantly whether the iPhone is jailbroken or not.

The final phase involves comparing the extraction tools with a scenario analysis. Five scenarios are developed for comparison. The five scenarios are based

on five main components that are common in forensic cases. The scenarios are a sample of potential scenarios. The five main components are: archiving, email extraction, document extraction, speed of extraction and tracking. Each scenario is evaluated against 17 requirements. The requirements are weighted on a rating between 0 and 3 based on the scenario, 0 being unimportant and 3 being essential. Oxygen Forensics Suite 2010 scored consistently high in all scenarios. MobileSyncBrowser and iPhone Explorer (both non-forensic tools) scored consistently low. No tool scored 100% in any of the scenarios.

1.6 CONCLUSION

The iPhone is a powerful mobile device. Integrated storage adds complexity to data extraction for forensic professionals as typical methods of removing the hard disk and attaching it to a copying device is not a simple procedure. The physical restrictions require tools to leverage software to extract the iPhone data. The capability of extraction tools depend on the access provided by the iPhone software and the extraction methodology. Expectations of extraction tools are that the tool implements common forensic functionality, such as data integrity checks, accuracy checks and validated storage. Forensic extraction tools implement common forensic functionality whereas non-forensic tools do not.

Chapter one has introduced the problem area and discussed the motivations for selecting this topic. Software restrictions and access limitations that limit a tool's ability to extract data from an iPhone are discussed. The iPhone is a closed device, both from a hardware (no removal storage) and software respective (locked down operating system). The structure of the thesis is discussed and following chapters introduced that will follow the research process. The research question and hypotheses are stated outright to ensure context is defined at an early stage of research.

Section 1.1 discussed the problem area of this topic. The problem area includes the limitations that restrict forensic professionals from using common forensic methodologies. The requirement to use alternative methodologies means that capability of tools must first be established. The motivation for this research is discussed in section 1.2. The popularity of the iPhone and complexity of extracting data provide the motivation for researching this topic. Section 1.3 outlines the structure of the thesis. Section 1.4 states the research question and hypotheses that are discussed later in the thesis in section 5.1. Section 1.5 is a summary of research findings reported in chapter four later in the thesis.

Chapter Two

LITERATURE REVIEW

2.0 INTRODUCTION

Computers in the 1940s were the size of a large room and consumed as much power as several hundred modern personal computers (Penn Computing, 2010). A mobile device can perform many of the same tasks as a personal computer with a greater mobile form factor. An emerging subcategory of mobile devices is smartphones. Smartphones are hybrid device between a cellular phone and PDA (Portable Digital Assistant) (Punja & Mislán, 2008, p.1). Smartphones can be used to perform a wide range of business tasks and have capabilities approaching a desktop PC. Tasks a mobile device can do include those typical of a cellular phone, such as: calling and SMS (Short Message Service) messaging as well as personal computer tasks, such as: email, web browsing and listening to music. The Apple iPhone is a smartphone. Time Magazine named the iPhone invention of the year in 2007 (Grossman, 2007). The iPhone was first introduced to the public in 2007 by Steve Jobs, the CEO of Apple (Honan, 2007) and overtook Microsoft's smartphone market share in 2009 (Slivka, 2010).

Literature will be reviewed in chapter two to form a contextual basis for the research as a whole. Literature on several topics that relate to the iPhone forensics will be reviewed. The first area literature has been selected from is within the topic of mobile devices. Literature on mobile devices helps identify what data can be extracted from an iPhone and the tested methodologies for extraction of data. SIM (Subscriber Identify Module) cards are another area a forensic professional can find digital evidence. There are challenges involved with performing a robust forensic examination on a mobile device. Limitations with extraction tools make it difficult for an examiner to create a forensic copy of a mobile device while maintaining data integrity. Section 2.2 builds a timeline of the iPhone hardware and software technical changes since the first release in 2007 until April 2010 (the iPhone 4 had not been

released at the time of writing). The iPhone exists in multiple environments: the physical environment, information systems environment and end user environment. These environments are defined in section 2.2.1.

The iPhone not only stores data but can also transmit it wirelessly over wireless, Bluetooth and 3G. The iPhone has hardware chipsets that allow it to support cellular communication protocols and wireless communication protocols. Section 2.3.1 discusses the communication protocols supported by the iPhone and compares them to the communication protocols used by cellular network providers in New Zealand. The iPhone can wirelessly transmit data to a cellular provider. As a result of the communication between the iPhone and cellular provider the cellular provider may store relevant digital evidence. As part of the imaging procedure of a mobile device, wireless communication should be blocked so changes can't be made to the data stored on the device. The iPhone supports a feature that Apple calls "remote wipe". Remote wipe allows a remote user to send a command to the iPhone instructing it to erase all data stored on the device using the MobileMe website, an iPhone application or Microsoft Exchange Server Management Console.

Section 2.4.1 discusses Brothers (2009) research on the five methods of extraction. The lower-level methods are less complex for a forensic examiner to perform but are less forensically robust as data integrity can't be maintained. The advantages and limitations of each method of extraction are discussed. Different methodologies for the testing and validation of extraction tools are reviewed in section 2.4.3 Finally, section 2.5 reviews literature on Mac OS X forensics. Apple based the operating system for the iPhone off Mac OS X so the iPhone OS and Mac OS X systems share similarities. The relationship between iPhone OS and Mac OS X means understanding Mac OS X forensic tools can assist forensic professionals with the extraction of data from an iPhone.

2.1 MOBILE DEVICES

Microsoft (2010, p.8) defines a mobile device as “A small computing device that is easily portable and can be used in various environments”. There are sub-classifications of mobile devices including: calculators, pagers, PDAs (Personal Digital Assistants), handheld gaming consoles, GPS (Global Positioning System) navigation, digital cameras, eBook readers, cellphones and smartphones.

The iPhone is a smartphone. A smartphone is a hybrid of a cellphone and PDA. Punja & Mislán (2008, p.1) states “Essentially, a mobile device can do much of what a computer or laptop can do, just on a smaller scale”. Smartphones are capable devices. Research into mobile device forensics has grown over recent years as researchers see the value in data stored on a mobile device.

2.1.1 Forensic Evidence on Mobile Devices

Punja & Mislán (2008, p.3) outline some of the types of evidence that can be extracted from a mobile device. The types of evidence outlined in the article include data found on a cellphone, including: contacts, call history and SMS (Short Message Service) messages as well as data found on a PDA, including: audio files, email and Internet history. The iPhone stores data that could be used as digital evidence. The difficult part of getting a forensic copy of the evidence stored on the iPhone for analysis is in the extraction as tools are currently limited to extracting a logical copy of the data.

A fundamental component for cellular communication of a smartphone is the SIM card. Forensic examination of SIM cards is not new as SIM cards have been used in cellphones for a long time but it’s still relevant for the iPhone as information can be stored on the SIM card. Casadei, et al., (2006, p.1-21) discuss a forensic tool for examining SIM cards called SIMbrush. Casadei, et al., (2006) outline the evidence that can be extracted from a SIM card as well as the limitations of SIM card forensics.

2.1.2 Challenges

Forensic professionals attempting to extract evidence from a mobile device are often faced with challenges. Challenges arise because of the small form factor that makes mobile devices so portable. “The cumulative experience of building several prototypes leads us to believe that mobile devices in the future will continue to integrate more function and cost less” (Narayanaswami, 2005, p.4). Unlike forensic examinations of a desktop or laptop personal computer where the hard disk is easily removable the storage components used in a mobile device are more difficult to remove as they’re soldered onto the logic board. Maintaining data integrity of a forensic copy is difficult when the storage components can’t be physically removed (Dankner, 2009, p.3). If the storage components can’t be removed for a forensic copy to be obtained another method of extraction needs to be used. A forensic copy of the internal flash memory could be made to removable storage if the mobile device supports removable media (Me & Rossi, 2008, p.2).

2.1.2.1 Storage

Manufacturers design mobile devices to fit hardware components in a small space. Fitting the hardware components in tightly means it’s more difficult to remove hardware components. A difference between a personal computer and a mobile device is the type of disk used for storage. In a personal computer, magnetic hard disks are used because they’re cost effective, provide a good level of performance and can store a lot of data. Modern mobile devices don’t use magnetic hard disks because they contain moving parts that can cause damage if dropped or similar (Figure 2.1). Flash memory stores data by storing an electrical charge in a floating gate of a transistor (Breeuwsma, et. al, 2007, p.1). Solid-state storage doesn’t involve moving parts and is more suitable for mobile devices.



Traditional hard drive



Solid state hard drive

Figure 2.1: Magnetic Hard disk & Solid State Disk (PCTechGuide, 2009, p.1)

2.1.2.2 Maintaining Integrity

There are different techniques for maintaining integrity of data copied from a mobile device. Malinowski & Noble (2007, p.100) discusses an analysis of the best practices associated with maintaining integrity of digital evidence. The research by Malinowski & Noble (2007) isn't specific to mobile devices but the outcomes are still valid. Calculating the hash value of copied files is a common way for forensic professionals to prove data integrity has been maintained. Calculating a hash value is only a valid approach if the procedure for extraction doesn't involve making any changes to the data.

Danker et al. (2009, p.1) states, "Minimal research has been performed on how mobile phone forensic tools report hash values for individual data objects". Danker et al. (2009) found that with MMS (Multimedia Messaging Service) messages hash values will change if transmitted. Another investigation technique that is known to be difficult on mobile devices is disk imaging. Danker et al. (2009) followed a simple but effective methodology to establish whether they could trust the hash value of objects transmitted over different mediums. The first step was to calculate the initial MD5 (Message Digest) hash of the file. They then sent the file over the transmission medium (e.g. MMS) and then recalculated the MD5 hash value to see if

it had changed from the first value calculated. The methodology used by Danker et al. (2009) is based off previous research by Ayers et al. (2007) performed two tests as part of their research on data integrity. The first test involved checking the consistency of hashing by software tools over a whole case and the second test involved tested hashing individual objects to look for inconsistencies.

Ridder (2009, p.1-91) discusses the potential for vulnerabilities in the imaging software to allow someone to hide the data they don't wish to be found by forensic professional. Forensic tools should be tested by forensic professionals prior to being used on a case.

2.2 IPHONE

The iPhone was first announced by Apple at Macworld 2007 and released to the public in the United States in June 2007 (Lurie, 2007). At the release of the iPhone, queues of people lined up for days so they could be the first to own one. The original iPhone was released locked to the AT&T cellular network and only supported EDGE (Enhanced Data Rates for GSM Evolution) networks and not the faster 3G (IMT-2000) technology.

Since the release of the original iPhone (also known as the "iPhone 2G") there have been two revisions to the hardware. The first upgrade was released in July 2008 named the iPhone 3G (Palmer, 2008), just over a year after the release of the original iPhone. The major hardware improvements in the iPhone 3G were support for 3G, GPS navigation and increased Flash memory storage from 8GB to 16GB. The iPhone 3G was the first iPhone to be officially sold outside the United States. Apple announced they would be shipping the iPhone 3G to 22 countries, including New Zealand (Vodafone Group, 2008).

The third and most recent hardware revision was released in July 2009 (Sande, 2009), a year after the iPhone 3G called the iPhone 3GS. The 'S' stands for speed. The iPhone 3GS hardware upgrade introduced a 3-megapixel camera with video support, a faster processor and more RAM for improved performance.

As well as the three generations of iPhone hardware, Apple has also continued to update the firmware on the iPhone (Table 2.1). The first iPhone was released with version 1.0 of the firmware. Every hardware revision of the iPhone has been accompanied with a major firmware release. The first version of the firmware was released with a suite of applications developed only by Apple, including a web browser, music player, calendar and maps. There have also been minor firmware releases that have allowed Apple to deploy bug fixes and new features.

Despite the iPhone being locked to a particular cellular provider in many countries and restricted so only Apple approved applications are allowed to be installed on the device a determined hacker community have managed to find ways to unlock the iPhone so it doesn't have to run on a particular cellular provider's network and non-Apple approved applications can be installed. The iPhone can be unlocked ("jailbroken") by installing a modified firmware. Modifying the software on the iPhone to run on any network is called "unlocking" and allowing non-Apple approved applications is called "jailbreaking". "The term jailbreaking originates from a Unix practice of putting services in a restricted set of directories called a jail" (Zdziarski, 2008, p.10). As unlocking and jailbreaking works by modifying the software, every new firmware release by Apple requires the hacker community to once again spend time modifying the new firmware.

Device	Firmware	Release Date	Key Features
iPhone	1.0 – 1.1.5	29 June 07	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ First iPhone released ▪ Available in the United States only ▪ Locked to the AT&T network ▪ Supported EDGE data only ▪ No support for third-party applications
iPhone 3G	2.0 – 2.2.1	11 July 08	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Hardware upgraded to support 3G ▪ Hardware upgraded to support GPS ▪ Availability opened up to 22 countries, including New Zealand ▪ Support for Microsoft ActiveSync ▪ Support for remote wipe

			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Introduction of AppStore, Apple approved third-party applications allowed
iPhone 3GS	3.0 – 3.1.3	17 June 09	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Improved performance with upgraded processor and RAM ▪ Upgraded camera from 2 megapixels to 3 megapixels and support for video recording ▪ Tethering support over USB or Bluetooth ▪ Support for cut, copy and paste
iPhone 4	4.0	n/a	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Beta announced April, release scheduled in June for iPhone and September for iPad ▪ Support for multitasking of applications

Table 2.1: iPhone Technical Release Timeline

2.2.1 Environments

The iPhone is comprised of three layered environments. The environments are classified as: physical, information systems and end user. The physical layer includes the hardware components that are used in the iPhone. The physical layer includes hardware components, such as the processor, flash memory and RAM (Figure 2.2). The user's information is stored as data at the information systems layer. A forensic examiner can extract the data stored at the information systems layer for analysis. The highest layer is the end user. The end user enters the information that is stored as data in the information systems layer. Information may also be entered by other means, such as the cellular chipset which may store the last known cellular location.

2.2.1.1 Physical

The physical environment defines the hardware components used to make up the iPhone. Apple doesn't typically design and manufacture hardware components used in the products they produce, except for the new Apple A4 CPU (Central Processing Unit) used in the iPad (Apple, 2010). Instead Apple purchases components that fit the requirements of their product from other manufacturers (Figure 2.2). Having an understanding of the iPhone storage hardware is comparable to knowing what make and model hard disk a personal computer has in it and the controller interface used to transfer data between the hard disk and other components in the computer.

Understanding the hardware components used in a device helps forensic professionals choose an appropriate extraction method.

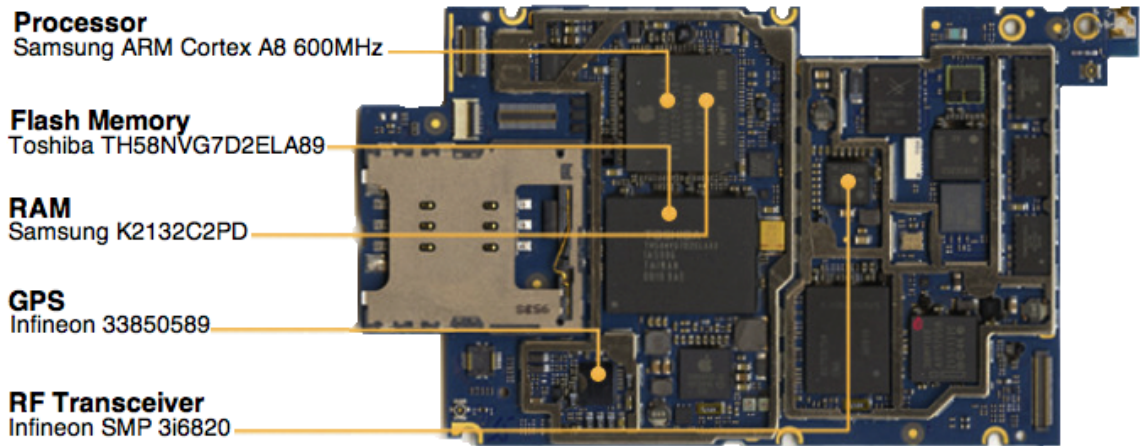


Figure 2.2: iPhone 3GS Logic Board (iFixit, 2010, p.2)

2.2.1.2 Information Systems

A layer up from the physical environment is the information systems layer. The information systems layer defines everything that happens with the software on the iPhone, from the low-level operating system functions to data storage. Apple have developed the iPhone OS to provide seamless interaction for the end user between information systems and the physical environment. The information systems collect and store data such as GPS coordinates, web browsing activity and SMS communication. The physical environment offers forensic professionals options for data extraction, and the information systems layer, offers forensic professionals data for analysis (Dankner, 2009, p.2).

2.2.1.3 End User

The highest-level environment is the end user environment. The end user environment layer defines the real world situations where the iPhone is used. The iPhone is a diverse mobile device that has seen popularity in business and home environments. However, the iPhone isn't built strong enough to be used in tough environments, such as manufacturing or construction. Data stored on the iPhone is either user generated or system generated. The end user layer defines data input by the user. An example of user input data is the content of a text message. In comparison, the timestamp information stored with a text message is system

generated. User generated data is often stored on the iPhone for an unknown period of time. The data can still be accessible when even the user believes that the data has been deleted.

2.3 NETWORKING

The iPhone is usually connected to a network either through a cellular provider or a local network. The networking features of the iPhone pose a risk for forensic professionals as network connectivity can allow remote sources to tamper with the data on the device. Evidential information can be stored at the cellular provider. There is no guarantee that evidence stored by a cellular provider is complete and accurate.

2.3.1 iPhone Network Connectivity

Like many mobile devices the iPhone comes with multiple hardware components that support different networking protocols. Each protocol is used for a different purpose. The hardware components used in the iPhone can be split into two distinct categories: cellular and wireless. Cellular protocols are used to enable the iPhone to communicate with the cellular provider. Wireless protocols are typically used for personal networking, such as connecting to a WLAN (Wireless Local Area Network) or using a Bluetooth headset. Cellular protocols have greater range of distance as they're designed to provide a user with a constant connection even if they're moving around or are not in a common location to them. Wireless protocols however have a much shorter range but often offer higher throughput speeds. Wireless protocols are designed to provide the user with the flexibility to access a LAN (Local Area Connection) as they would on their personal computer or enable them to use to wireless peripherals.

Apple has continued to upgrade the hardware used in the iPhone and improved the amount of support for network protocols. The original iPhone was released locked to the AT&T network in the United States so the hardware components only needed to support the GSM (Global System for Mobile Communications) and EDGE protocols that the AT&T network uses. However, the announcement that the iPhone 3G would be shipped to more countries and used on

different networks meant that Apple had to add support for additional protocols. The major upgrade in the iPhone 3G network protocols was support for UMTS (Universal Mobile Telecommunications System) and HSDPA (High-Speed Downlink Packet Access) (Table 2.2).

Device	Cellular Protocols	Wireless Protocols
iPhone	GSM/EDGE (850, 900, 1800, 1900MHz)	Wi-Fi (802.11b/g) Bluetooth 2.0 + EDR wireless technology
iPhone 3G	UMTS/HSDPA (850, 1900, 2100MHz) GSM/EDGE (850, 900, 1800, 1900MHz)	Wi-Fi (802.11b/g) Bluetooth 2.0 + EDR wireless technology
iPhone 3GS	UMTS/HSDPA (850, 1900, 2100MHz) GSM/EDGE (850, 900, 1800, 1900MHz)	Wi-Fi (802.11b/g) Bluetooth 2.1 + EDR wireless technology

Table 2.2: Network Protocols Supported by the iPhone

In New Zealand there are three cellular network providers: Vodafone, Telecom XT and 2degrees. Vodafone is the official retailer of the iPhone in New Zealand. Vodafone's slower 2G network uses GSM at 900MHz in most areas and 1800MHz in high demand areas, such as shopping malls or central business districts. Vodafone also has a 3G network that uses UMTS and HSDPA for data transmission at 2100MHz in most areas but they're starting to deploy 900MHz as it has better range (Vodafone, 2009). The iPhone does not support all the different frequency bands used by Vodafone (Table 2.3). The original iPhone doesn't support 3G due to the lack of a UMTS/HSDPA chipset. However, even the iPhone 3G and iPhone 3GS don't support UMTS/HSDPA at 900MHz so if an iPhone attempts to connect to one of these cellular towers it will drop down to GSM at slower 2G speeds. Vodafone runs two separate networks, a GSM 2G network and a UMTS/HSDPA 3G network. The two Vodafone networks provide redundancy if one network goes down.

Telecom may not be the official retailer of the iPhone but the iPhone 3G and 3GS both work on the XT network. The iPhone 3G and 3GS work because the XT network uses the same 3G technology as Vodafone however at a different frequency band. The XT network uses UMTS/HSDPA at 850MHz in most areas to provide wider coverage and 2100MHz in higher density areas. Like on the Vodafone network

the iPhone 3G and 3GS support 2100MHz but on the XT network the iPhone 3G and 3GS also supports 850MHz, unlike 900MHz used by Vodafone. Support for UMTS/HSDPA 850MHz means the iPhone is more likely to have better coverage when connected to the XT network. XT is a purely 3G network so there's no 2G network to failover to if the 3G network goes down or the network is out of range.

The third cellular network: 2degrees, is the newest provider on the market. 2degrees started providing cellular service to customers in August 2009 (3 News, 2009) and are known for providing cheaper callings and SMS rates. Like Vodafone, 2degree also uses GSM at 900MHz and 1800MHz but is the only provider to support EDGE for data transmission. 2degrees has an agreement with Vodafone that if a 2degrees customer is outside the range of a 2degrees cellular tower the customer can seamlessly connect to the Vodafone network at no additional cost to the user. 2degrees is upgrading their network to support 3G speeds that uses UMTS/HSDPA technology (2degrees, 2009).

Network	Protocol / Band Frequency
Vodafone NZ	GSM 900MHz (2G) GSM 1800MHz (2G) UMTS/HSDPA 900MHz (3G) UMTS/HSDPA 2100MHz (3G)
Telecom XT	UMTS/HSDPA 850MHz (3G) UMTS/HSDPA 2100MHz (3G)
2degrees	GSM 900MHz (2G) GSM 1800MHz (2G) EDGE (2.5G) UMTS/HSDPA 2100MHz (3G)

Table 2.3: New Zealand Cellular Provider Protocols and Frequency Bands

2.3.2 Volatility of Cellular Provider Evidence

Not only can valuable evidence be stored on the iPhone itself but due to the connectivity mechanisms discussed in section 2.3.1 there can also be evidence stored by the cellular provider. Any situations where the iPhone has had to communicate with the cellular provider could be an instance where evidence could be held at the cellular provider. Such communication could include: MMS, call history and Internet usage (Shafik, et. al, 2008, p.11). Evidence may have been erased off the iPhone or the examiner may be using an extraction method that could miss some evidence. The

cellular provider could be a source of evidence in addition to evidence obtained from the iPhone. Obtaining evidence from a cellular provider may be outside any existing legal allowances, such as a warrant and may require an additional warrant be served (NIJ, 2007, p.10). Another limitation of digital evidence stored by the cellular provider is that it may not be complete or accurate. Information stored by the cellular provider is managed by the cellular provider who has no commitment to ensuring their data is unchanged. Time is a constraint when working with digital evidence, especially evidence stored by the cellular provider.

When Apple released the 2.0 version of the firmware for the iPhone one of the major features introduced was remote wipe. Remote wipe allows the owner of an iPhone to send a command to their device to tell it to securely erase the data off the device (Apple, 2009). The command is sent over the cellular network so the owner doesn't need to have physical access to the iPhone to run the command. Remote wipe is designed to allow the owner to wipe their personal information off their phone if they have lost it or it has been stolen. The time it takes to wipe an iPhone depends on the model. The iPhone 3GS can be wiped within minutes because it supports hardware encryption and therefore only needs to delete the encryption keys. The original iPhone or iPhone 3G write zeros over the whole disk and this can take several hours (Frakes, 2009).

When acquiring an iPhone there is the possibility someone will attempt to interfere with the investigation by activating the remote wipe feature. Fortunately the remote wipe feature can only be activated as long as the iPhone can communicate with the cellular provider. The connection to the cellular provider can be broken by removing the SIM card, putting the device into a Faraday bag or turning off the device (Gratzer, et. al, 2006, p.5). The latter option may not be the best option depending on the situation because turning off the device involves interacting with the device and the battery can't be easily removed from an iPhone. Turning off the device would delete any potential evidence stored in memory (Dankner, 2009, p.8). The iPhone supports powering through a USB cable connected to a computer or mains power.

2.4 EXTRACTION TOOLS

Extraction tools can be either hardware or software based and are used to extract data from a device. Extraction tools often perform the extraction process in different ways. The procedure that a tool uses is important in forensics because the data extracted must be used as evidence in court. For data to be used as evidence a forensic professional must be able to show the data has not been altered during the extraction process. Data that can be used as evidence is said to be “forensically sound” (Casey, 2009, p.49-50).

2.4.1 Methods of Extraction

Brothers (2009) outline five levels of extraction from mobile devices (Figure 2.3). The bottom layer is considered to require the least amount of technical expertise however is the least forensically sound approach. The top layer is the most complex to perform correctly but yields a forensically sound disk image.

The bottom layer of the model is labelled “manual”. A manual approach involves manually reviewing a mobile device by using it as the user would by pushing buttons and navigating the GUI (Graphical User Interface). Manual extraction may be simple to perform and possible on almost all devices but manual extraction is slow, easy to miss certain areas (such as deleted items) and not at all forensically sound. Using a device makes changes to the data and therefore can’t be trusted as evidence. Manual extraction is only suitable in situations where integrity of the data isn’t important or in a life-threatening situation when time is extremely limited.

The layer above manual extraction is labelled “logical”. The logical layer involves copying the logical files to another location. Logical extraction is quick to perform and still doesn’t require a high level of technical expertise. The method is repeatable however still can’t be considered forensically sound as changes may be made to the data on the device during the copying process (Westman, 2009, p.7). Logical extraction is the most common method for extracting information from an iPhone as there is an abundance of tools that can do it (Hoog, 2009).

The next three layers are all physical extraction methods. Physical extraction is more technically involved but provides more forensically sound results. The first physical layer is labelled “hex dump”. Hex dumping involves uploading a modified bootloader to the device and having the device boot off the new bootloader. The bootloader can create an environment suitable for a forensic extraction. The environment can be used to access disks in read-only mode and therefore a forensically sound bit-by-bit copy of the data can be made that includes areas a logical copy would miss, such as deleted data. Hex dumping a mobile device can be considered similar to booting a computer off a boot CD and acquiring an image of the hard disk while the computer is running. Brothers (2009, p.8) state hex dumping is the fastest growing segment in the cellphone forensic tool marketplace. Unfortunately despite the huge advantages of hex dumping most implementations are complex and require a high level of technical expertise. Hex dumping for data extraction came out of the hacker community (Brothers, 2009, p.8).

The next layer up from Hex Dump is also a physical extraction method. The physical method is labelled “chip-off” and involves physically removing the flash chip so the chip can be read (Figure 2.3). The chip-off method is potentially dangerous as it involves de-soldering internal hardware components that could be permanently damaged and destroy any evidence. The chip-off method is forensically sound and is the most likely approach to retrieve all the data on the device. The chip-off method is where we will be in three years (Brothers, 2009, p.9).

The final extraction method “micro read” requires the most technical expertise to perform and is also forensically sound and will work on almost all chips, including damaged chips. The micro read method involves using an electron microscope to view the state of the memory on the device. Due to the high cost involved with the microscopic reading method its best suited to high value devices or damaged chips.

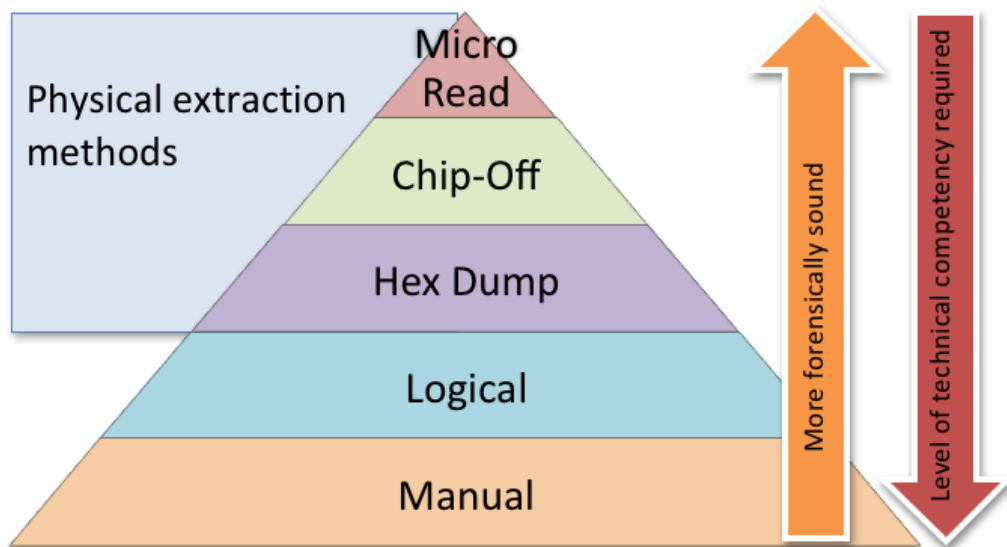


Figure 2.3: Tool Analysis Pyramid – Adopted from Brothers, (2009, p3)

2.4.2 Data Extraction from an iPhone

Hogg & Gaffaney (2009) discovered that as of June 2009 the tools available to forensic professionals for extraction, analysis and reporting of evidence on an iPhone are limited. Hogg & Gaffaney (2009) performed testing on an older iPhone 3G running firmware version 2.2. Potentially tools work better with the new iPhone 3GS running the latest firmware. Hogg & Gaffaney (2009, p.4) outline the areas they evaluated with the tools. Six different tools were evaluated: WOLF by Sixth Legion, UFED by Cellbrite, Device Seizure by Paraben, MacLockPick by SubRosaSoft, MDBackupExtract by BlackBag Tech and the physical bit-by-bit image procedure developed by Jonathan Zdziarski. The results from this evaluation show that tools that appear to support the iPhone are still limited and generally only support a logical extraction of data. Some tools support more features if the iPhone being examined is already jailbroken. The only exception to exclusively providing a logical extraction is the physical bit-by-bit procedure developed by Jonathan Zdziarski that uses a hex dump method to collect a physical image of the iPhone disk.

Device	Generation	Disk Size	Flash NAND
iPhone	1 st Gen	4GB	Samsung K9HBG08U1M
iPhone 3G	2 nd Gen	8GB	Samsung K9MCGD8U5M
iPhone 3GS	3 rd Gen	16GB	Toshiba TH58NVG6D1DTG82
		32GB	Toshiba TH58NVG7D2ELA89
			n/a
iPod Touch	1 st Gen	8GB	2x Toshiba TH58NVG5D4CTG20
	2 nd Gen	8GB	Micron MLC chip 29F64G08TAA
		16GB	n/a
	3 rd Gen	32GB	2x Samsung K9HDG08U5M-LCB0
iPad	1 st Gen	16GB	2x Samsung K9LCG08U1M-LCB0
		32GB	n/a
		64GB	n/a
iPad 3G	1 st Gen	16GB	n/a
		32GB	n/a
		64GB	n/a

Table 2.4: Flash Memory Used in Apple Devices (iFixit, 2010)

2.4.3 Testing and Validation

Ayers, et al (2007, p.8-15) performed an evaluation of common forensic toolkits for the extraction of data from mobile devices. “Forensic software tools acquire data from a device in one of two ways: physical acquisition or logical acquisition” (Ayers, et al.,2007, p.11). Ayers, et al (2007) further state that tools not designed for forensic purposes are questionable because they must be thoroughly evaluated before use and can potentially overwrite, append to, or cause information loss. Ayers et al (2007, p.16) follow a simple methodology for testing to gauge the capability of forensic tools (Figure 2.4). The process would start by first applying a scenario then the contents of the phone and SIM would be acquired using the tool being evaluated. The result would be examined to determine whether evidence could be recovered as expected.

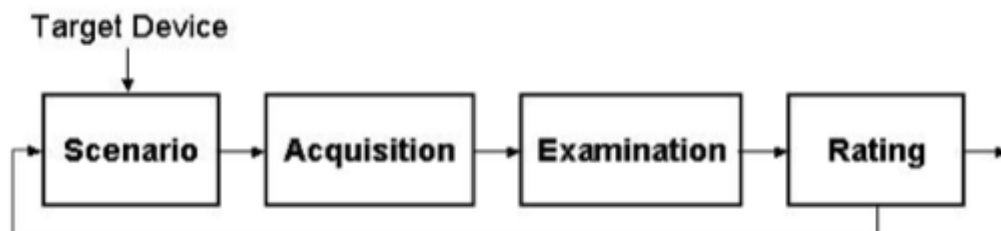


Figure 2.4: Tool Assessment (Ayers, et al, 2007, p.16)

Hoog & Gaffaney, (2009, p.1-100) evaluate software tools used to examine the iPhone. Hoog & Gaffaney, (2009) provide detail on the evaluation process and ranks each tool based on set criteria. The extraction method that scored the highest was the “Zidariski Technique”. It’s interesting that Hoog & Gaffaney, (2009) came to the conclusion that a proof of concept technique is more effective than any of the pre-packaged commercial extraction tools evaluated.

2.5 MAC OS X FORENSICS

One aspect of digital forensics that is closely linked to the iPhone is Mac OS X forensics. The iPhone runs a modified version of Mac OS X and as such means there are a number of similarities between the two operating systems. One of the major similarities is the file system. Both Mac OS X and the iPhone OS use variants of the HFS (Hierarchical File System) file system. The iPhone uses HFS/X (fifth generation HFS) file system format (Hogg & Gaffaney, 2009, p.69) and Mac OS X uses HFS+. Performing a forensics analysis on a HFS+ formatted hard disk is not new. Burghardt & Feldman (2008, p.76-82) go into detail on the HFS+ file system. A topic that relates closely to the iPhone is the discussion of recovering deleted items from a HFS+ formatted disk. Burghardt & Feldman (2008, p.76) states “Applications for recovering deleted files on Mac OS HFS and HFS+ file systems historically have had limited success compared to recovery tools on other common file systems”. Burghardt & Feldman (2008) then continue to state that forensic examination of the HFS+ file system is still an immature field and results can be sporadic. The limited recovery is an unfortunate fact and will no doubt impact the success of recovering deleted items from an iPhone disk image. It does appear the field is improving capability with the latest tools, such as AccessData FTK (Forensic Tool Kit) 3 that offers improved Mac OS X support.

2.5.1 iPhone Operating System

The iPhone OS and Mac OS X share a common heritage. Many of the underlying technologies are the same. However, the iPhone OS was designed to meet the needs of a mobile environment (Apple, 2009). The iPhone has hardware components that are used for interactivity with the device, such as a multi-touch display and

accelerometer. Apple has updated the Xcode tools suite to support development of software for the iPhone with the iPhone SDK (Software Development Kit). Xcode allows developers to run their application in an iPhone simulator or transfer their application to an iPhone for testing. As illustrated in Table 2.1 the iPhone firmware has seen multiple revisions. With each revision to the firmware the SDK is updated to allow developers to update their applications to support the changes in the new firmware.

Multiple service layers make up the iPhone OS (Figure 2.5). The first two service layers are labelled by Apple as “Core OS” and “Core Services”. Core OS and Core Services layers contain fundamental interfaces for iPhone OS including accessing files, low-level data types and networking sockets (Apple, 2009). The upper layers offer more advanced technologies. The service layer labelled “Media” contains support for graphic and audio features, such as OpenGL ES, Quartz and Core Audio. The highest service layer contains all the services that provide the user with interaction with the operating system. The highest service layer is labelled “Cocoa Touch” by Apple and is an iPhone implementation of “Cocoa” services used in Mac OS X. Cocoa Touch adds support for mobile device specific features, such as multi-touch.

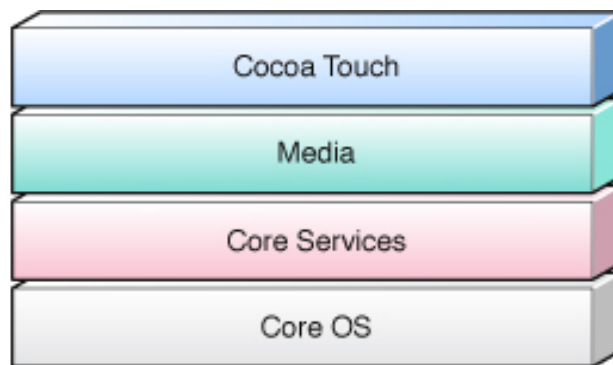


Figure 2.5: iPhone OS Technology Layers (Apple, 2009, p.2)

2.6 SUMMARY OF PROBLEM AREAS

The iPhone has been on the market since mid-2007. The iPhone has gone through four hardware revisions. Unfortunately previous studies have shown the tools that claim to support extraction of data off an iPhone are still limited in capability. Section 2.4.1 discusses the five methods of extraction outlined by Brothers (2009). Most extraction tools that advertise iPhone support can only perform extraction at the logical level. Logical extraction is a common method of extraction because providing a logical copy is easy to implement but means the digital evidence is not complete and accuracy can't be confirmed. For forensic professionals understanding exactly how the tools they use work is an essential part of the job. Testing and validating extraction tools helps identify how tools extract data. Tools should be tested with test data to ensure the result is as expected and any abnormalities must be investigated. Pre-packaged commercially available forensic tools don't always provide the best result. Other methods of extraction should be tested and compared to pre-packaged software so the best option is selected. An example of a method that is known to be effective but isn't a pre-packaged tool is the hex dump method developed by Jonathon Zdziarski.

Software tools are often limited to a logical copy because that's all that can be copied without physical access to the flash chip. With access to the Flash NAND, an EEPROM (Electrically Erasable Programmable Read-Only Memory) reader could be used to dump the entire contents off the chip in a forensically robust manner for analysis. Although the chip-off procedure is a risky procedure, it may be the only option if a forensic examiner is presented with a device that is already damaged but the Flash NAND is still intact.

Apple has designed the software on the iPhone to strip the user and software developers of a lot of access. The limitations imposed by Apple make it difficult for developers of forensic tools to obtain a physical copy of the iPhone. Commercially available forensic tools do what iTunes can do and create a backup of the logical files on the iPhone. Hacker communities have found ways to penetrate these limitations and bypass the safeguards. The iPhone comes with multiple networking pathways, including WiFi, Bluetooth and cellular connectivity. All the networking technologies

pose a risk for forensic professionals because as long as the iPhone is able to communicate through these pathways the data on the iPhone could potentially be tampered with remotely. The risk of tampering is high because of the remote wipe feature implemented by Apple. As well as mitigating the risk of tampering, an examiner needs to be able to continue with the investigation if the remote wipe feature has been activated prior to acquisition of the iPhone.

2.7 CONCLUSION

The Literature review chapter has defined mobile devices and discussed how the Apple iPhone fits into the smartphone category of modern portable devices. Performing a forensic examination of a mobile device has some similarities and differences to a modern personal computer. Such differences can make accessing the storage components difficult as well as maintaining the integrity of the information extracted.

The Literature that defines the iPhone has been reviewed to create an understanding of what the device can do and therefore what can be expected from an evidential perspective. Apple continues to upgrade the hardware used in the iPhone as well as the software that runs on the device. The continued upgrade of the iPhone hardware and software means extraction tools must stay up-to-date. The three major environments that the iPhone works at are discussed, including the physical hardware components, information systems and end user environment.

The current market for extraction tools is constantly changing. The less technical expertise required by the examiner to perform a particular extraction method, the less forensically sound an approach is. Research around extraction tools for the iPhone was reviewed and it was found that most tools only allow extraction at a logical level and are unable to perform a physical extraction. The final section discussed Mac OS X forensics and outlined some of the similarities between Mac OS X and the iPhone OS. The similarities between the operating systems help professionals understand the iPhone platform and the current capability for data extraction and analysis. Many tools for Mac OS X could be adopted to support the iPhone.

Chapter Three

METHODOLOGY

3.0 INTRODUCTION

Chapter two has reviewed literature relevant to iPhone extraction tool capability. The literature has highlighted areas of iPhone data extraction that will be looked at as part of the field work. Previous research has helped identify what approaches worked well in similar research topics. Selecting the most suitable methodology for this research will help ensure research goals are met and the most value comes out of this research. The methodology is an integral component in defining how research will be conducted, how the results will be delivered and discussed. Chapter three takes the information collected from chapter two to build a robust methodology for this research that will ensure optimal results.

A review of published methodologies used in similar studies (Section 3.1) a descriptive methodology. The review is conducted to answer the research question (Section 3.2.3). Heusser (2005, p.1) asks “Does the model describe how things are generally done around here (descriptive model), or does it tell the staff exactly how to do the work, every time (prescriptive model)?”. Heusser (2005, p.1) is discussing the descriptive methodology in the context of a work environment (or use system) and how the comparison relates to research. A characteristic of a descriptive methodology is that every aspect of the research is defined and explained. A descriptive approach will help ensure the research is easy to follow and provides the most valuable impact. In comparison an analytical approach would be more complex and results would require additional explanation.

In section 3.1, five similar studies are reviewed that relate to the extraction of data from an iPhone. Analysis of similar studies assists in deriving best practices for research. The research methodologies reviewed in section 3.1 helps identify research processes that work effectively and can be adopted as part of the research methodology. Section 3.2.3 discusses the derived research question and sub-questions

for the research (with reference to Section 2.6). The scope of this research is to evaluate the capability of extraction tools for obtaining data stored on an iPhone. However, as part of the research the capability of the iPhone must first be evaluated so as to provide a comparison. In section 3.2.5 the research model is discussed and broken down into four phases: test iPhone capability, evaluate tools, compare tools and provide recommendations for forensic professionals. In section 3.3 the data requirements for the four research phases is discussed. Data will be collected in the form of: expert feedback from industry experts, a catalog of iPhone information systems, an extraction log of extracted files and hash values, journal of evaluation process and performance data that includes scenarios to test extraction tool capability.

3.1 REVIEW OF SIMILAR STUDIES

In section 3.1 five similar studies are reviewed. The studies were selected because they come from reputable sources and follow robust methodology. The results of the studies identify potential areas where additional research could be performed. Each study relates to extraction of data from an iPhone. The studies selected are not specific to the iPhone but mobile devices and Apple technologies. The studies were selected because the research covers topics related to data extraction and mobile devices. Section 3.1.1 looks at research by Burghardt & Feldman (2008) on improving the recovery of files stored on a HFS+ (Hierarchical File Structure) formatted disk. An improved algorithm for data recovery is tested. Section 3.1.2 discusses research by Me & Rossi (2008) into an alternative methodology for data extraction from a mobile device by storing the acquired data on removable storage. Section 3.1.3 investigates the United States legal system and the importance of robust evidence regarding mobile device examination. Section 3.1.4 discusses data extraction from Flash memory; independent of the file system. Different methods are tested and the feasibility discussed. Lastly, section 3.1.5 looks at descriptive research by Punja and Mislán (2008) that covers the forensic extraction and analysis of mobile devices.

3.1.1 Using the HFS+ Journal for Deleted File Recovery

Burghardt & Feldman (2008, p.76-82) discuss the recovery of deleted files from a HFS+ formatted hard disk. The article is scientifically technical but the goal is clear, to improve the chance of data recovery. Burghardt & Feldman (2008, p.76) state the data recovery field requires more accurate file recovery tools. The need for improved tools has been identified by a survey performed in 2005 (Burghardt & Feldman, 2008, p.76). The value of the article comes from the new technique developed for file recovery that addresses some of the limitations introduced by other techniques. Improved file recovery algorithms help increase the chances of file recovery from an iPhone. However, there are still limitations with this approach.

Section 2 of the article “Methodology” explains how the research methodology was implemented and how each phase of the research was conducted. The methodology is split into four phases (Sections 2.1 – 2.4). The first phase “Accessing the Catalog File” is a prerequisite to implementing the approach. Initialisation tasks are performed on the disk. The next section phase “Employing the HFS+ Journal for File Recovery” involves implementing the algorithm for file recovery. The algorithm works by following a six-step procedure. The third phase “Determining Recovery Potential” involves classifying recovery potential by looking at the status of the allocation bits in the Volume Bitmap file corresponding to each deleted file (Burghardt & Feldman, 2008, p.3). The possible classifications of recovery potential are: good, partial and poor. The classification defines the process required for file recovery and the potential for complete recovery. The final phase “Additional Reliability Criteria” involves performing additional analysis to enhance the accuracy of the technique.

Burghardt & Feldman (2008, p.82) found the improved algorithm was able to recover a substantial amount of data from a HFS+ formatted disk and are confident the algorithm yields a more accurate and complete result than other techniques. The technique is defined as a “viable method” and Burghardt & Feldman (2008, p.82) state they’re able to successfully recover files even if blocks are separated into multiple fragments. However, some limitations are discussed with the procedure. Such limitations include: a lack of a timestamp on deleted files, the full path can’t be

retrieved, recovery can't be guaranteed and testing indicates that the timeframe a file can't be recovered is variable. The variable recovery window means a forensic professional cannot predict where a file is recoverable until attempted.

Burghardt & Feldman (2008, p.76) have identified an area that they believe current procedure is lacking and they have designed an alternative that has been tested and results provided. The research links closely to data extraction. Similarly to recovering deleted files from the HFS+ file system, extraction tools follow methodologies that are currently limited. Further research can help identify and test different methods for feasibility so tools can adopt the best methodologies. The article is also relevant to the iPhone because the iPhone runs a generation of the HFS file system and therefore the improved file recovery algorithm could be adopted to improve recovery of deleted files from an iPhone.

3.1.2 Internal Forensic Acquisition for Mobile Equipment

The article by Me & Rossi (2008, p.2) proposes an "alternative methodology". The methodology involves the use of removable storage to store a forensically robust physical copy of a mobile phone running Symbian OS. There are established methods for extracting the data from a SIM card or removable storage media but extraction can be difficult from internal Flash memory. The method works by performing an acquisition using a software tool developed by Me & Rossi (2008, p.2). The software tool uses built-in API (Application Programming Interface) calls to copy extracted data from the mobile phone while in read-only mode. The software tool performs three tasks in order to complete the copy process in a forensically robust manner. The first task is to perform the extraction. The second task is to log everything that occurs during the extraction process and the last task is to calculate the hash values of all the files copied using the MD5 (Message Digest) scheme.

The procedure of data extraction can be broken down into several steps that (Me & Rossi, 2008, p.3) describe as an iterative approach (Figure 3.1). Me & Rossi (2008, p.3) found the alternative methodology was more successful than other methods that are limited to a logical copy of the data. However, an issue with the methodology is that the software tool has been developed for Symbian OS and would need to be rewritten for different versions of Symbian OS and different mobile

operating systems. Me & Rossi (2008, p.3) also had issues accessing some files due to the system's security features, such as the SMS (Short Message Service) database. Testing shows further development is required for the proposed methodology to work on devices running different operating systems, such as the iPhone OS or Android.

The methodology described in the article is relevant because the article shows researchers are looking for alternative methods to acquire data from internal Flash memory and also expand the amount of data copied to a physical copy. The proposed methodology is a possible solution that mitigates the issue of the internal Flash memory not being easily physically removable. The methodology is a viable approach in terms of being able to return a device back as the method causes no physical damage. Unfortunately for the iPhone the proposed methodology is not suitable. Even if similar software was designed for the iPhone OS the iPhone does not come with a separate slot for removable media so there would be no destination media for the tool to copy the extracted data to. However, despite the lack of a removable media, the methodology is still relevant as the method could be adopted so that a supported storage medium is used as the destination, instead of removable media.

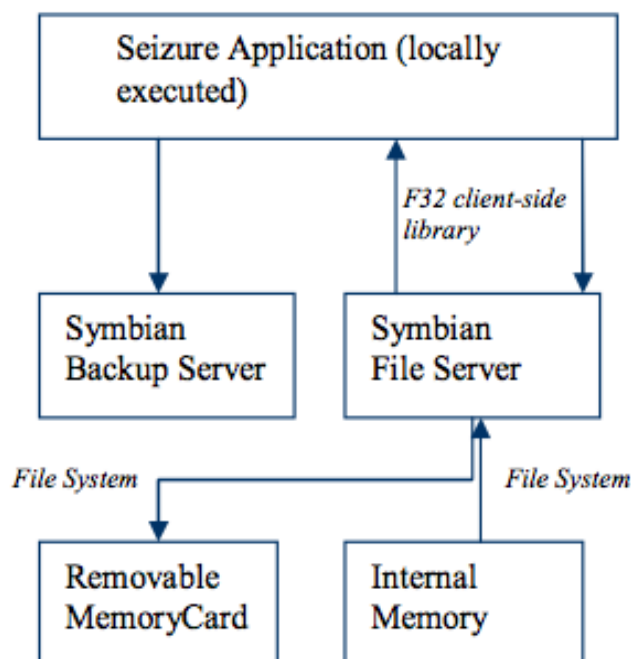


Figure 3.1: The Proposed Architecture (Me & Rossi, 2008, p.2)

3.1.3 Prevalence, Use, and Evidentiary Issues of Digital Evidence of Cellular Telephone Consumer and Small-Scale Digital Devices

The article is a study of how important mobile phones are in criminal cases and what type of criminal cases mobile phones are common in. Losavio, et al (2006, p.291) defines the importance by performing a survey of 55 law enforcement officers and then based observations off the results of the survey. In the survey the law enforcement officers were asked about mobile phone involvement in cases they have been involved with.

Losavio, et al (2006, p.5) follows a simple approach to research phases. The first phase was the survey given to law enforcement officers. Losavio et al (2006, p.292-294) then allocated the results of the survey and plotted the responses on bar graphs. The final phase involved providing recommendations for the United States legal system to ensure the robustness of mobile phone evidence. The recommendations are put into context in the case of *Gariner versus United States* where laws were required to change as a result of the outcome of the case. The case highlighted the issue with lay analysis and expert analysis. Lay analysis is analysis performed by an average user with no specialist knowledge whereas expert analysis is performed by someone with expert knowledge and is preferable as the evidence analysed by an expert is more likely to be accurate, complete and follow tested procedure. However, Losavio, et al (2006, p.2) do mention that the survey results identify that law enforcement officers find access to an examiner with expert knowledge in a timely manner difficult.

The research found that although lay analysis is still important and will continue to be used in court, expert analysis is important due to the complexity of mobile devices. A forensic professional with specialist knowledge in the subject matter should be used to ensure sound evidence.

As mentioned in the article, digital forensics is a specialist field that falls outside the abilities of a normal computer user. Understanding how mobile devices are used in criminal cases helps assist forensic professionals in devising robust procedures around data extraction. A limitation of the article is that Losavio et al (2006, p.291-296) focus only on the legal system in the United States. There is the

potential that the situation of mobile phone use in criminal cases is different in New Zealand and other countries.

3.1.4 Forensic Data Recovery from Flash Memory

Breeuwsma, et al (2007, p.3) discusses methods for recovering data from flash memory for forensic purposes. Breeuwsma, et al (2007, p.4) considers an approach to file recovery at a low-level. Three low-level extraction methods for flash memory extraction are evaluated in the article. The extraction methods include the use of flasher tools, JTAG (Joint Test Action Group) and physical extraction. Breeuwsma, et al (2007, p.16) identify that all three methods provide a physical copy of the data on flash memory that includes deleted data. Methods for performing low-level analysis on unsupported file systems are discussed.

In section 3 of the article Breeuwsma, et al (2007, p.3) goes through the three methods evaluated in the research. The first method is the use of flasher tools. Different flasher tools are tested for completeness and appropriateness for forensic use. The second method evaluated is JTAGs. Two test modes are evaluated: extest and debug mode. The final method evaluated is physical extraction. The best way to physically remove the flash chip without damaging the chip is investigated.

With flasher tools there is no general method for extraction (Breeuwsma, et al (2007, p.4). Flasher tools can be used for forensic purposes but the reason flasher tools exist is for debugging and diagnostics. Some mobile phone models only allow a partial copy to be made using a flasher tool. A limitation of using a JTAG for forensic extraction is flash memory itself is not JTAG enabled but the processors that are attached to the flash memory often are. If the processors aren't JTAG enabled the JTAG method can't be used for data extraction.

The article discusses robust methods for Flash memory data recovery that extraction tools could adopt. The methods discussed in the paper expand extraction tool capability beyond logical extraction. Some of the methods are more feasible than others but improvements could enhance any of the methods. Although the article is technical the research followed a robust methodology in investigating different extraction methods. However, based on the details in the article identifying what devices the methods were tested on is difficult. Further research in testing the three

methods with a wide variety of mobile devices, including the iPhone, could help identify how viable the methods are for extraction.

3.1.5 Mobile Device Analysis

Punja & Mislán (2008, p.1) took a descriptive approach in the research. The article outlines fundamental concepts for a data forensic practitioner (Punja & Mislán, 2008, p.2). Common mobile technologies are evaluated and characteristics discussed. To provide a basis for the research Punja & Mislán (2008, p.1) defines what a “mobile device” is in terms of the article. A mobile device doesn’t include USB flash disks but cellphones, PDAs and smartphones. To put the research into context cellular networks are defined. A method of definition to provide context is used throughout the article.

Although the article follows a descriptive methodology the research methodology can be split into three phases: investigating what evidence can be extracted, where the evidence can be extracted from and how it should be analysed. Punja & Mislán (2008, p.3) investigate what evidence an examiner can expect from a mobile device. Potential digital evidence includes: audio files, calendar entries, call history, contacts, email, pictures and SMS. The research goes into detail on forensic procedures on a Blackberry and iPhone. Punja & Mislán (2008, p.11) discuss the iPhone and detail what evidence can specifically be extracted from the internal Flash memory. The potential evidence differs from the initial list of evidence provided in the article. The next phase involves evaluating where evidence can be extracted from, such locations include: internal Flash memory, removable storage media, SIM card and NSP (Network Service Provider). Each location of evidence is defined in the context of mobile devices and recommendations for extraction are provided. The final phase is an evaluation of analysis techniques. Toolkits have been tested for capability to perform forensic tasks on mobile devices and provide a set of recommendations for professionals wanting to perform a similar investigation.

Punja & Mislán (2008, p.3) have identified that recovery of deleted data is challenging and is dependent on several aspects an analysis tool uses, including: file system, vendor installed files, configuration and technical skill of the examiner. From the evaluation of analysis tools Punja & Mislán (2008, p.11) find that there is no one

tool that can analyse all mobile devices and that there is a lack of tools that support a physical copy of the data. However, toolkits are in development that will perform a physical copy and thus provide the ability to recover deleted data.

The value in the article is in the descriptive methodology. The article relates to iPhone forensics and the recommendations help form a basis for correctly evaluating an extraction tool. In the research it is identified common areas evidence can be found on a mobile device and specifically where to look for evidence on an iPhone. Punja & Mislán (2008, p.11) state that current tools are limited in capability.

3.2 RESEARCH DESIGN

The research design will define the approach that has been selected for this research. Literature has been reviewed and the methodologies investigated. The strengths and weaknesses of the methodologies used by other researchers have been investigated. To ensure the best possible value in this research a methodology that will effectively help in answering the research question and sub-questions has been selected. A descriptive methodology will ensure findings can best benefit forensic professionals in understanding the capability of the tools they're using and possible areas further development could occur.

Five similar studies were reviewed in section 3.1 to establish how published researchers investigate similar topics. The studies share many similarities with the research. The published methodologies reviewed will derive the approach that will be used in the research. Following the review of similar studies is a report of the problem areas discussed in section 2.6. Software restrictions implemented by Apple are an issue for both data extraction and obtaining all the information required to perform a thorough comparison of extraction tools. Procedures will need to be followed in order to mitigate any roadblocks caused by software restrictions. Any additional procedures will need to be well documented. Accuracy of forensic tools is an issue. However, if proper research procedure is followed any tool reports an inaccurate result should be identified. Sections 3.2.1 and 3.2.2 derive the research question in section 3.2.3. The research question is derived from reviewed literature and encapsulates the entire research. Along with the research question several

hypotheses are identified in section 3.2.4. The hypotheses identified in section 3.2.4 are testable assertions that will be tested as part of the research. The final section, section 3.2.5, breaks the research down into four phases: Phase 1: Test iPhone Capability, Phase 2: Evaluate Extraction Tools, Phase 3: Compare Extraction Tools and Phase 4: Recommendations.

3.2.1 Review of Similar Studies

Five similar studies were reviewed in section 3.2. Each study focused on extracting digital evidence. Me & Rossi (2008), Losavio, et al (2006), Breeuwsma, et al (2007) and Punja & Mislán (2008) focused their research on mobile devices whereas the research performed by Burghardt & Feldman (2008) is not specific to mobile devices but could be adopted for the iPhone. Data recovery is part of research performed by Burghardt & Feldman (2008), Me & Rossi (2008), Losavio, et al (2006) and Punja & Mislán (2008). The difficulty with physically removing the internal Flash memory means that extraction of data is limited to a logical copy. A physical copy contains a more complete extraction.

Recovery of deleted data is a common aspect to data extraction. Burghardt & Feldman (2008) performed research into an alternative algorithm to improve the recovery of deleted data. Me & Rossi (2008) looked at three low-level file recovery mechanisms: flasher tools, JTAG and physical extraction. The feasibility of the mechanisms being used on an iPhone is unknown. Burghardt & Feldman (2008) tested a recovery algorithm for the HFS+ file system format. Results show the algorithm improves data recovery on the HFS+ file system but there are still associated limitations. The algorithm adopted for the HFS+ file system could be used to improve the chances of data recovery on an iPhone formatted with the HFS/X file system. Losavio, et al (2006) mention that better tools are still required to improve data recovery accuracy.

Losavio, et al (2006) investigated the use of mobile phones in criminal cases in the United States. The data collection method used by Losavio, et al (2006) was a survey of 55 law enforcement officers. Losavio, et al (2006) identified an issue with lay analysis versus expert analysis in the United States legal system. Analysis of a mobile phone is considered to require an expert to examine. Burghardt & Feldman

(2008), Me & Rossi (2008), Breeuwsma, et al (2007) and Punja & Mislan (2008) performed an analysis of extraction tools. Burghardt & Feldman (2008) and Me & Rossi (2008) tested a software tool developed as part of their research. Breeuwsma, et al (2007) not only tested forensic tools but non-forensic tools to be used for forensic purposes. However, Breeuwsma, et al (2007) found that often non-forensic tools can't be validated as the tools haven't had the same level of scrutiny put in place to ensure accuracy of result. The software tools are tested for feasibility of performing the expected tasks, whether the task is data extraction or data recovery.

A common finding by Me & Rossi (2008), Breeuwsma, et al (2007) and Punja & Mislan (2008) is that the physical removal of a storage chip makes it easier for a forensic examiner to perform a full acquisition. A SIM card is a removable component used in many mobile phones. Me & Rossi (2008) identify that there are many forensic tools that can perform an effective acquisition of a SIM card. However, forensic tools are unable to take a full physical copy of the mobile device's internal Flash memory using a simpler method. Me & Rossi (2008) identifies that logging extracted files and performing a hash analysis of the extracted files can improve the accuracy of testing forensic tools.

3.2.2 Review of Problem Areas

In section 2.6 the issue with continued upgrades to both the hardware used in the iPhone and software firmware are discussed. In the three years the iPhone has been available there have been three major upgrades and more minor upgrades. Each upgrade requires forensic tools be updated to adopt the changes. The developers of forensic tools advertise support for the iPhone. Tool developers often aren't clear what level of data a forensic tool can extract from an iPhone. Tool features may claim that the forensic tool is able to extract common information, such as: contacts, SMS, call history and bookmarks. However, there is limited clarity whether the information is the logical files or a full physical copy including deleted information. Understanding capability of forensic tools is essential before a tool can be used for any real world extraction

Forensic tools must also be tested prior to use in a real case. As per normal forensic practice the result from the forensic tool must be complete, accurate and repeatable. The result of the extraction should always match regardless of how many times the process is performed. If the result does not match, the tool is not performing correctly and can't be validated. Identifying the trustworthiness of a forensic tool is part of evaluating capability. Capability not only includes identifying what data can be extracted but whether the extract is trustworthy based on extensive testing.

As discussed in section 3.2.1 the difficulty involved with physically removing the internal Flash memory makes it difficult for forensic professionals to create a full physical copy of the data. A problem identified in section 2.6 is that the iPhone is designed in such a way that under normal circumstances the iPhone isn't supposed to be opened and the internal components removed. Regardless of the difficulty with physically removing the internal components, physical removal of the internal Flash memory is a possible method of data extraction and should be evaluated and compared to alternative methods. Physical removal is a promising method of extraction as the method is similar to the traditional methods of data extraction from a hard disk. Understanding the feasibility of physical removal ensures the most common mobile device data extraction techniques are evaluated.

As discussed in section 2.6 Apple release the iPhone OS in a restricted state so only pre-approved applications are allowed to be installed. As discussed in section 2.2 the software restriction can be bypassed by jailbreaking the iPhone. However, jailbreaking makes changes to the data on the iPhone. Procedures that modify data are not ideal for forensic purposes. The software restrictions put in place by Apple make it difficult for forensic tools to load software onto the device that could grab a copy of the physical data. Understanding exactly what is changed during the jailbreaking process is useful when looking at methods that involve using the jailbreaking method. If jailbreaking can be confirmed to not modify any of the user data then jailbreaking may be a viable solution to bypass Apple's software restrictions.

3.2.3 The Research Question

Section 2.1 shows that the iPhone is a member of an emerging subcategory of mobile devices called smartphones. A smartphone holds potential evidence as discussed in section 2.1.1. A smartphone stores a combination of information found on a PDA as well as information found on a mobile phone. The information stored on an iPhone can be valuable in a forensic investigation so all the information should be extracted in a forensically robust manner. Extracting information from a mobile device has been described as not being a simple task and requires a high level of technical skill from the forensic examiner. Section 2.4 discusses that extraction tools can either be software or hardware based and often follow different methodologies to perform the extraction process. Extraction tools must be evaluated for accuracy and completeness of extraction. Evaluation and testing of the extraction tools provide an understanding of capability.

In section 2.4.1 the five methods of extraction (Brothers, 2009, p.3) are discussed. Methods of extraction vary from the less forensically robust approach of manual extraction to the more complex and most forensically robust approach of microscopic reading. Requirements can be used to benchmark a tools capability.

Section 2.2 defines the iPhone from the physical hardware to software and protocols. For an accurate evaluation to occur the information stored on an iPhone must first be identified so there is a baseline to evaluate extraction tools against. There is the potential for a tool to be limited if the tool is unable to extract all data. The research question for the research is: What is the capability of extraction tools for the extraction of information stored on an iPhone?

3.2.4 Hypotheses

Forensic tools that advertise support for extracting data from an iPhone do so at the logical level. The extraction obtained by forensic tools doesn't contain deleted data unless a full physical copy is obtained. The extracted data obtained by forensic tools is complete, accurate and the procedure required to obtain the result is repeatable. Improving forensic tools to being able to obtain a full physical copy would still provide a complete, accurate and repeatable result.

Jailbreaking is a procedure that opens access to the iPhone file system without modifying any of the user data stored on the iPhone. Forensic tools could utilise the jailbreaking method to obtain a forensically robust full physical copy of an iPhone.

3.2.5 Research Phases

The research consists of four phases (Figure 3.2). The first phase is to test the capability of the iPhone. Capability includes a detailed evaluation of what data is stored on the internal Flash memory and any other storage components. Understanding the capability of the iPhone is important to evaluating the potential opportunity for digital evidence. The hardware components that store data or could store data will be identified and a catalog of the information systems collated. The catalog will be used to test the capability of extraction tools.

Phase two (Figure 3.2) requires phase one to be complete. Phase two involves testing and evaluating of extraction tools that advertise support for the iPhone. To properly evaluate extraction tools an iPhone will be loaded with sample evidence that will mirror a real world case as closely as possible as well as providing a known baseline for analysis. Part of phase two will be to follow proper acquisition procedures to ensure the handling of the device doesn't impact the results of the evaluation. The sample evidence will be the same for each extraction tool and reloaded prior to evaluating the next extraction tool. Each extraction tool will be evaluated against the iPhone capability identified in phase one and the known data on the device.

Phase three (Figure 3.2) involves a comparison of the extraction tools evaluated in phase two. The comparison will be based off weighted requirements from common scenarios identified by expert opinion. Each tool will be compared against each other in terms of feasibility to extract data from an iPhone in a particular scenario. The goal of the comparison is to assist forensic professionals choose which tool meets the most requirements in each scenario. The comparison will also help identify which extraction tool is the most versatile overall.

Phase four (Figure 3.2) of the research is a set of recommendations for both forensic professionals of iPhones as well as developers of forensic tools. The recommendations for forensic professionals will include best practices for extracting

data from and iPhone and recommendations for ensuring the data extracted is accurate and suitable for the particular scenario. The recommendations for developers of forensic tools will be based off the results of the evaluation and comparison.

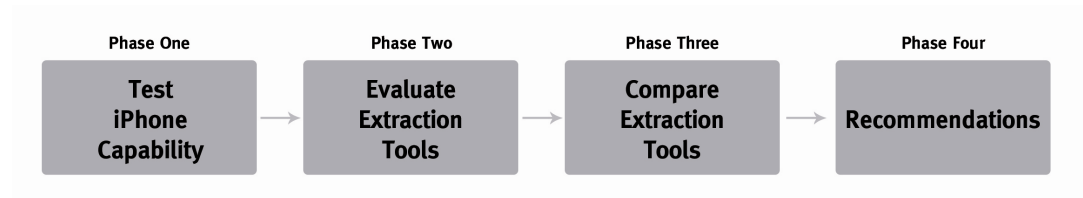


Figure 3.2: Research Phases

3.2.6 Data Map

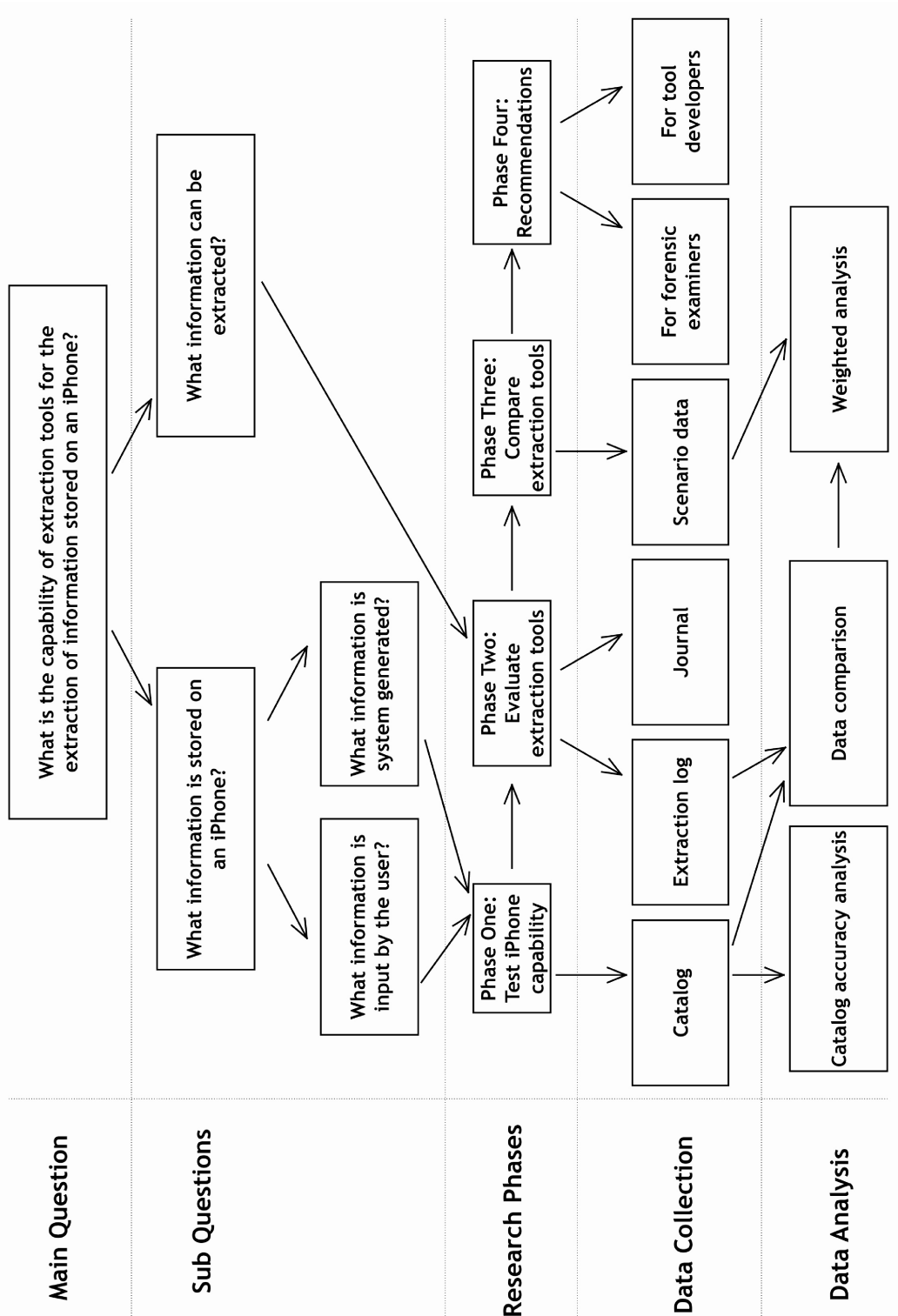


Figure 3.3: Data Map

3.3 DATA REQUIREMENTS

There are four sources of data for the research. Firstly, the catalog is a list of all the data sources on the iPhone. The catalog provides a baseline for comparison. Secondly, the extraction log includes a list of files copied during extraction and a hash value of those files. Thirdly, the journal contains comprehensive documentation of every action during the evaluation. The journal ensures all processes are repeatable. The final source of data is scenario data. The scenarios have weighted requirements based on expert opinion. The comparative analysis of the scenario requirements against each tool will provide an understanding of capability in common scenarios.

The data must first be collected. The catalog will be collected using both a software restricted and jailbroken iPhone to obtain a complete list of data sources. The catalog is collected during phase one of the research. The extraction log and journal will be generated during phase two of the research and later used for analysis. Scenario data will be collected during phase three and will provide the basis for comparative analysis of extraction tools.

3.3.1 Data Collection

Data will be collected from four separate areas of the research and later processed into the correct format for data analysis. The first area data will be collected is in a catalog. The catalog will be collected in phase one (Figure 3.2) of the research. The catalog will store a complete list of all the known sources of data on an iPhone. The data sources that will be included in the catalog include: the SMS database, web-browsing history, contacts and call history. The property data of each data source will be included, such as: file location, hash value, file type, expected file size, firmware version and a typical usage description. Collecting data for the catalog is a complex task as there are many firmware versions that have been released by Apple since 2007. To simplify the collection of catalog data and to fit within budget constraints only firmware supported by the iPhone 3GS will be investigated. The software restrictions discussed in section 2.2 make it difficult to obtain all the information required for the catalog. For the purposes of completeness the catalog data will first

be collected on a non-jailbroken iPhone and then any missing data will be identified on a jailbroken device.

During phase two of the research an independent extraction log will be kept of the files copied during the extraction process as well as a MD5 hash value of the data will be calculated. The extraction log will be used to compare against the catalog in phase three to determine extraction tool capability against known data sources. Me & Rossi (2008, p.2) performed an extraction and analysis of a mobile phone using software developed as part of the research. Me & Rossi (2008, p.4) included a logging function in the software tool that logged all events that occurred during the extraction. An MD5 hash value of the data was also calculated to ensure data integrity as part of data collection. Logging will be implemented in such a way that each file that is copied from the iPhone will be recorded, along with any additional property data that can be obtained. Property data that will be recorded includes: file size, date created, date modified and file type. Hashing will be performed both on each individual files copied as well as a hash value of the collective data. Collected hash values will later be used as part of the data analysis. Many of the extraction tools support their own implementation of logging and hashing. However, there are no standards among the tools and no way to ensure the result is accurate. Keeping data collection independent of the tool will ensure the results of the evaluation are consistent among all tools. The results of the logging and hashing of tools that support logging and hashing will be recorded so as to provide a comparison with the independent result.

To ensure the research is repeatable like other forensic procedures, a journal of every action performed during evaluation will be kept. The journal will also contain system configuration information. The journal should provide a forensic examiner with enough system configuration and procedure information to perform the same process and get the same result. The information that will be included in the journal includes: system configuration, required prerequisites, installation procedure and extraction procedure. System configuration data will be recorded into the journal in the first instance. Any action performed as part of the evaluation will be logged for later data processing.

Scenario data will be used in phase three of the research. The scenario data will be used to determine extraction tool capability when used in common scenarios. Each scenario will have a set of weighted requirements based on expert opinion. Weighted scenario requirements will include: time constraints, need for the device to work after examination, technical ability and financial requirements.

3.3.2 Data Processing

The information in the catalog will need to be processed in such a way that it is used as a baseline to compare against the extraction log. As discussed in section 3.3.1 the catalog will store information about the data sources on the iPhone. As part of the processing of the catalog the file name, location and hash value will be extracted from the catalog. The process of extracting out the information relevant only to the extraction log will be performed for each firmware version. The catalog and extraction log need to be in a similar format so an effective one-to-one analysis can be performed.

The extraction log will contain raw data log and hash data from the evaluation. The raw data will be imported into a CSV (Comma Separated Values) format that can be imported into a database for analysis.

The journal is a standalone set of data that won't be used in analysis but to validate procedure. The journal will be reformatted into an easy to follow document, similar to a software manual. The goal is that a forensic examiner could obtain a valid extraction by using the same procedure used in evaluation.

Scenario data will be prioritised and a sample of the most common scenario requirements will be selected based on expert opinion. The selected requirements will be used to identify extraction tool capability during the data analysis.

3.3.3 Data Analysis

The first level of data analysis will be an examination of the accuracy of the catalog data. The catalog data must be as accurate as possible in order for an accurate analysis of extraction tool capability. The catalog data will differ based on iPhone firmware version. The first stage of catalog analysis will be to compare the different firmware versions and confirm that the changes in the catalog match the expected

changes. The differences in the catalog data will be compared against the known changes released by Apple to ensure the two sources match. An analysis of firmware versions will provide confirmation that the catalog data collection was performed accurately and can therefore be used in further analysis.

The second level of analysis will be a comparison between the catalog and extraction log data. The catalog data contains file details and hash values for all data sources on the iPhone. If the extraction tool is able to extract a complete and accurate set of data then the catalog should exactly match the extraction log. A hash analysis will be performed with each hash value collected in the extraction log checked against a known set of hash values. The hash analysis will be used to identify files that have been modified from the original data uploaded to the iPhone. As well as checking hash values the files logged in the extraction log will be compared against a known list of files. A comparison of the logged files will identify any files missing from the extraction or any additional files copied as part of the evaluation process. The catalog data and extraction log will be independently compared against the log and hash information generated by the extraction tool. The additional analysis will identify any differences between the extraction log and information generated by the extraction tools.

The third level of data analysis is a weighted analysis of scenario data requirements. As discussed in section 3.3.1 the scenario data contains a list of requirements. As part of the data analysis the scenario requirements will be weighted based on expert opinion. Each scenario will consist of the same 20 weighted requirements so the results are as consistent as possible across all scenarios. The variance in each scenario will be in the weighting. The weighting will be numbered from one to five, one being not an important requirement and five being an essential requirement. An example of how the weighting system will work could be in the scenario of a kidnapping. One of the selected 20 requirements may be that the extraction tool can perform the extraction in a timely manner. In the scenario of a kidnapping the requirement may be weighted highly (towards a five weighting) but if the scenario was file recovery of stolen property, time may not be as important (under a three weighting) compared with being able to recover all files (towards a five

weighting). The expectation is that a weighted analysis will provide a comparative analysis of the extraction tools. Extraction tool capability will be derived from the results of the weighted scenario comparative analysis.

3.3.4 Data Presentation

The data analysis will provide the most value if the results are presented in an appropriate and effective manner. The results of the catalog accuracy examination will be presented in the simple table containing: “data source”, “catalog data” and “Apple data”. Any rows that don’t match will be highlighted as mismatched so there is a reference if there are unexpected results in later analysis.

Results of the comparative analysis of the catalog data and extraction log will be presented in a similar way to the catalog accuracy examination. The results will be presented in two separate tables, one for log data and another for hash value data. The log data table will contain the columns: “catalog file data”, “extraction log file data”, “exists” and “mismatch”. The hash table will contain the columns: “catalog hash value”, “extraction log hash value”, “exists” and “mismatch”. The files that either don’t exist or mismatch will be highlighted and for each instance a description of why there are inaccuracies will be attached if possible.

The results of the weighted data analysis will require more complex data presentation. The results will be graphed in two ways: according to the 20 requirements and by scenario. The first graph will be a bar graph that includes each requirement (1 to 20) on the x-axis and total weighting versus the obtained result on the y-axis. The second graph will display the same information but with averages instead of totals. The first two graphs will visualise the difference between expected result and actual result for the 20 requirements. The second group of graphs will include two more bar graphs with the scenarios on the x-axis. The first graph will include the total weighting on the y-axis and second graph will include the average over all extraction tools.

The final data that will be presented is the recommendations. The recommendations will be split into “recommendations for forensic professionals” and “recommendations for developers of forensic tools”. “Recommendations for forensic professionals” will be split by scenario. Based on the results of each scenario a set of

recommendations will be developed. “Recommendations for developers” will be split by extraction tool.

3.4 LIMITATIONS

There are countless tools adding support for data extraction from an iPhone. As part of the research eight extraction tools (five Mac based and three Windows based) have been selected for evaluation. The eight tools have been selected based on two criteria: the estimated popularity in the digital forensics field and the method of extraction implemented by the tool. A limited selection of extraction tools should minimise the amount of time required to perform an evaluation with a wide spread of extraction methods and still provide valuable results.

The extraction tools selected don't require additional hardware to perform the extraction operation. Tools that require additional hardware are often highly expensive and more specialised than software based options. Software based extraction tools cover a wide range of extraction methods. An example of a specialised extraction method that requires additional hardware and expert knowledge is physical extraction (chip-off). Physical extraction is able to bypass some of the software restrictions that limit software based tools but the equipment is costly.

Scenarios will be selected based on expert opinion and will be a sample of the most common scenarios an iPhone could be a valuable piece of evidence. Sample scenarios will be used as a guide for comparison.

3.5 EXPECTED OUTCOMES

As discovered from literature, the current state of capability of extraction tools for the extraction of data from an iPhone is limited. The first expected outcome is that based on the results of the evaluation the findings of previous researchers will be correct in saying tools are limited. A limitation discussed in literature is the lack of being able to obtain a full physical copy. An expected outcome is that commercial tools evaluated in the research will only extract a logical copy of the files but the Jonathan Zdziarski method will provide a full physical copy. However, the Jonathan Zdziarski method will be time consuming and difficult to implement, especially on the latest firmware version.

Obtaining the catalog data will be complex due to the software restrictions implemented by Apple in the software firmware. The restrictions will mean the iPhone will need to be jailbroken in order for the catalog data to be complete. However, a complete catalog should be able to be obtained and should match the Apple data. An expected outcome of the extraction tool evaluation is that no tool will match the catalog data exactly. There will be several factors that will influence the results, including the lack of a physical copy. Tools may be able to extract some of data. The Jonathan Zdziarski method should best match the catalog. The method that will be used to generate the catalog data and the Jonathan Zdziarski method share similarities. Both methods utilise jailbreaking to open access and SSH to remotely access the device.

An expected outcome of the weighted scenario analysis is that the results will be similar to the catalog analysis. An expectation is that the extraction tools that provide the most complete extraction will also be the most complex to set up and therefore the time required to perform the extraction will be greater. There is also the expectation that no one extraction tool will be suitable in every scenario. Some extraction tools will meet particular requirements but in doing so will lack in other areas. Understanding what scenarios an extraction tool works well in will assist forensic professionals in choosing the most suitable tool depending on their case.

3.6 CONCLUSION

Based on literature in similar research areas there has been a need identified for research into the capability of extraction tools for the iPhone. Results of similar studies show that there are complexities to performing extractions of mobile device data and even with a copy of the data there are still limitations to overcome. Digital forensics is a precise field where testing and validation is essential. The research will involve testing the capability of extraction tools against the known capability of the iPhone. Extraction tools will be evaluated following a research methodology and data will be collected, processed, analysed and finally presented to provide an affective result.

In section 3.1 five similar studies that relate to the extraction of data from an iPhone have been reviewed. The knowledge obtained from the review in section 3.1 includes tested methodology for performing research as well as improved process in related areas. Section 3.2.3 discussed the research question and defined the scope of the research. The research will look at the capability of research tools for the extraction of information stored on an iPhone. As part of the evaluation of capability the iPhone will be analysed to find what information is stored on the internal Flash memory. The analysis will provide a baseline to compare the results of the extraction provided by each tool against. In section 3.2.5 the four phases that make up the research are discussed. The four phases involves first evaluating iPhone capability and then extraction tool capability both against the iPhone capability as well as a common set of scenarios. In section 3.3 the data requirements are discussed: collection, processing, analysis and presentation. Data will be collected in a catalog, extraction log, journal and as scenario data for comparative analysis. There are limitations involved with this research. Section 3.5 discusses the limitations. There is a limitation with the access to tools as well the way Apple have deployed the software on the iPhone. The software is restrictive and an unauthorised procedure must be followed in order for full access to the file system to be granted.

Chapter four will report on the research findings from field work. The research findings will be reported based on the three research phases.

Chapter Four

RESEARCH FINDINGS

4.0 INTRODUCTION

The number of tools that advertise support for the iPhone and indeed many of the Apple mobile devices, including the iPod Touch and iPad is continuing to grow. Extraction tools are designed for forensic evidence extraction and also iPhone user's wanting access to the files stored on their device without the need to synchronise with iTunes. The requirements for extraction for a forensic examiner are often different to an iPhone end-user. A forensic examiner is interested in whether a tool will provide an accurate, complete extraction that maintains evidential value. An end-user on the other hand is more likely to just be interested in gaining access to their data. Tools used for forensic purposes continue to evolve and grow as the push from practitioners becomes stronger.

Research work has been completed in the field following the methodology outlined in Chapter 3. Data collection, data processing and data analysis has been performed and the results outlined in section 4.2. Chapter four will outline the raw findings from the field work following the descriptive methodology outlined in Chapter 3. The raw results from chapter four will provide the basis of discussion in Chapter 5. Findings in chapter four are designed to assist forensic professionals in understanding the strengths and weaknesses associated with using a certain extraction tool.

Chapter four is split into four major sections. In section 4.1 changes to the specified methodology outlined in Chapter 3 are discussed. Section 4.1 clarifies changes to the methodology that could potentially cause the collected data to be different. Section 4.2 is a complete report of the findings from the field work. Section 4.2 is split by the three phases identified in section 3.2.5, with the exception of phase four. Phase four has been removed and moved to Chapter 5, as outlined in section 4.1. Section 4.2 includes a summary of the field findings and reference to appendices

where larger data sets are kept. Findings are reported in a descriptive manner following the methodology outlined in section 3.2. The next section, section 4.3, is an analysis of the descriptive approach in section 4.2 and issues with the forensic procedure. The issues in section 4.3 are derived from the journal kept as part of phase two. The final section, section 4.4, is a summary and visual presentation of the raw findings outlined in section 4.2.

4.1 CHANGES TO SPECIFIED METHODOLOGY

Changes to specified methodology are changes made to the methodology described in section 3.3 that could cause different data than expected to be collected. Changes discussed in sections 4.1.1 to 4.1.3 aren't a complete change to the specified methodology, just minor changes that had to be made to continue progressing with data collection. The data went through three phases: data collection, data processing and data analysis. Unforeseen limitations meant several changes needed to be made to the data collection procedure. Catalog data could only be collected while the iPhone was in a jailbroken state. Due to firmware downgrade restrictions implemented by Apple only the latest firmware at time of the field work (3.1.3) could be used. Two common write-blocking methods were tested and neither can be utilised to ensure the computer couldn't write to the iPhone disk. Only hash values calculated by the md5deep tool were used for analysis. The hash values generated by the extraction tool were discarded due to only a limited portion of the tools supported hashing.

4.1.1 Data Collection

Collection of the catalog data differed slightly from the process outlined in section 3.3.1 due to the software restrictions on non-jailbroken iPhones. Based on the instructions and files supplied by Jonathan Zdziarski in his book "iPhone Forensics" the same process was attempted with the newer 3.1.3 firmware but was unsuccessful due to firmware downgrading limitations. Without physically removing the integrated flash storage or jailbreaking the iPhone no method of obtaining a list of the stored files could be identified. To mitigate the software restriction issue a known source of data was selected, an iTunes backup. An iTunes backup contains a limited portion of

the active files stored on the iPhone. The iTunes backup may not include all files stored on an iPhone.

In section 3.3.1 firmware versions supported by the iPhone 3GS are discussed and the methodology states that all firmware versions will be tested. The iPhone used for testing was already running the latest stable version (3.1.3) of the iPhone OS. There was no way to downgrade the iPhone to an earlier firmware due to hashing restrictions denying the install of old firmware. There is a mechanism to safeguard an iPhone for downgrading but only while the iPhone is running the particular firmware version. For this research the capability of extraction is concerned with how much of the full disk image an extraction tool can support, not the firmware versions supported by each tool. However, testing different firmware versions could also provide valuable results.

In section 3.3 the method of maintaining evidential integrity by use of write-blockers was selected. During the data collection phase of the field work two common write-blocking solutions were tested and found to not support the iPhone. However, extracted data is stored in read-only DMG files and tested for hash validity to ensure no further risk of changes occurs. MD5 hash checks were performed on sample original data and data stored in the read-only DMG files to confirm the data did not change. Separate DMG files were created for each set of collected data for every extraction tool.

In preparation for creating the most robust set of sample evidence for evaluation the process of wiping the test iPhone and then installing the latest firmware was performed, as discussed in section 3.3. The wiping procedure was not a complete wipe but a zero-out of the unallocated clusters (free space). The iPhone was restored with a fresh copy of the firmware then jailbroken so the wipe tool could be executed. The unallocated clusters were wiped using a third-party tool (iWipe) and the iPhone restored again to a non-jailbroken state with the latest firmware (3.1.3).

4.1.2 Data Processing

There were no changes to the data processing component of the field work. Most data was output in the correct format by the md5dep tool. The only file property details of the data that needed to be extracted were the file name from the full file path.

4.1.3 Data Analysis

In section 3.3.3 hash information generated by the extraction tool was discussed. Section 3.3.3 states that hash information generated by the tool would be compared with hash information generated independently of the tool. Only some of the tested tools supported hashing so the only hash information generated was by the md5deep tool.

In terms of the research phases outlined in section 3.2.5 changes were made to the final phase “Phase Four: Recommendations”. After completing the first three phases it was identified that phase four should not be included as part of discussion in data collection, data processing or data analysis and would be included in chapter 5.

The scenario analysis changes from that outlined in section 3.3.3. Expert opinion wasn’t used to identify the scenarios or requirements. Instead those details were identified by the results of the extraction log analysis.

4.2 FIELD FINDINGS

Three phases were followed during the field work: Phase One: Test iPhone Capability, Phase Two: Evaluate Extraction Tools and Phase Three: Compare Extraction Tools. Each phase relates to a particular milestone of the field findings and includes relevant findings. Phase one involved testing the capability of the iPhone and creating a catalog based on a dd disk image and iTunes backup. Phase two involved evaluating extraction tools by keeping a journal for audit purposes and extraction log. The journal is a collection of all actions and corresponding results of those actions performed during the field work. The journal provides an audit of the process followed and helps identify procedures and best practices identified during evaluation. The extraction log is a complete list of all files identified as part of the catalog and files extracted by each tool. Five extraction tools were able to be included in the extraction log as the tool supported extracting of raw (original) files. The final phase was a comparison of extraction tools based on weighted scenario analysis. Five scenarios were developed for comparison with corresponding requirements and ratings.

4.2.1 Phase One: Test iPhone Capability

As discussed in section 4.1.1 software restrictions implemented in the iPhone OS make it difficult to extract a complete list of the active logical files without jailbreaking the device. The catalog is a set of baseline data that can be used to identify an extraction tool's ability to extract a full physical disk image. The two sources of data used to generate the catalog are outlined in section 3.3.1, iTunes backup and dd disk image.

An iTunes backup was the first source of catalog data to be collected. An iTunes backup is a set of the data that has been copied off the iPhone to the local computer for the purposes of a backup. A backup of an iPhone running firmware version 3.1.3 or lower is stored in a series of “.mddata” and “.mdinfo” files. An iTunes backup from a device running iOS 4.0 or higher no longer appends mddata or mdinfo to the file name but the same information is still extracted. For the purposes of creating the catalog the files contained within the iTunes backup files were extracted using a tool called “iPhone Backup Extractor” by Pdraig (2010). The tool iPhone Backup Extractor is able to parse the data stored in iTunes backup files for firmware versions from iOS 4.1 and below. As part of the catalog data collection the extracted data was saved into a read-only DMG file and checked for accuracy by calculating the MD5 hash values of the original files created by iTunes and the files stored in the read-only DMG. The process of extracting the iTunes backup data was completed on the test iPhone both while in a non-jailbroken and jailbroken state. The iTunes backup grew to a size of 7.4MB (Table 4.3). The number of extracted files in both situations (jailbroken and non-jailbroken) was 343 (Appendix B).

The second source of data that was used in the catalog was a dd disk image of the rdisk0s2 partition of the test iPhone in a jailbroken state. A dd disk image is a complete bit-by-bit copy of all the data stored on a disk (or partition). A dd disk image includes files not necessarily accessible by iTunes or extraction tools that only support logical active files. A dd disk image includes the unallocated clusters. A dd disk image can only be taken while the iPhone is in a jailbroken state or by following the Jonathan Zdziarski method due to the software restrictions discussed in section 4.1.1. There are two packages that must be installed in order to create a dd disk image

and store the image in a destination location. The software packages required are: OpenSSH (allows a user to connect to a command line session of the iPhone) and nc (netcat, tool for sending a stream of bits). An iPhone application that is installed during the jailbreaking process called “Cydia” can be used to install these two packages. An Internet connection was required to download the packages for installation. Installing the packages makes changes to the data on the phone. The dd disk image of the second partition of the iPhone was taken while the partition as mounted in read-only mode. An MD5 hash value was calculated of both the original partition while in read-only mode and the copied dd disk image. Despite several attempts the MD5 hash values never matched. The process of copying the dd disk image took on average of three hours to complete. The image generated by the procedure grew to a final size of 15.33GB (Table 4.3) in size. The number of active logical files stored in the dd image is 12,963 (Table 4.4).

The final part of constructing the catalog for analysis was classification of “importance rating” ranging from 0 to 2. Files classified as ‘0’ are deemed to be unlikely to store user data that could be useful in an investigation and files classified as ‘2’ were deemed highly likely to contain user data. The classifications that were identified to be importance rating ‘0’ include: jailbreak files and iPod Music (Table 4.1). Importance rating ‘1’ includes files classified as: AppStore or Apple Apps (Table 4.1). The classified importance rating ‘2’ include: AddressBook, Cache, Calendar, Call History, Camera, Cookies, Mail, Maps, OS, Safari and SMS (Table 4.1). Files classified as rating ‘2’ are highly likely to include user data. The files identified as importance rating ‘2’ are also more likely to be backed up as part of the iTunes backup process as the information stored in these files are what makes an operating system unique for the user because of the high levels of personal information stored. From the dd disk image 786 files were classified as rating ‘0’, 10873 rating ‘1’ and ‘1304’ rating ‘2’. From the iTunes backup 3 files were identified as rating ‘0’, 195 were classified as ‘1’ and 71 as rating ‘2’ (Appendix B).

Classification	Rating	dd (Jailbroken)	iTunes Backup	iTunes Backup (Jailbroken)
Jailbreak	0	237	0	0
iPod Music	0	549	3	3
AppStore	1	7491	195	195
Apple Apps	1	3382	0	0
AddressBook	2	3	0	0
Cache	2	144	4	4
Calendar	2	1	0	0
Call History	2	1	0	0
Camera	2	1	1	1
Cookies	2	3	0	0
Mail	2	16	1	1
Maps	2	2	2	2
Notes	2	2	1	1
OS	2	1118	56	55
Safari	2	11	5	5
SMS	2	2	1	1

Table 4.1: Catalog by Classifications

4.2.2 Phase Two: Evaluate Extraction Tools

Phase two involved creating two sets of data, in the form of a journal and extraction log. The journal provides an audit of the process followed during data collection. Journal findings include: procedure, best practices and lessons learnt. The extraction log information was collected using the md5deep tool. The file property details obtained include: file size, MD5 hash value and full path of each extracted files from each tool.

4.2.2.1 Journal

Finding	Page
Firmware downgrade blocking	1
Writeblocking iPhone through USB	2
Faraday bag to block communication	2
Airplane mode	2
Screen lock set to “never” to avoid disconnection of WiFi	3
Bypassing security mechanisms	2
Compatible iTunes version installed	2
Extracted file storage medium	3
Jonathan Zdziarski method in book doesn’t work with 3.x	3
Firmware 4.0 makes changes to iTunes backup format	1
Kill “iTunes Helper” process on local computer running iTunes	2

Table 4.2: Summary of Journal Findings

To provide an audit of the procedures followed during field work and to ensure repeatability of all procedures a journal was kept. For each action performed as part of the field work, a corresponding journal entry was written. The findings from the journal are procedures, best practices and lessons learnt during the time spent evaluating the extraction tools. A summary of findings is in Table 4.2. The full journal can be found in Appendix C.

The first lesson learnt identified in the journal was that Apple has implemented a hardware based firmware kill-switch based on a hash check into the iPhone 3GS and subsequent hardware upgrades. The original iPhone and iPhone 3G are unaffected. The kill-switch allows Apple to decide which firmware a user is allowed to install by acting as a middleman, allowing or denying firmware restoration. The kill-switch prevents outdated firmware from being installed onto an iPhone once Apple has stopped “signing” the firmware. Signing is a process Apple performs whenever an iPhone restores or updates the firmware. During the installation process iTunes communicates with Apple servers over the Internet to confirm whether the firmware can be installed. The only way to bypass the limitation is to save the ECID SHSH unique hash file generated by Apple while they still sign the firmware version. Once Apple has stopped signing the firmware, there is no going back.

Two attempts were made to write-block the data on the iPhone by use of write-blocking hardware and software as per forensic procedure. Firstly, a Tableau UltraBlock USB T8 hardware write-blocker was tested. The write-blocker could detect the iPhone as “Apple Inc” but the computer was unable to detect the phone. The second writeblocking method tested was FastBloc SE by Guidance Software as part of EnCase 6.16.2. FastBloc SE also failed to detect the iPhone. The iPhone requires a two-way connection in order to connect to the computer over USB. Write-blocking should be possible and is a possible area for further research.

Although none of the tested write-blocking techniques worked with the iPhone, forensic procedure was followed to minimize possible changes made to the extracted data. The first procedure was the use of “airplane mode” to block radio communication. The use of airplane mode is equivalent to putting a device into a

Faraday bag. However, unlike a Faraday bag, airplane mode requires interaction with the device and therefore makes changes to the data. The second procedure identified was the killing of the “iTunes Helper” process on the local computer. When iTunes is installed a process called iTunes Helper is installed and set to constantly run in the background. The process stays inactive until an Apple device is plugged into the computer. When an Apple device is plugged in to the computer, iTunes Helper will tell iTunes to open and begin synchronising (if iTunes is configured to automatically synchronise). Ending the iTunes Helper process prior to any forensic work on an iPhone helps prevent iTunes attempting to synchronise with the phone and potentially make changes to the data.

The standard MD5 tool (md5sum) that comes preinstalled on Mac OS X 10.6 Snow Leopard can’t recursively calculate MD5 hash values. The md5deep tool was used to utilise the capability of md5sum but with the added ability to generate hashes recursively for import into the extraction log.

A best practice identified during evaluation is to first confirm the most recent version of iTunes supported by the tool as well as the version of iTunes required for the installed firmware version to be accessed. Old versions of iTunes are unable to detect newer iPhones and because all the tools evaluated utilised Apple’s USB disks and therefore iTunes for extraction it’s essential the correct version of iTunes is installed or the extraction will fail. The version of iTunes installed for all test extractions was 9.1.1 64-bit.

As outlined in the journal (Appendix C) the way in which extraction tools store extracted data varies. Forensic tools stored extracted data in a database whereas non-forensic tools extracted the raw files. The method of storing evidential data is up to the developer of the tool.

Device Seizure stores extracted data in a database with the extension “.PDS”. When the raw files are extracted out of the tool original file names are lost. Instead each file is named “Binary” with a corresponding number. Other files extracted include: “.hash” and “.property” files containing information about the corresponding binary number. Mobilyze was the only forensic tool evaluated that didn’t store the extracted data in a database but instead inside a folder containing all the extracted

evidence in raw format along with the case data. Mobilyze stores evidence files inside a folder package with the extension “.mobilyze”. Oxygen Forensics Suite 2010 stores extracted evidence in a database. The database storage location can be changed by the user and is set globally for all cases on that computer. The contents of a particular case can be split from the main database into a separate file called a “backup file”. During testing the procedure of creating a backup file failed. MOBILedit! also stores the extracted data in a database but doesn’t provide the functionality to extract the raw data so could not be used as part of the data analysis. Similarly MacLockPick could only read information from common files but not extract the raw files from the device.

The two non-forensic tools evaluated extracted the raw files directly and didn’t utilise storage in a database. MobileSyncBrowser required user input to manually extract the contents of each of the nine categories. iPhone Explorer provided a browser view of the files the tool could view and those files could be extracted by copy and pasting into a folder on the computer.

4.2.2.2 Extraction Log

The extraction log contains three components of information for each extracted file: file size, MD5 hash value and full path (Appendix B). As discussed in section 4.1.1 the extracted files from each tool were saved in read-only DMG files that were validated for accuracy. The output from the md5deep tool was processed into the extraction log. The first step was to mount the read-only DMG and then run the command `md5deep -r -z *` from the root of the mounted DMG. The `-r` switch tells the command to run recursively and the `-z` switch tells the command to include the file size in bytes as part of the output. The only log that generated incomplete results is the extraction log from the dd disk image as it doesn’t contain the file size. As part of the analysis, hash information in the extraction log was compared with each other as well as the two sources of catalog data. The VLOOKUP function was used in Excel to check both the existence of a matching MD5 hash value or file name in an entire list of extracted files. The file name of each file was extracted from the full path with an Excel formula.

Extraction Tool	Size (MB)
dd (Jailbroken)	15330
Oxygen Forensics	4260
Oxygen Forensics (Jailbroken)	4260
iPhone Explorer	4250
Device Seizure	24.5
Mobilyze	7.5
Mobilyze (Jailbroken)	7.5
iTunes Backup	7.4
iTunes Backup (Jailbroken)	7.4
MobileSyncBrowser	5.5

Table 4.3: Size of Extracts

Both the MD5 hash value and file name of each extracted file was evaluated. When comparing the extraction tools based on hash value with the two catalog data sources the results indicate limited difference between the tested extraction tools. No tool was able to extract a large portion of the total known data. Of the 549 files extracted by Device Seizure from a non-jailbroken iPhone, 214 of them matched the iTunes Backup and 157 matched the dd image, leaving 335 and 392 files not identified in the catalog remaining respectively (Table 4.4). Mobilyze extracted a total 346 files. Of those files, 340 matched the iTunes backup and 247 the dd disk image, leaving 6 and 99 files remaining respectively (Table 4.4). Oxygen Forensics Suite 2010 extracted the most of the evaluated extraction tools with 903 total files extracted, 353 of which matched the iTunes backup and 782 the dd image (Table 4.4). The two non-forensic extraction tools evaluated were: iPhone Explorer and MobileSyncBrowser. The first tool, iPhone Explorer, extracted a total of 560 files, only 13 of which matched the iTunes backup but 535 matched the dd image. MobileSyncBrowser extracted a total of 336 files, 254 of which match the iTunes backup and 174 match the dd image (Appendix B). Based on the results of the comparative results based on MD5 hash value, Oxygen Forensics Suite 2010 offers the most complete extract when compared with the catalog. Oxygen Forensic Suite 2010 was able to extract 99.13% of the same data in an iTunes backup but only 6.14% of the active logical data stored in a dd disk image (Table 4.4).

Extraction Tool	Total	Rating '0'	Rating '1'	Rating '2'
dd (Jailbroken)	12963	786	10873	1304
iTunes Backup	269	3	195	71
Device Seizure	178	1	124	52
Mobilyze	269	2	195	71
Oxygen Forensics	797	531	195	71
iPhone Explorer	555	531	0	24
MobileSyncBrowser	198	2	124	71

Table 4.4: Number of Hash Values Not Jailbroken

The results of the extracting data from a jailbroken iPhone are similar to the non-jailbroken results. Jailbroken results couldn't be obtained for: Device Seizure, iPhone Explorer or MobileSyncBrowser as the tools failed to acquire an image correctly. Mobilyze extracted a total of 346 files, 340 of which match the iTunes backup and 246 the dd disk image (1 file less than non-jailbroken). Oxygen Forensic Suite 2010 also extracted the same number of files when the iPhone is jailbroken and the files match at 353 with iTunes again but 781 with the dd image (also 1 file less) (Table 4.5).

Extraction Tool	Total	Rating '0'	Rating '1'	Rating '2'
dd (Jailbroken)	12963	786	10873	1304
iTunes Backup	268	3	195	70
Mobilyze	268	2	195	70
Oxygen Forensics	796	531	195	70

Table 4.5: Number of Hash Values Jailbroken

Files classified as rating '0' are considered to be unlikely to contain personal information relating to the iPhone user. Files classified under rating '0' are typically system-generated files that are used in the running of the operating system and store minimal user data. Two tools extract a significant portion of the rating '0' data, iPhone Explorer and Oxygen Forensics Suite 2010. Both tools extract 531 out of 786 (68%) files classified as rating '0' (Table 4.5). The remaining tools extracted between 1 and 3 files. The files extracted by iPhone Explorer and Oxygen Forensics Suite 2010 are MP3 music files stored as part of the music player on the iPhone.

Files classified as rating '1' are files that could potentially contain personal information relating to the user of the iPhone. Rating '1' includes built-in and third party application files. Rating '1' includes executable application files as well as preferences and data stored used by applications, such as a contact list for the

Facebook application. The results of rating ‘1’ are more consistent among all the extraction tools. Of the 10873 files classified as rating ‘1’ the average number extracted is 157 (1.44%) (Table 4.5). The only tool that was unable to extract any rating ‘1’ files was iPhone Explorer.

Rating ‘2’ contains more specific classifications as a file classified as a rating ‘1’ is highly likely to contain personal information about the iPhone user. The classifications within rating ‘2’ are: AddressBook, Cache, Calendar, Call History, Camera, Cookies, Mail, Maps, Notes, Operating System (OS), Safari (Web Browsing) and SMS (Text Messages). 1304 files were classified as rating ‘1’ and the results range from 24 (1.84%) to 71 (5.44%) (Table 4.5). Some of the highly relevant files didn’t match based on hash but did on file name.

Classification	Rating	dd (Jailbroken)	iTunes Backup	iTunes Backup (Jailbroken)
Jailbreak	0	237	0	0
iPod Music	0	549	3	3
AppStore	1	7491	195	195
Apple Apps	1	3382	0	0
AddressBook	2	3	0	0
Cache	2	144	4	4
Calendar	2	1	0	0
Call History	2	1	0	0
Camera	2	1	1	1
Cookies	2	3	0	0
Mail	2	16	1	1
Maps	2	2	2	2
Notes	2	2	1	1
OS	2	1118	56	55
Safari	2	11	5	5
SMS	2	2	1	1

Table 4.6: Catalog by Classification

Of the seven extraction tools selected for evaluation five sets of data were collected for data analysis. There are several contributing factors that meant not all the extraction tools could be processed and analysed as outlined in section 3.3. MacLockPick doesn’t extract the original files but copies the information from some areas of interest, such as the address book, SMS history and call history. MOBILedit! does not provide the ability to extract the original files stored in the tool’s database. If the raw files could not be extracted the result could not be processed by md5deep.

4.2.3 Phase Three: Compare Extraction Tools

To form a basis of comparison five scenarios were formulated to compare the evaluated extraction tools. Ten common forensic case scenarios were used as a comparative baseline to evaluate the capability of the extraction tools. These scenarios were selected on the basis of commonality as well as the likelihood an iPhone could be involved in the given scenario. The five scenarios are a guide and not a comprehensive list of all possible scenarios. Every forensic examination is different. Results are collected both while the test device is in a jailbroken and non-jailbroken state (where the tool is able to support a jailbroken device).

The first selected scenario (“Scenario A”) is: “An iPhone needs to be imaged for archiving” (Table 4.7). Archiving was selected as a task because when archiving the completeness of the data is more important than the time it takes to perform the extraction. The second selected scenario (“Scenario B”) is: “A fraudster used their iPhone for email when away from the office. Their iPhone has been seized and needs to be searched for email not on their computer or the server” (Table 4.7). Email can be an important source of information in an investigation. Tools were evaluated on their ability to extract email. The third scenario (“Scenario C”) is: “An ex-employee has taken intellectual property to their new employer. Their iPhone need to be searched to see if it contains certain documents” (Table 4.7). Similar to Scenario B, Scenario C is focused on document extraction. In Scenario C the use of an iPhone is as a transport device. The fourth scenario (“Scenario D”) is: “A kidnapping has been reported and the victim's iPhone has been recovered. Information that may help track down the victim needs to be extracted from the iPhone ASAP” (Table 4.7). Extraction tools vary significantly in the time required to perform the extraction. Time is essential in Scenario D. The final scenario (“Scenario E”) is: “A stolen iPhone has been recovered and investigators are looking for evidence linking the stolen property to a known crime ring” (Table 4.7). Extraction data for analysis is important for Scenario E.

Scenario	Description
A	An iPhone needs to be imaged for archiving.
B	A fraudster used their iPhone for email when away from the office. Their iPhone has been seized and needs to be searched for email not on their PC or the server.
C	An ex-employee has taken intellectual property to their new employer. Their iPhone need to be searched to see if it contains certain documents.
D	A kidnapping has been reported and the victim's iPhone has been recovered. Information that may help track down the victim needs to be extracted from the iPhone ASAP.
E	A stolen iPhone has been recovered and investigators are looking for evidence linking the stolen property to a known crime ring.

Table 4.7: Scenarios

17 requirements were identified for scenario analysis (Table 4.9). The same 17 requirements were used in all five scenarios. The differing factor was a weighted rating from 0 to 3. A weighted rating of '0' means the requirement is unimportant for that scenario. Weighting '1' means the requirement is useful but not important. Weighting '2' means somewhat important but not essential and weighting '3' means the requirement is essential for that scenario. The 17 requirements are outlined in Table 4.8.

Scenario Requirements	
Physical image	Extracts of all files
Logical image	Extracts email messages
Non-jailbroken iPhones	Can extract rating '2'
Jailbroken iPhones	Can extract rating '1'
Software writeblocking	Can extract rating '0'
Export files	File names are retained
Extraction took less than 12 hours	Logging
Extraction took less than 1 hour	MD5 hashing
Extraction took less than 10 minutes	

Table 4.8 Scenario Requirements

Rating	Requirement Rating	Tool Criteria
0	Unimportant	Unable to meet requirement
1	Useful but not important	Sometimes meets requirement
2	Somewhat important requirement can be met	Meets requirement half the time or with 50% success
3	Essential requirement can be met	Can meet requirement all the time

Table 4.9: Ratings

All evaluated extraction tools were included in the scenario analysis. For full results see Appendix D. The maximum score possible in Scenario A is 31. The range of results for Scenario A are 18 (58%) to 6 (19%) (Table 4.10). Oxygen Forensics Suite 2010 received the highest score and MobileSyncBrowser and iPhone Explorer received the lowest score equal. For Scenario B the maximum score possible is 33 and the range of results is 26 (89%) to 11 (34%) (Table 4.10). Oxygen Forensics Suite 2010 received the highest result and MobileSyncBrowser the lowest. For Scenario C the maximum score is 34 and the range is from 24 (77%) to 9 (29%) (Table 4.10). Oxygen Forensics Suite 2010 scored the highest and MobileSyncBrowser the lowest. For Scenario D the maximum score is 37 and the range is 28 (90%) to 11 (35%) (Table 4.10). Oxygen Forensics Suite 2010 scored the highest and MobileSyncBrowser the lowest. For the final scenario, Scenario E, the maximum score is 25 and range 20 (65%) to 14 (45%) (Table 4.10). Oxygen Forensics Suite 2010 and Mobilyze scored the highest equal and Paraben Device Seizure and MobileSyncBrowser scored the lowest equal.

Scenario	Max	Highest	Lowest	Average
A	31	18 Oxygen Forensics	6 MobileSyncBrowser	11.33
B	33	26 Oxygen Forensics	11 iPhone Explorer	18.33
C	34	24 Oxygen Forensics	9 MobileSyncBrowser	16.5
D	37	28 Oxygen Forensics	11 MobileSyncBrowser	19.17
E	25	20 Oxygen Forensics Mobilyze	14 MobileSyncBrowser	18

Table 4.10: Scenario Analysis Summary Results

4.3 RESEARCH ANALYSIS

The intended audience for this research is the forensic professional that wants to establish and understanding of the capability of some of the more common software based extraction tools. For this research a descriptive methodology is an important component in bridging the technical and practical aspects of this research. An audit of the procedure followed was documented in the journal. As with any testing that involves breaking some of the common forensic practices there are associated issues. Section 4.3 discusses the descriptive methodology and issues with the forensic procedure reported in section 4.2. Descriptive aspects of section 4.2 are pulled out of

section 4.2 and analysed in section 4.3.1. Section 4.3.1 provides an explanation for procedures described. An analysis of issues identified that differ from normal forensic procedure is performed in section 4.3.2. Issues came from collection of the catalog, security mechanisms, software restrictions, writeblocking and carving deleted data.

4.3.1 Descriptive Methodology

As discussed in section 3.3 a descriptive methodology has been selected for this research. In section 4.2 the methodology is put into practice with a descriptive approach taken in reporting the field findings. Section 4.2 consists of a combination of the raw results from the field research and a descriptive explanation of the findings.

In section 4.2.1 to 4.2.3 every process performed as part of the research has been explicitly reported as part of the results. A process that provides context for the results and a logical progression of findings. In sections 4.2.1 and 4.2.2 the steps followed to obtain the respective output are outlined. The steps ensure the best possible forensic procedure has been followed considering the circumstances. An example of a step outlined in section 4.2.1 and 4.2.2 that was followed to ensure procedure was the use of read-only DMG files to prevent changes made to extracted data. The MD5 hash value of the original data (catalog and extracted data) and the data stored in the read-only DMG file were calculated to ensure the process of creating the DMG didn't make changes to the data.

Another aspect of the descriptive approach followed in section 4.2 was a report of the system specification and configuration of the computer system used and iPhone used for testing, including software used. In order to be able to replicate the field findings the system configuration may be required. In section 4.2.1 the operating system of the test computer system, iPhone firmware and iTunes version details are reported.

As part of the jailbreaking process software needed to be installed onto the iPhone in order for a dd disk image to be created and transferred over the wireless network to a destination computer. The software installed on the iPhone is reported in section 4.2.1 so further research can be performed on the effect installing the specified software has on the evidential value of an iPhone. An analysis of the files

changed as part of all the steps followed would allow these files to be ignored from forensic analysis. Another change reported in section 4.2.1 was the use of the networking capability on the iPhone to transfer the dd disk image and installed the required software. The dd disk image was transferred over a local wireless network with no Internet connectivity. The software was installed over a wireless network with Internet connectivity. The connection on the iPhone to the Internet was temporary (enough time to download and install the software). In section 4.3.2 the potential risks with this procedure are outlined.

As part of the data processing activities the information collected in the extraction log was classified based on likelihood of relevance. In section 4.2.2.2 the three classifications are defined. The three classifications provide the ability to filter out data that is highly likely to be irrelevant including files created as part of the jailbreaking process. Files were classified based on full path. A more indepth analysis of all the common files on an iPhone could produce more thorough classifications.

Scenario findings are reported in section 4.2.3. The purpose of the five scenarios is defined. Scenarios focus on different areas of extraction. For example, Scenario C focuses on document recovery whereas Scenario A focuses on the capability of archiving.

4.3.2 Forensic Procedure

Ref	Issue	Action Taken
1	Catalog accuracy	Both an iTunes backup and dd image was collected
2	PIN code	Test phone set up with no PIN code
3	Encryption	Only an issue for hardware extraction
4	Firmware downgrading	Performed evaluation only on current stable
5	Firmware version	n/a
6	iTunes version	Confirmed required iTunes version
7	Writeblocking	No writeblocking was used
8	Data carving	File Salvage auto detect tool was used

Table 4.11: Issues with Forensic Procedure

Reference 1 (Table 4.11) refers to the accuracy of the catalog data. As discussed in section 4.1 the catalog could only be obtained while the test iPhone was in a jailbroken state. The process of jailbreaking an iPhone makes changes to the data on

the device. Normal forensic procedure dictates that changes shouldn't be made to an exhibit as the process could cause the evidence to be not admissible in court. However, in cases where changes are unavoidable the next best alternative is to thoroughly document the process that could make changes to the data on the device. The latter approach is what was used in collecting the catalog. Therefore, the accuracy of the catalog must be tested to ensure accurate results.

References 2 and 3 (Table 4.11) refer to security mechanisms implemented at the software layer on the iPhone. Encryption can be a barrier for forensic professionals to overcome when examining a computer system. The PIN code used on an iPhone is a security mechanism that professionals need to be aware of and be able to bypass if required. A PIN code was not set on the test iPhone during the field research as the added complication would hinder the ability to evaluate the tool extraction capability. However, the way that Apple has implemented the PIN code on the iPhone causes the feature to provide weak security. The PIN code relies on software to enforce access restrictions. If the software can be bypassed, the PIN code becomes irrelevant. Plugging an iPhone into Ubuntu allows limited access to the iPhone disk and bypasses any PIN requirement.

References 4, 5 and 6 (Table 4.11) refer to the issues in regards to firmware and software versions. For the software extraction tools evaluated as part of this research iTunes proved to be a critical prerequisite for any of the tools to detect and extract the data from the iPhone. The iTunes application provides two things: the USB disk required for the iPhone to communicate with the computer (Linux port *USBMUXD*) and a front-end that provides the ability to initiate a backup of a limited portion of the iPhone files.

Reference 7 (Table 4.11) refers to the lack of write-blocking capability either at the hardware or software layers. This change to procedure was deemed acceptable as other procedures were followed to minimise changes to the data on the disk.

Reference 8 (Table 4.11) refers to the issue of carving data from the HFS/X file system. SQLite and PLIST (Property List) files were carved from the dd disk image with File Salvage.

4.4 VISUAL PRESENTATION OF FINDINGS

A summary of the field findings from section 4.2 are presented with visual summaries. The three importance rating levels are graphed in section 4.4.2 comparing number of hash values calculated and number of files extracted. These graphs represent the total number of items extracted compared with the number collected in the catalog. The number extracted is much lower than the number in the catalog. The final section, section 4.4.3, presents the findings from the scenario analysis. The seven evaluated tools are graphed to display the level of capability.

4.4.1 Phase One: Test iPhone Capability

The catalog consists of a dd disk image of a jailbroken iPhone and extracted iTunes backup. The dd disk image includes 12,963 active files, totaling 15.33GB in size and the iTunes backup includes 343 files, totaling 7.4MB. The files stored in the catalog were classified into 16 classifications that were rated on importance from 0 to 2. Figure 4.1 shows the total number of files classified in both sources of the catalog.

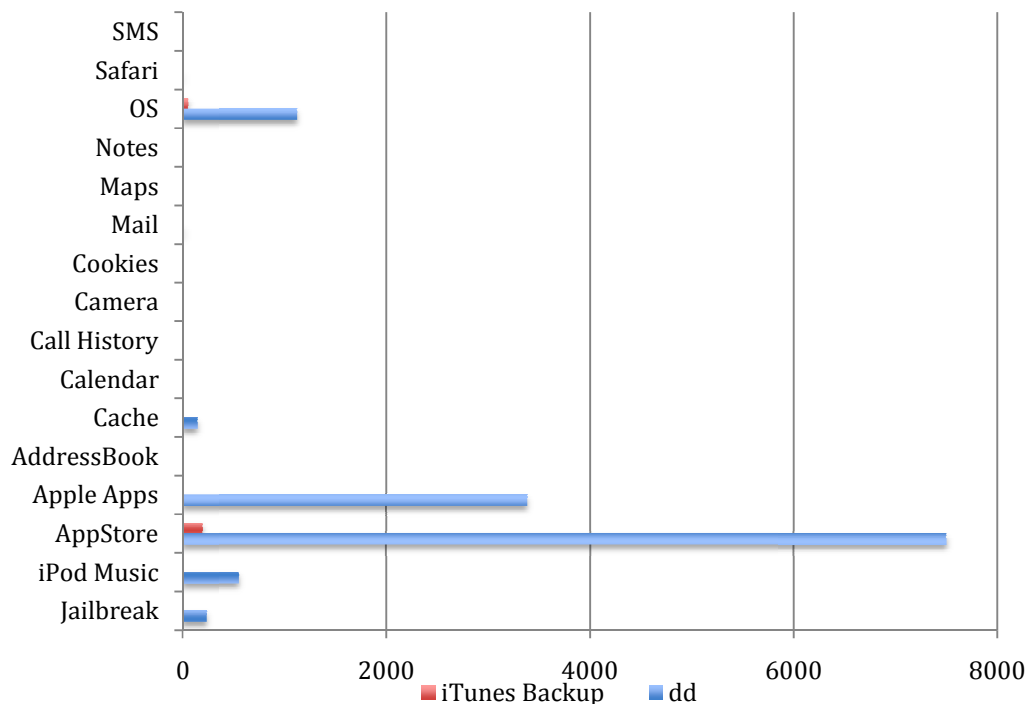


Figure 4.1: Number of Classified Catalog Files

4.4.2 Phase Two: Evaluate Extraction Tools

Two metrics were taken from the extraction log to generate the results for phase two: hash values and file names. Matching based on hash value identifies files that match exactly. Matching on file name identifies files that match on name but the contents might not necessarily match. Three bar-chart graphs have been generated to plot the results of the evaluation. The first graph displays the total results from matching on both hash and file name with the catalog and the five extraction tools that could extract the files in raw format (Figure 4.2).

Figures 4.2 to 4.5 compare the number of files extracted by each extraction tool with the information stored in the catalog. The two coloured bars: blue and red indicate the number of files counted and number of hashes. Blue bars are the number of hashes and red bars are the number of files. For the dd disk image source of the catalog the two bars should match but for the remaining sets of data it's expected there be variations in the two bars.

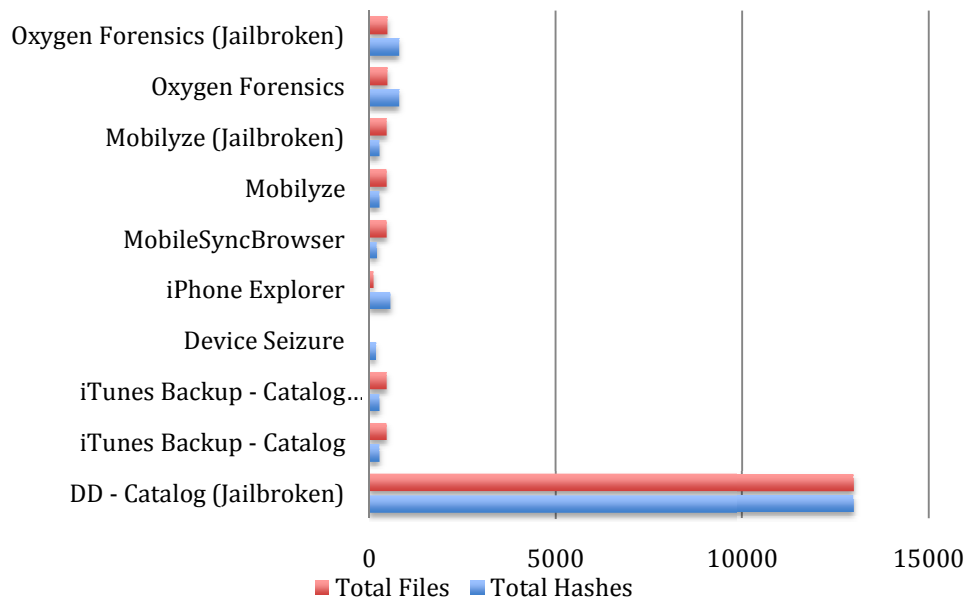


Figure 4.2: Extraction Log Results

The results from Figure 4.2 indicate that none of the extraction tools can extract close to 100% of the catalog data. Figure 4.2 also shows variances in the number of hashes and the number of files that matched. No common trend indicates which is higher as the results differ with the five tools.

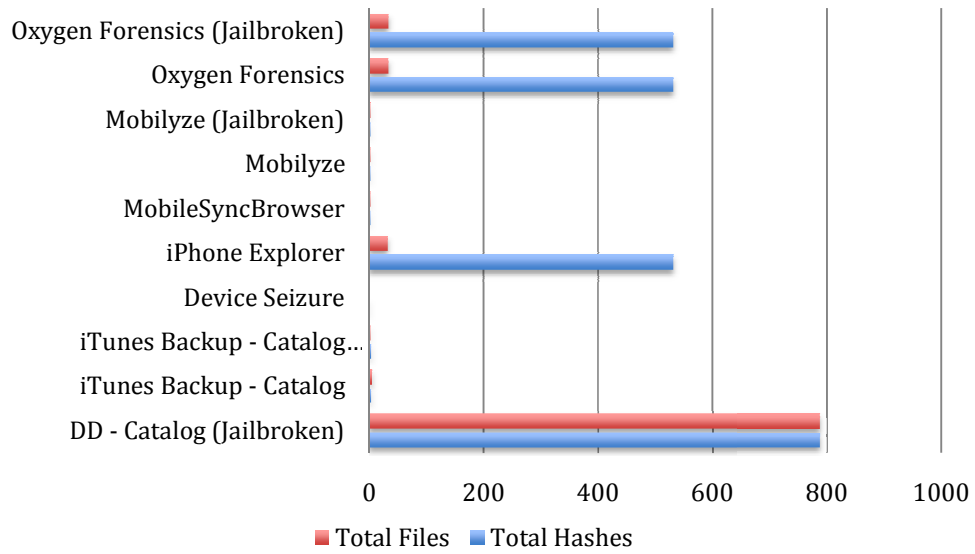


Figure 4.3: Rating '0' Results

Figure 4.3 looks only at files classified as rating '0'. Two tools stand out of the five in total; Oxygen Forensics Suite 2010 and iPhone Explorer. These two tools score highly at rating '0' because the tools are able to extract the MP3 files stored on the iPhone disk.

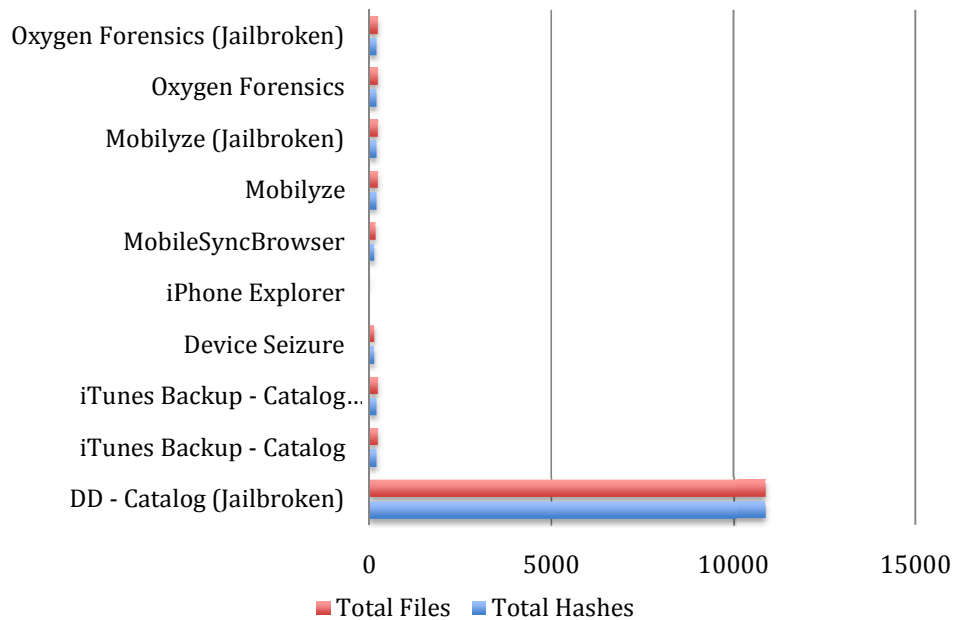


Figure 4.4: Rating '1' Results

Up a level at rating '1' Figure 4.3 looks similar to Figure 4.2. None of the extraction tools are able to extract any significant number of files classified as rating '1'. File classified as rating '1' typically are files that would not require backing up as the files are unlikely to contain personal information and would result in a slow backup.

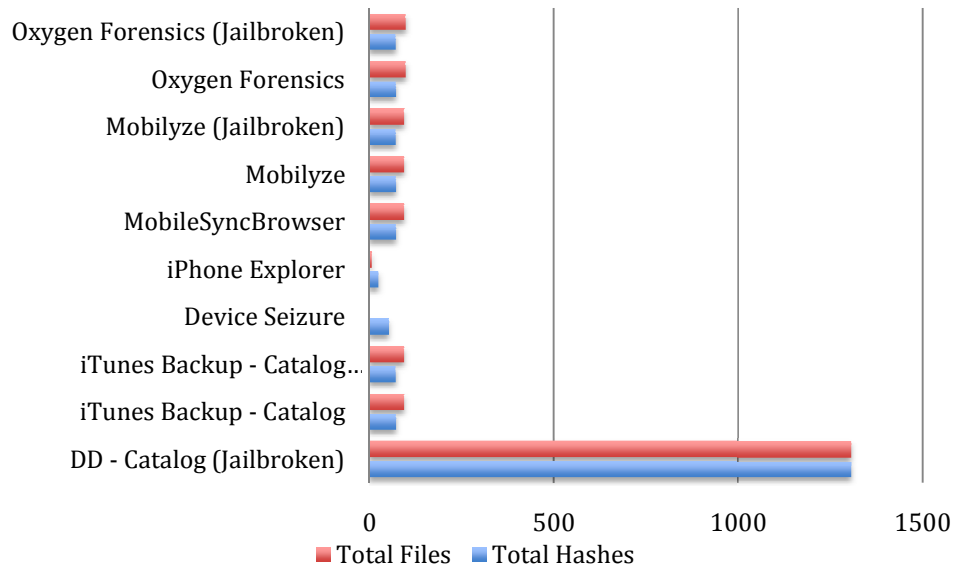


Figure 4.5: Rating '2' Results

The final classification, rating '2', is again a similar shape to the previous bar-chart graphs. However, the extraction tools are able to extract a portion of the data at rating '3'. The results among the extraction tools are generally consistent with the exclusion of Device Seizure and iPhone Explorer. Device Seizure didn't retain any file names during extract which is why matching has only occurred on hash value. Figure 4.4 displays the plotted results from rating '2'.

4.4.3 Phase Three: Compare Extraction Tools

Five scenarios were selected to compare the seven extraction tools evaluated in this research. The results for all scenarios have been plotted on a line-chart graph (Figure 4.6). The range of maximum scores for the five scenarios is 37 to 25 and the range of actual scores received is 28 to 18. Several trends have been identified based on the scenario results. For instance Oxygen Forensics Suite 2010 consistently scored the highest among all five scenarios. MobileSyncBrowser and iPhone Explorer (both non-forensic tools) scored consistently low. MOBILedit! and Device Seizure scored

similarity in all scenarios. Mobilyze typically scored just below Oxygen Forensics but above MOBILedit! and Device Seizure.

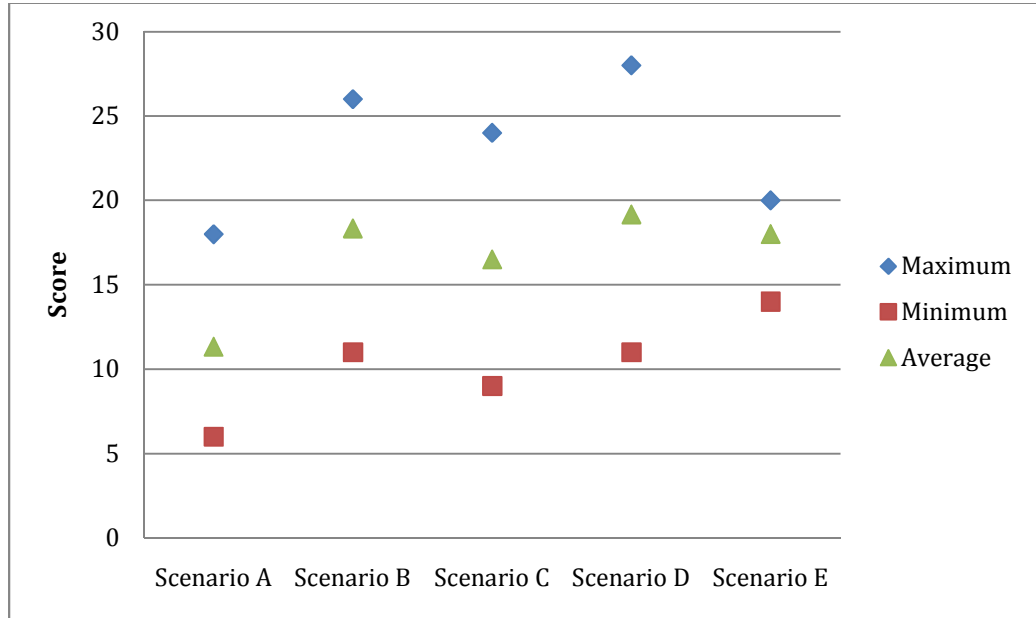


Figure 4.6: Scenario Results

4.5 CONCLUSION

Understanding the capability of the extraction tools that support the iPhone helps a forensic examiner determine the accuracy and completeness they can expect when deciding to use a particular tool. The integrity of the data that is extracted by a tool is an important factor to understand before being used as evidence in court proceeding. Field findings have shown that based on the seven tools evaluated that similar methods of extraction are utilised and the major difference is merely the additional features the tool supply, the storage medium and the user interface. Similarities in extraction method are most likely due to operating system restrictions that lock down the iPhone file system. Jailbreaking was used to open full access to the file system but there are limitations with jailbreaking. Without proper testing and documentation jailbreaking can destroy evidential data.

Changes in specified methodology from that discussed in Chapter 3 have been outlined in 4.1. Issues with unforeseen software restrictions implemented by Apple meant that some changes needed to be made to the data on the test iPhone in order for a full catalog to be collected. The process followed was fully documented and

outlined in section 4.2.2.1. The results of the field work have been outlined in section 4.2 in a descriptive way. Section 4.2 outlined data collected as part of the catalog, extraction log, journal and weighted scenarios. The procedure and raw results have been outlined in section 4.2. Section 4.3 discussed the descriptive approach and issues with the forensic procedure. The benefit of a descriptive reporting approach is discussed with references to section 4.2. The eight identified issues with the forensic procedure are discussed in section 4.3. Section 4.4 provided a summary and visual presentation of the findings outlined in section 4.2.

The next chapter, Chapter 5, will use the findings reported in chapter four as a basis for discussion. Chapter 5 will go into discussion and analysis of findings with comparisons made with chapter two.

Chapter Five

DISCUSSION OF FINDINGS

5.0 INTRODUCTION

Chapter five is a discussion of the research findings key points reported in chapter four. Findings provide the most value with comprehensive discussion on the strengths, weaknesses and limitations of the results. Discussion in chapter five is intended to assist in the interpretation and scope of results. The research question and sub-questions can be answered based on the research findings in chapter four. Hypotheses first discussed in section 3.2.4 can be tested and validated. Chapter five is where the relevant and importance of the findings from chapter four are analysed and discussed.

Chapter four reported the field findings in a descriptive manner following the methodology discussed in chapter three. Field findings in chapter four begin to answer some of the underlying questions of this research. Chapter five will go into in-depth discussion of those findings and refer back to relevant previous sections.

Chapter five is split into seven main sections. Section 5.1 answers the research question and sub-questions outlined in section 3.2.3. Results reported in section 4.2 form the basis for answering the research question. The three hypotheses outlined in section 3.2.4 are tested with the assistance of a weighting to find if the hypothesis is correct or not, based on the research findings. Section 5.2 discusses the iPhone software and the importance of understanding the access restrictions that limit a tool's ability to expand capability. The third section, section 5.3, discusses jailbreaking and the affect the process has on forensic procedure. Jailbreaking is identified as a viable method of bypassing access restrictions on the iPhone software as long as procedure is fully documented and tested. Literature indicates an acceptance for the extraction capability when limited to a logical extraction. Section 5.3 discusses that capability is not definite and tools can improve. Section 5.4 discusses maintaining evidential integrity of the data extracted from an iPhone. Although all the evaluated tools

extracted while the device was in a live state, steps can still be taken to maintain the integrity of the copied data. Steps were taken during the field work to ensure integrity but more thorough procedure testing would identify any inaccuracies in the data. Section 5.5 discusses the data collected in section 4.2. Section 5.5 explains what areas of capability have been evaluated and where there is room for improvement. Section 5.6 discusses capability in the context of case environments. A scenario analysis was performed and the results reported in section 4.2.3. The extent of guidance scenario results provide is discussed in section 5.6. The final section, section 5.7, discusses possible areas for further research.

5.1 RESEARCH QUESTION AND HYPOTHESE

In section 3.2.3 the research question and sub-questions were derived based on the literature review in chapter two. The research question defines the scope of this research and sub-questions help ensure all components of the main question are answered thoroughly. The sub-questions relate to the data collection objectives discussed in section 3.3.1 and mapped in the data map (Figure 3.3). The research question and sub-questions are answered in section 5.1.1 and 5.1.2. Hypotheses were discussed in section 3.2.4 and are tested in section 5.1.3. Results of testing the three hypotheses indicate H1 (Extraction tools obtain a full physical copy) is incorrect, H2 (Extraction is complete, accurate and repeatable) correct and H3 (Jailbreaking doesn't modify user data) also correct. Hypothesis testing is based on field findings.

5.1.1 Research Question

The main question for this research is derived in section 3.2.3. The research question research is: What is the capability of extraction tools for the extraction of information stored on an iPhone? Test data has been extracted from the seven selected extraction tools and a scenario analysis has been performed to assist in answering the research question. Two components of capability were measured in this research: what logical files can be extracted and what is a tool's capability in different scenarios.

The first component of capability was measured by processing data into the extraction log. Results in section 4.2.2.2 indicate that the highest percentage of extraction the evaluated tools can extract when compared with the catalog is 6.17%.

The second component of capability was measured by a weighted scenario analysis. Oxygen Forensics Suite 2010 scored consistently high in the scenario analysis, section 4.2.3. However, the average result is low and no tool scored 100% in any sample scenario.

Challenges are discussed in section 2.1.2. Dankner (2009) states that maintaining integrity is difficult because components cannot be easily removed. Limited physical accessibility means extraction tools are forced to use alternative extraction methods. If a tool is required to access the iPhone through software and not hardware the tool can only access as much as the iPhone OS will allow. Hacking the device (jailbreaking) bypasses the access controls but there are inherent risks with this approach and stored data may be modified. These risks are discussed in section 5.3. In section 2.1.1 the file types of expected evidence is discussed by Punja & Mislán (2008). The evidence types include: contacts, call history, SMS and data typical of a PDA. Findings in section 4.2.1 indicate all the data types described in section 2.1 could be extracted by the evaluated tools.

5.1.2 Sub-Questions

Sub-questions are outlined in section 3.2.3 and are used to thoroughly answer the research question. The first sub-question is: What information is stored on an iPhone? The first sub-question is asking what type data can be extracted from an iPhone if a full physical copy is obtained. The first sub-question can be answered by looking at the data extracted as part of the catalog. A dd disk image of the iPhone disk was taken containing 12,963 active files and 15.33GB in size. Those files were classified into 16 classifications.

The second sub-question is: What information is input by the user? Five forensic tools were evaluated and two non-forensic tools. As discussed in section 4.2.2 the two main differences between forensic tools and non-forensic tools is the method of storing the extracted data and the user interface of the tool. Forensic tools typically store the extracted data in a database that can be validated for integrity. Forensic tools also provide the ability to extract all accessible data off the device by “acquiring” the device.

The third sub-question is: What information is system generated? Two common formats identified in the active files extracted were SQLite and PLIST files. Both file types store information that is potentially relevant in an investigation. The file types common on an iPhone are similar to those on a Mac OS X system, as discussed in section 2.5. Mac forensic analysis tools can be used to analyse data extracted from an iPhone.

The fourth sub-question is: What information can be extracted? The fourth sub-question can be answered by positioning an extraction tool on Brothers (2009) five layers of extraction, discussed in section 2.4.1. As discussed in section 4.2.1, six out of seven of the extraction tools evaluated work at the logical extraction level. The remaining extraction tool fits better into manual extraction as no original files are extracted but information is copied out of the original files. As discussed in section 2.4.1 logical extraction doesn't require a high level of technical expertise to perform. Following sound forensic procedure is separate to the expertise required to use a tool.

Research shows that previous thoughts that extraction tools are limited to logical extraction are correct. The software access restrictions implemented at the OS limit extraction tools to a portion of the logical (active) files. Only data that is given explicit rights to be copied off the iPhone for the purposes of a backup can be copied by the evaluated extraction tools. Jailbreaking is a viable method of bypassing access restrictions if the scope of an examination requires a larger portion of the data to be extracted.

5.1.3 Hypotheses

As discussed in section 3.2.4 three hypotheses have been developed to test the validity of the research findings. The three hypotheses are: H1: Extraction tools obtain a full physical copy, H2: Extraction is complete, accurate and repeatable and H3: Jailbreaking doesn't modify user data. Each hypothesis has been tested with a corresponding weighting 'for' and 'against' to help identify the validity of each hypothesis. The scale of weighting is from 1 to 3. A weighting of 1 indicates that the comment should only have a limited sway in the testing of the hypothesis, weighting 2 indicates an important but not critical comment and 3 indicates the comment is critical to the validation of that hypothesis.

H1: Extraction tools obtain a full physical copy.

W	For	W	Against
1	Software could be expanded to allow more access	3	Tools rely on iTunes that is designed for backing up
3	Chip removal would bypass software restrictions	3	Software restrictions limit file system access
2	Jailbreaking could be used to open access	3	Requires jailbreaking
2	Full physical copy may not be required		
Total: 8		Total: 9	

H2: Extraction is complete, accurate and repeatable.

W	For	W	Against
3	Write-blocker solution could be updated to support iPhone	3	No software write-blocking in evaluated extraction tools
3	Forensic procedure followed ensures accuracy	1	Limited hash checks
3	Documentation makes process repeatable	1	Limited logical extraction
		2	Live acquisition, data is constantly changing
Total: 9		Total: 7	

H3: Jailbreaking doesn't modify user data.

W	For	W	Against
2	Classifications show limited change in rating '1' and '2' files	1	User data can be stored anywhere on the disk
2	Doesn't change files accessible by iTunes	1	Likely to notice files jailbreak files only from full physical copy
3	Hash set could be made of jailbreak files and removed from review	2	Jailbreaking may overwrite unallocated data
2	Prior testing can identify bugs with jailbreak tool	2	Jailbreak tool may contain bugs and delete data
Total: 9		Total: 6	

Three hypotheses have been tested as part of this research. Results indicate that based on weighting H1 is not correct, H2 is correct and H3 is also correct. H1 may indicate that a full physical copy is more unlikely based on the research findings, rather than impossible. None of the evaluated tools were able to obtain a full physical copy. However, another tool may utilise jailbreaking or another innovative method to bypass software access restrictions. H2 indicates that although there are issues with

integrity with the evaluated tools, testing shows that the tools are trustworthy. H3 argues that although jailbreaking changes data, user data isn't affected. Results indicate that a limited amount of files of the logical data extracted by the tools was changed by jailbreaking. However, jailbreaking may overwrite unallocated areas of the disk or user data that is not extracted by the tools.

5.2 IPHONE SOFTWARE

In section 2.2.1 three environments the iPhone runs at are discussed: physical, information systems and end user. The statement is made in section 2.2.1 that the iPhone OS bridges the gap between hardware and information systems so the device can be used by the end user. Chip extraction would involve extraction at the physical layer and wouldn't be effected by the limitations of logical extraction.

Section 2.6 states that Apple has designed the iPhone OS to strip the user and software developers of access to most of the logical data. These limitations become apparent when looking to extract files outside the rights of the *mobile* user. Software limitations made the collection of the catalog more difficult than first anticipated. The factory locked state that iOS (iPhone OS) is in when an iPhone is not jailbroken provides limited data access. The limitations shouldn't be apparent to the typical iPhone user as all preinstalled software and software downloaded off the official AppStore is designed to adhere to the access limitations. However, once a user wants to act outside the sandboxed environment the limitations become clear. As forensic professionals a high level of access is required to obtain a full physical copy of an exhibit in a forensically sound way. As discussed in section 4.2.1 in order to get around the OS user access limitations the iPhone used for testing was jailbroken using the "Spirit" jailbreak tool. The process of jailbreaking was fully documented in the journal, section 4.2.2. Software restriction isn't only an iPhone only issue. As discussed in section 3.1.2 Me & Rossi (2008) had difficulty accessing some critical system files, such as the SMS database, on the Symbian OS. Me & Rossi (2008) believed the restriction was due to the database being open and potentially written to. However, as discovered with the iPhone, software restrictions have been explicitly implemented into the iPhone OS to restrict user and developer access to the data.

Another software limitation described in section 4.2.2.1 that was not anticipated was firmware signing. Firmware signing is a control feature implemented at the hardware layer of the iPhone 3GS and iPhone 4 that allows Apple to accept or reject the restoration of a firmware package. Apple currently only allows restoration of the current stable release and developer beta releases. Apple rejects older firmware versions or modified firmware packages. The signing process requires that the computer performing the restore with iTunes be connected to the Internet so the restoration request can be sent to Apple. If the computer can't connect to Apple, the restore will not proceed. As discussed in section 4.2.2.1 the only way to install firmware that is no longer signed by Apple is to save the unique ECID SHSH generated while the firmware version is still signed. Even if Apple stops signing that firmware a local signing server can be set up and the saved ECID SHSH used for restoration authentication can be utilised. For everyday jailbreakers the method of manually saving the ECID SHSH after every firmware version is feasible as control of their iPhone is completely up to them. However, forensic professionals typically only receive an iPhone as an exhibit and have never had access to the device before, so will never have had the chance to save the ECID SHSH. The argument can be made that the implementation of this feature by Apple is in direct retaliation to the jailbreaking community as up until the iPhone 3GS the most popular method of jailbreaking was the restoration of a modified (hacked) firmware package file. Now, jailbreaking methods (such as the Spirit jailbreak used in this research) are run after the iPhone has the officially signed firmware installed.

A consideration when acquiring an iPhone is the constant network connectivity that an iPhone has. A risk involved with the network connectivity is the remote wipe feature can be activated at any time, as long as there is Internet connectivity. As discussed in section 2.3.2 the remote wipe command can be sent from a remote location and potentially destroy the data stored on the device. The remote wipe command can be sent either from the MobileMe website or an iPhone application on another iPhone. If the iPhone is set up with Exchange server, the remote wipe can be sent from the Exchange Management Console. As a Faraday bag wasn't available for testing, airplane mode was used to simulate the blocking of

remote wipe. The advantage of using a Faraday bag is that the device doesn't need to be interfaced with in order to block communication. Following forensic procedure a Faraday bag should be put around an iPhone as part of a first responder's process. The potential of remote wipe being activated on the device used for evaluation is not existent as it was acquired in a controlled environment but remote wipe is a consideration for real world cases.

In section 2.2.1.2 the seamless interaction between physical hardware and information system is discussed. In terms of security this interaction is critical as the iPhone relies on software to implement some security features. However, some features require hardware to work. Data is encrypted on the flash hard disk at the hardware layer and firmware signing is also implemented at the hardware layer. Security mechanisms are an important aspect to be aware of when acquiring an iPhone. There are three main security components integrated in the iPhone 3GS and iPhone 4, these are: remote wipe, PIN codes and hardware encryption. PIN codes are a way to limiting access to the user interface at the software level. For example, if an iPhone is set to require a PIN code then the device still functions normally, background processes continue to run and phone calls can still be received. However, without the PIN code, changes can't be made to the configuration of the device and new applications can't be launched. As described in section 4.3.2 no PIN code was configured on the iPhone used for data extraction. A tool's ability to bypass or crack the software PIN code was not a requirement of evaluating capability. There are additional tools that claim to recover iPhone PIN codes. Jonathan Zdziarski outlines that the PIN code is a trivial security measure to bypass due to the mechanism running at the software (operating system) level and not the hardware level. Utilising a method of extraction that is loaded from RAM means that the OS is loaded but the software that performs the PIN code checking is not, so full access can be obtained without entering the PIN code. Hardware encryption has been added to the iPhone since the iPhone 3GS.

The current implementation of hardware encryption means that data stored on the iPhone is encrypted. Fortunately, the data is only encrypted on the chip and not during transmission. The forensic tools evaluated got around encryption because the

tools would copy the logical files off the iPhone while the OS is fully booted and all data is decrypted. Jonathan Zdziarski's method relies on that same flaw in implementation. The operating system is loaded into RAM to a point and then the decrypted data is sent over SSH to a dd disk image.

5.3 JAILBREAKING

The process of jailbreaking removes software restrictions in the iPhone and allows full access to the OS. The iPhone can still be used in the same way but the ability to access the file system at the root level and install third-party applications that haven't been specifically allowed by Apple is possible. In section 2.2 jailbreaking is described as coming out of the hacker community. The community has been around since the first iPhone was released and continues to grow and evolve to hack the latest firmware releases. The number of jailbreak tools available now is much greater than with previous versions of the iPhone OS firmware. A sample of the available jailbreaking tools include: Spirit, PwnageTool, purplera1n, blackra1n, redsn0w, sn0wbreeze and JailBreakMe.

The process of jailbreaking an iPhone for forensics is not without risks. The process involves making changes to the data stored on the device and could potentially render the device unusable. Not using devices, such as write-blockers to prevent changes to the data can be considered difficult to accept. However, with complicated devices like smartphones that only run in a sandboxed environment the best method of acquisition may be use a jailbreak tool as long as the process is fully documented. As well as documentation the procedure should be a tested on a setup that mirrors the exhibit as closely as possible in hardware revision, firmware version and cellular carrier. An example of why pre-extraction testing is important is an early version of the Spirit jailbreak removed all active photos when run. The bug was fixed in a later version but the bug still highlights that all procedures should be thoroughly tested before being deployed on a real exhibit.

Jonathan Zdziarski's method described in his book "iPhone Forensics" relies on using the jailbreak tool called PwnageTool to restore an old firmware version to RAM on the iPhone. Due the Apple's signing feature Jonathan Zdziarski's method is

no longer valid for the iPhone 3GS or iPhone 4. Jonathan Zdziarski's method has since been updated to support newer devices but is available only to law enforcement. The book describes the forensic procedure for iPhones running firmware versions 1.0.2 to 1.1.4 and all revisions of version 2. The method for version 1.0.2 to 1.1.4 uses a jailbreak tool "iLiberty+" to install a modified payload. The payload is used to boot the iPhone into a forensically sound environment in which a dd disk image can be obtained. The process does have bugs, as described in section 3.1.5.3 of the book. The methods described in Jonathan Zdziarski's book leverage popular jailbreak tools for each major firmware release. If Jonathan Zdziarski has continued to follow a similar methodology then recent jailbreak techniques have been adopted to create a similar forensic environment for firmware versions 3.x and 4.x.

As described in section 4.2.3 one of the sources of the catalog was a dd disk image that was captured of the test iPhone while in a jailbroken state. The same process as described in Jonathan Zdziarski's book was followed to obtain the image. The major difference being that the image was not collected in a forensically sound way. However, the process and configuration was fully documented. As described in section 4.2.1 one step did not work as expected as outlined by Zdziarski (2008). MD5 hashing of the acquired partition and acquired image. Despite mounting the partition in read-only mode and multiple transfer attempts, the MD5 hash of the source partition and copied file never matched.

As part of setting up the iPhone to obtain a dd disk image several software packages had to be installed onto the device. As described in section 4.2.1 the package manager Cydia was used to download and install the required packages, OpenSSH and netcat. The process of downloading the two packages required that the iPhone be connected to the Internet. Like jailbreaking the device, the process of connecting to the Internet does not follow sound forensic practice. The methodology of using Cydia was selected because it was the most simplistic method. As there was no risk of a remote wipe command being sent to the phone while it was connected to the Internet as the process was performed on a known device. However, the process of installing the required packages should involve the least amount of changes being made to the device. Further research may have identified methods for installation of

the packages without the use of the Cydia package manager or a connection to the Internet. The device was put back into airplane mode as soon as the download of the packages was complete.

To confirm that jailbreaking an iPhone only makes changes to some irrelevant files stored on the iPhone, results of extraction were performed with the tools while the device was both in a non-jailbroken and jailbroken state. The results outlined in section 4.2.1 indicate that based on the limited set of logical files extracted by extraction tools only a small number of files mismatch in MD5 hash. Whether the mismatch in MD5 is because of the jailbreaking process or normal use of the device is unknown. The device was booted into the OS and running live.

5.4 MAINTAINING EVIDENTIAL INTEGRITY

In section 2.1 Punja & Mislán (2008, p.1) describe a smartphone as a hybrid between a cellphone and PDA. The form factor of the iPhone and diversity of the data stored on an iPhone made maintaining integrity a difficult task. Components to maintaining integrity are to confirm the state of a file that has been copied, confirm that state is unchanged in the extracted copy and to store the extracted files so no changes can be made. However, as discussed in section 2.1.2.2 calculating hash values is only a valid approach to maintaining integrity if the procedure isn't going to make changes to the data. Findings indicate that all of the evaluated tools allow changes to be made to the data as the iPhone is acquired in a live state.

As discussed in section 2.3 one of the reasons for continued data change is constant network connectivity. However, risks involved with network connectivity were mitigated because during field work the iPhone was not connected to a local wireless network or a cellular provider. In a real case a similar process should be followed which would mitigate any risk of changes by network connectivity. Any changes made to the data were the result of processes running on the live system. The iPhone does have a remote wipe feature that can be used to restrict user access to data. Field work indicates that as discussed in section 2.3.2 the methods of remote wipe are correct and that the command to wipe can be executed remotely or on the

local device. The command can be blocked as long as there is no network connectivity.

In section 4.3.2 the inability to use standard write-blocking techniques is discussed. Further research could identify why the iPhone requires a two-way connection for data to be copied off. Acquiring an iPhone using the evaluated extraction tools is similar to acquiring a live computer system with a tool such as FTK Imager. Normal forensic procedure of a computer dictates that acquisition is performed while the computer is in an off state if possible, in order to minimise the risk of changes being made to active files on the computer. All extraction tools evaluated in this research require that the iPhone be in a fully booted state. The Jonathan Zdziarski method works around this issue by stopping the operating system boot process before all services are started and only the services required to perform the acquisition have started. Although the Jonathan Zdziarski method runs off RAM because the hard disk isn't write-blocked there could be changes made to the disk if improper procedure is followed. The Jonathan Zdziarski method describes mounting the main partition in read-only mode, an effective workaround for the lack of hardware or software write-blocker. Chip extraction although highly complicated would not be affected by the need rely on software to prevent changes to the data. However, chip extraction is complex, requires physically opening the device and the encryption key must be retrieved.

As described in section 4.2.2 the independent tool selected for calculating hash values for the extraction log was md5deep. The md5deep tool is a more feature-rich implementation of md5sum, a popular command line tool for calculating MD5 hash values. Validation of the result from md5deep was not confirmed. As the hash value is the most important component of the extraction log for evaluation of extraction tools the integrity of the hash values calculated should be confirmed with as great a certainty as possible. Validation of the hash values was not performed due to the limitation of time to collect all the data for analysis and because of the heavy development into md5sum. The md5sum tool is a stable tool that has been included in Linux and Mac OS X systems for many years.

Section 4.3 discusses the importance of thoroughly testing forensic tools prior to use. Use of the evaluated tools shows that testing and full documentation of procedure is critical. In some instances software bugs meant test extractions didn't complete as expected. Several extracts need to be obtained in order to mitigate some software bugs before a final extract can be taken. As discussed in section 3.2.2, testing is important because it ensures the trustworthiness of a tool. However, testing will only ensure a level of comfort on the areas tested. There is always the potential areas are missed from testing. This research has tested a small portion of extraction capability.

5.5 RESEARCH DATA

As described in section 4.2.1 the method of obtaining the iTunes backup was much simpler than the dd disk image. No changes needed to be made to the data on the iPhone and the process was completed on the computer the iPhone was connected to via a USB cable. Unlike obtaining a dd disk image the iPhone didn't need to be jailbroken to collect the data. An iTunes backup was obtained both while the iPhone was in a jailbroken and non-jailbroken state. As outlined in Table 4.1 only one file changed by jailbreaking the device in the iTunes backup. The data that is backed up as part of the iTunes backup is completely controlled by Apple. An iTunes backup is not designed for forensic acquisition but to provide an iPhone user the ability to backup some of the critical files stored on their iPhone in case their data is lost. The backup process is performed by iTunes every time an iPhone is connected to synchronise. Therefore, the backup process needs to be quick or the user may become frustrated with slow operation. For the backup to be quick Apple has only selected a limited portion of the active files stored on the iPhone to be backed up (Table 4.1). As outlined in section 4.2.2 all forensic tools evaluated utilise iTunes backups to extract the data off a exhibit iPhone.

As part of the catalog creation every file contained in both sources of the catalog were classified as described in section 4.2.1. The 16 classifications are a guideline of what a file could potentially be used for. Classifications were selected based on the file path and file name. For example, any file under the directory “/apt/cydia/” was classified as “Jailbreak”. The goal of classifying catalog files was to help identify the importance of the files that were actually extracted.

Rating	Classification	Full Path
0	Jailbreak	/lib/dpkg/info/cydia-sources.list
0	iPod Music	/mobile/Media/iTunes_Control/Music/F01/ZRBK.mp3
1	AppStore	/mobile/Applications/C3A935D4-E8AC-4A1A-8735-C14425BFB7FA/TrivialPursuit.app/gamelib.rlb
1	Apple Apps	/stash/Applications.wdCcKQ/MobileAddressBook.app/MobileAddressBook
2	OS	/Keychains/TrustStore.sqlite3
2	AddressBook	/mobile/Library/AddressBook/AddressBook.sqlitedb
2	Cache	/mobile/Library/Caches/SBShutdownCookie
2	Calendar	/mobile/Library/Calendar/Calendar.sqlitedb
2	Call History	/mobile/Library/CallHistory/call_history.db
2	Cookies	/mobile/Library/Cookies/Cookies.plist
2	Mail	/mobile/Library/Mail/MobileMe-ben.knight/INBOX.imapmbox/Messages/26.2.emlxpart
2	Notes	/mobile/Library/Notes/notes.db
2	SMS	/mobile/Library/SMS/sms.db
2	Safari	/mobile/Library/Safari/Bookmarks.plist
2	Camera	/mobile/Media/DCIM/.MISC/Info.plist

Table 5.2: Classification File Locations

As part of the journal data collection 11 findings were identified (Table 4.2). The journal was collected over phases one and two (Figure 3.3). Six of the journals findings are discussed in section 5.1 as the findings were identified during phase one. The remaining five findings were identified during phase two. As described in section 4.2.2.1 a process called “iTunes Helper” runs on a computer with iTunes installed and opens iTunes whenever an iPhone is connected to the computer. The process of opening iTunes can initiate the synchronisation process, potentially changing the data on the iPhone. If a method of write-blocking the iPhone could be identified that confirms no changes are made then the iTunes Helper process would not need to be disabled. However, because the connection between the iPhone and computer requires write access, procedures need to be followed to ensure the risk of changes to

the data are minimised. Disabling the screen lock function in the settings of the phone stops the iPhone from going to sleep. If the device goes into sleep-mode then the extraction process may fail because the connection to the device may be lost. The link failing is more likely to occur when transmitting over wireless on a iPhone 3GS as the wireless connection is broken only minutes after an iPhone locked to save battery life. The iPhone 4 maintains a constant wireless connection.

A simple procedure was followed in processing of the original data for analysis. The output from the md5deep tool was imported into Microsoft Excel as a CSV (Comma-Separated Values). A simple approach was selected, as the requirements of analysis were not complex. An important factor of processing the results was that the results of each tool were output in a similar way so analysis could be performed on the hash values extracted. Using the hash values as a basis an Excel function was used to identify which hash values match between the extraction tools and catalog. Several factors can be observed by comparing hash values (Table 5.2).

Based on the extraction tools evaluated as part of this research there are two common storage medium options: storage of original files or within a database. Most of the forensic tools use a proprietary database format for storage. Databases are an effective storage medium because the risk of information about the extracted files is less likely to be affected by the host OS. By storing the extracted files in original format there is the potential for file property or metadata information to be modified. For example, the file creation date could be changed to indicate when the file was created on the destination computer, not on the iPhone. Maintaining the integrity of extracted file isn't limited to the contents of the file but the file as a whole. A process of calculating the MD5 hash values of the files, as they're stored on the iPhone with the extracted file could identify files that have changed during transmission. The issue with the procedure of calculating individual file hashes is that only logical files can be validated as all extraction tools required the iPhone be booted to the OS. Files continue to be created, deleted and modified on a live system.

5.6 CASE ENVIRONMENTS

Five scenarios were used to compare extraction tools as part of this research (Table 4.7). Each scenario was developed based on a “main component” and selected to provide a range of common case scenarios where an iPhone could be an exhibit. The main component for Scenario A is that the data stored on the iPhone needs to be archived. Not all cases require evidence is extracted as quickly as possible. If the data only needs to be archived and potentially used at a later date then the completeness and restoration capabilities of the process are more important than the time it takes to extract the data. Extraction tools obtained high scores in Scenario A if the volume of data extracted by the tool was high.

The main component for Scenario B is the fact that the evidence of high value is email. That’s not to say other data couldn’t potentially be relevant and should be collected if possible. As described in section 4.2.2.2, none of the evaluated extraction tools were able to obtain a copy of the email stored locally on the iPhone. The average score for Scenario B is lower than averages across other scenarios. Email is not backed up as part of the iTunes backup process but is stored on the email server. If an iPhone is lost, damaged or stolen the user can reconnect to their email server and restore all the lost data. Another consideration for a forensic examiner looking at email stored on an iPhone is the format in which the email is stored. The iPhone works in a similar way to the Mail client on Mac OS X and supports MBOX format. MBOX files are stored in plain-text and can be parsed by many forensic analysis tools.

Searching the extracted data is the main component of Scenario C. Scenario C has a broader scope than previous scenarios so the most complete extracted data set is more likely to provide the best results. As long as the files extracted by the tool are readable and retain integrity (including file and metadata property information) searching should not be an issue. Keyword searching could be used to identify the documents provided. The portability of the extracted data is important because the tool that performed the extraction may not be the tool a forensic examiner chooses to perform analysis with. The keyword searching capability of a tool that supports the iPhone may not be as rigorously tested as an industry standard tool, such as EnCase

or FTK. However, the advantage of using the same tool for extraction and analysis is that the likelihood the tool can read all the file types is higher. For example, the iPhone heavily uses SQLite, PLISTS and MBOX files. Some tools may not support all required file types and that would cause review of the original documents to be more complex.

Time is the main component in Scenario D. The methods of extraction are highly relevant in Scenario D. The amount of time it takes to extract the information stored on an iPhone in a format ready for review is essential. Figure 2.3 states that the less complex an extraction method the less forensically sound. In time-pressure situations, such as a kidnapping, the robustness of the approach is less important than the time required executing the extraction. Another aspect of Scenario D that needs to be considered is whether the situation requires a forensic tool or if manual extraction (manual browsing of the user interface) is the most suitable option.

The final scenario, Scenario E, involves a major focus on analysis. As like Scenario C where analysis is also important, Scenario E requires that the extracted data be portable so it can be reviewed in another tool if required.

17 requirements are outlined in section 4.2.3. The requirements are not an exhaustive list but were selected as the requirements range through all five scenarios. In section 4.2.2.2 three levels of rating are outlined. The three levels provide a weighted measure of the seven extraction tools in regards to the five scenarios. A “Requirement Rating” as described in section 4.2.3 is a measure of how important to the specific scenario each requirement is. For example, in a scenario where time is critical the completeness of the data extracted may not be as important as the time it takes the tool to complete the extraction.

5.7 RECOMMENDATIONS FOR FURTHER RESEARCH

In section 3.5 an expected outcome of this research is that all evaluated extraction tools are limited in the amount of data that the tools can extract. After collecting and analysing the results it can be stated that this outcome is indeed correct. The sample of extraction tools evaluated in this research is small compared to all available tools. There is the potential that another tool provides more complete results, especially a tool that does not utilise iTunes backup and is able to extract the iPhone data in a more complete way. A similar evaluation of capability of the other tools that support the iPhone would provide an interesting comparison of results with this research. As described in section 5.5 all the extraction tools evaluated use the same method of extraction. However, some tools are able to extract more data because the tool utilises the access granted by the iPhone OS to extract the logical files available to the *mobile* user. The Jonathan Zdziarski method requires *root* user access. Another limitation that isn't directly related to extraction but is still important is the portability of the extracted data. Most of the forensic tools use different storage formats but none use common forensic formats such as: DMG, dd, E01 or L01. Further research could be done into the storage mediums utilised by extraction tools for the storage of evidential data.

What has been described as the “holy grail” (Zdziarski, 2008) of iPhone data extraction is the ability to obtain a full physical copy of the iPhone disk. However, as discussed in section 5.5 the requirements of a case are always different and the simple extraction of the logical files that are included as part of the iTunes backup and therefore accessible by forensic tools is often all that is required. Extraction of a full physical copy is often unnecessary and complex. An analysis of the feasibility of using jailbreaking techniques in forensic tools could be an area for further research. Documentation of procedure is essential in all cases. However, the documentation regarding the jailbreaking process could be quite high and add unnecessary time to the time spent on the case.

As discussed in section 3.5 an expected outcome is that the evaluated extraction tools will be limited to logical files only. During field research this expectation is confirmed correct and that only a limited portion of the logical files can be extracted with the evaluated tools. The reason the evaluated tools do not support unallocated disk space is because the iTunes backup and *mobile* user only have access to a limited portion of the logical files. However, as described in section 4.2.2 some deleted data can be restored because of the way SQLite databases function. A SQLite database is not compacted every time a row is deleted so even if information is deleted by the user and is no longer accessible through the user interface, the deleted data may still be accessible by reviewing the source database file.

The Jonathan Zdziarski method could not be adopted with the available resource for the iPhone 3GS. Section 3.5 states that the Jonathan Zdziarski method would be time consuming. This expectation could not be tested but time was spent attempting to adopt the method for the iPhone 3GS. The process is complicated and requires a high level of expertise. As the method relies on unofficial methods of access there is no clear documentation to work from, only a trial-and-error approach that relies on hacking the iPhone OS. Although possible performance improvements could not be tested on the Jonathan Zdziarski method, improvements were tested with the catalog collection. The Jonathan Zdziarski method requires sending the dd image over a wireless connection with OpenSSH and netcat. There are software tools available that can set up a SSH tunnel over USB and not wireless. Transfer of 15.33GB is much faster over USB than wireless.

In section 3.5 the statement is made that software restrictions would limit the capability of being able to collect the catalog information. As described in section 5.2, software restrictions did contribute to difficulty with catalog collection but workarounds were established. The extent of which the software restrictions would limit the catalog is unknown and based on the research findings the only way to open the iPhone access up is by jailbreaking or using a modified variation of the jailbreaking process. A possible alternative to jailbreaking an iPhone for catalog collection could be to perform chip extraction of the iPhone and use the data extracted from as catalog data. The advantage of using chip removal is that there is no

chance the data will be changed as no modifications have had to be made to allow full file system access. However, chip removal is still complex and expensive.

An expected outcome stated in section 3.5 is that none of the evaluated extraction tools would match the data collected as part of the catalog directly. As described in section 5.5 the low result is due to the method of extraction used to by the evaluated tools only allowing access to a limited portion of the file system. A dd image is an entire physical image and therefore access permissions are not an issue. Similarly an expected outcome is that the Jonathan Zdziarski method would match the catalog directly. As discussed, the Jonathan Zdziarski method could not be tested so a comparison can't be made.

Results from the extraction log analysis and scenario analysis weren't as expected. A variation that differs from the expected outcome of the scenario analysis is that the same tool scored consistently high in the scenarios and same tools scored consistently low. The expectation was that certain tools would score well in some scenarios and not as well in others. The expectation was based on the thought that tools would have strengths and weaknesses. However, results indicate that Oxygen Forensics Suite 2010 would work suitability well in all scenarios based on the limited set of requirements. Further scenario analysis based on expert opinion could expand on understanding the capability of the evaluated tools in different case scenarios.

The complexity of setup for extraction did not vary between the evaluated tools. Extraction method similarity discussed in section 5.5 is the main reason for the commonality of complexity. The evaluated tools were selected for evaluation because the tools can be easily purchased off-the-shelf and aren't limited to law enforcement use. Although the interfaces are different and the way in which the tool stores in the data varies, the method of extraction is almost identical with all evaluated tools. Variances in results can be contributed to the source and processing of data.

5.8 CONCLUSION

A thorough understanding of the research findings reported in chapter four has been established and discussed in chapter five. Discussion on field findings has identified strengths and weaknesses with results as well as limitations with the approach that could be improved on and provide areas for further research. The scope of the results has been discussed in chapter five and put into the context of real world forensic scenarios. Chapter five has provided information about tool capability for forensic professionals looking to begin testing of extraction tools to retrieve data from an iPhone. Results indicate that although the amount of data that can be extracted is limited, the tool may still effectively meet the requirements of a particular case. Forensic extraction tools also provide benefit in forensic cases as forensic tools often provide better storage of evidential data and accuracy checks.

The research question and sub-questions have been answered based on research findings in section 5.1.1 and 5.1.2. In section 5.1.3 the three hypotheses are tested on a weighting scale. Testing hypotheses shows that H1 is not correct while H2 and H3 are correct. The five main areas of findings are discussed in sections 5.2 to 5.6. Access restrictions and limitations of the iPhone software that affect data extraction are discussed in section 5.2. Bypassing software restrictions is discussed in section 5.3. Findings on the accuracy and integrity of the evidential data are discussed in section 5.4. Classification of file formats is discussed in section 5.5 and case environments and iPhone may be involved are discussed in section 5.6. Areas of potential further research in and around the topic area are outlined in section 5.7.

Chapter six will summarise and conclude the research. Research findings reported in chapter four will be summarised. Possible areas of further research will be outlined creating a link to continued research.

Chapter Six

CONCLUSION

6.0 INTRODUCTION

The research has evaluated the capability of a set of extraction tools that can extract data from an iPhone. Understanding the capability of tools forensic professionals use ensures the result of extraction meets expectations. The data needs to be accurate and the procedure repeatable or the information may not be admissible in court. Capability can only be obtained if the result can be compared with a known set of data. Hashing has been used to identify files that match in content exactly, even if the file names have been removed or changed. Another component of capability researched is a tool's ability to work in common forensic case scenarios. The requirements of a case differ so a robust tool should work well in most situations.

Chapter six will conclude the thesis and summarise the research findings reported in chapter four. Findings report on the two components of capability evaluated: file based and scenario based. This main objective for this research is concluded while discussing areas of further research, creating a flow on to further work in the topic area.

Section 6.1 is a summary of findings, previously reported in chapter four and discussed in chapter five. The maximum and minimum results of the extraction log are discussed. Findings indicate that forensic tools extract more files than non-forensic tools. The answer to the research question is summarised and concluded in section 6.2. Section 6.2 concludes the answer of this research, based on research findings. Section 6.3 summarises the areas of further research discussed in section 5.7. Section 6.3 is the final section of the thesis and links this research to subsequent further research in the same topic area.

6.1 SUMMARY OF FINDINGS

As part of testing iPhone capability a catalog was collected containing hash information from an iTunes backup and dd disk image. From the iTunes backup 343 hash values were calculated and from the dd disk image 12,963 were calculated. The iTunes backup grew to a size of 7.4MB containing logical active files and the dd disk image grew to a size of 15.33GB containing all logical files and unallocated disk space. Catalog files were classified in 16 classifications with three corresponding ratings (0 to 2). A rating of 0 indicates low relevance (jailbreak and iPod music files) and 2 indicates a highly relevant file (SMS, Safari, OS, notes, maps, mail, cookies, camera, call history, calendar, cache and address book).

Five forensic extraction tools and two non-forensic extraction tools have been evaluated as part of the field work. Extracts from the same iPhone were taken with all seven tools while fully documenting the procedure in a journal. MD5 hash values and file names were collected for the extracted files from the seven tools. Oxygen Forensics Suite 2010 extracted the highest number of files, 903, of which 781 (86.49%) match the dd disk image and 346 (38.32%) match the iTunes backup. MobileSyncBrowser extracted the least number of files, 336. Of the files extracted, 174 (51.79%) match the dd disk image and 254 (75.60%) match the iTunes backup.

During tool evaluation a journal was kept to fully document the procedure followed. The journal contains information on every event: date, action and result. 11 findings were identified in the journal (Table 4.2). The journal findings include issues, lessons learnt and best practices. Issues include the inability to downgrade the firmware version due to hash signing, write-blocking, radio blocking and security mechanisms. Software restrictions implemented on the iPhone OS limit the firmware versions that can be restored on an iPhone and the access the user has to the iPhone file system. The method described by Zdziarski (2008) in his book “iPhone Forensics” describes using a superseded jailbreaking tool called PwnageTool to restore a modified firmware file onto an iPhone to run a forensically sound environment for full physical data extraction. Due to the hash signing implemented by Apple the described method no longer works on the iPhone 3GS or iPhone 4.

Once the restoration process begins the iPhone phones home and detects the modified firmware.

A scenario analysis was performed as part of the field work to identify what tools work well in a set of sample scenarios. Five scenarios were developed for analysis. Each scenario has a corresponding main component. The five main components are: archiving, email recovery, document recovery, speed of recovery and tracking. Findings show that Oxygen Forensics Suite 2010 scored consistently high in all of the five scenarios. MobileSyncBrowser and iPhone Explorer (both non-forensic tools) scored consistently low. Full results are in Table 4.10. Tools were scored against 17 weighted requirements. A requirement weighting was based on the importance of a tool's ability to perform a requirement in that particular scenario. Requirements were developed around the completeness of extraction, hardware support, write-blocking, speed of extraction, hashing and export functionality. Forensic tools typically scored higher in the scenario analysis as forensic tools support additional features required for an investigation, including hashing and evidence storage.

6.2 RESEARCH QUESTION

As part of this research a research question and five sub-questions have been derived. The research question is: What is the capability of extraction tools for the extraction of information stored on an iPhone? The research question is derived from the literature review in chapter two and answered in section 5.1.1. Two measurements of capability have been used in this research, the number of files extracted and an analysis of a sample set of scenarios. The extraction log presented in section 4.2.2.2 is a complete list of both calculated MD5 hash values and file names extracted by both catalog sources and the seven extraction tools. Analysis has been performed on the extraction log data to compare the results of all the extractions. Analysis of the extraction log indicates that the highest level of extraction the seven tools can perform is 6.17% of the known data stored on an iPhone.

Although initial thought was that some tools would work well in particular scenarios and no tool would work well in all scenarios, Oxygen Forensic Suite 2010 scored the highest result in all five scenarios. The scenario analysis result is unexpected. However, research into the extraction method indicates that because all the tools use the same approach to logical extraction (with the exception of MacLockPick) so a consistent result is expected.

The first sub-question is: What information is stored on an iPhone? The first sub-question is answered by the research findings in phase one. Although there are limitations to the data collection approach in phase one, a near complete disk image was collected to provide a robust baseline for iPhone capability. The second sub-question is: What information is input by the user? Results in phases two and three both indicate improved success in extraction with forensic tools. All tools use the same extraction method but findings indicate that forensic tools are designed to ensure evidential data integrity is maintained by storing the data in a database and not the original logical files.

The results of this research are limited to the seven extraction tools available for evaluation. Conclusions have been made on the basis of these tools. However, research into other tools that support the iPhone may yield different results. A common trend identified among most of the evaluated tools is that the method for extraction is the same. A tool's differentiation is in the analysis features the tool supplies and what the tool does with the data the tool extracts. There may be another tool that isn't constrained by the same limitations as the tools evaluated in this research that may be able to provide more complete and accurate results.

The third sub-question is: What information is system generated? The classification of files provides an overview look at what the files on an iPhone are used for. The last sub-question is: What information can be extracted? All the evaluated tools extract at the logical level and even if the iPhone is jailbroken none of the tools were able to extract a complete physical copy. The method used to extract the data limits extraction to a logical extraction. The technical expertise required to use the evaluated tools is low. However, the process must still be fully documented and validated for accuracy before use.

6.3 FURTHER RESEARCH

Areas of further research are discussed in section 5.7. An area for additional research to be performed is in the number of extraction tools tested. Seven software based extraction tools were evaluated as part of this research. Further research could look at more extraction tools, including newly available and hardware based extraction tools. Evaluated tools don't necessarily have to be forensic tools that can be bought off-the-shelf. The Jonathan Zdziarski method is a case-in-point that a developed procedure and set of scripts may offer a better result. Further research could go into looking at the capability of alternative evidence extraction methods. The Jonathan Zdziarski method is a popular technique for law enforcement extracting data from an iPhone. However, other non-software based methods may prove viable in forensic cases.

A part of extraction tool capability that has only been discussed at a limited level is the storage medium for storing evidential data. In section 4.2.2.1 the difference between forensic and non-forensic tools is discussed. Findings indicate that forensic tools typically utilise a database for data storage whereas non-forensic tools store the original files. None of the forensic tools utilise the same storage formats and none use the dd or E01 formats.

The relevance of PLIST and SQLite files is discussed in section 4.3.2. There are other file formats stored on the iPhone that could contain relevant information for an investigation. Basic classification of files has been performed on the files extracted in the catalog. Further research could go into a more thorough analysis and classification of the file formats identified. Files could be further prioritised so as to assist forensic professionals in quickly identifying the files most likely to provide relevance information for their case. Further research could also go into expanding the scenario analysis into more scenarios that are critiqued with the use of a survey of industry experts.

6.4 CONCLUSION

This research has focused on software tools (both forensic and non-forensic) that advertise support for extracting information stored on an iPhone. The volume of the known data that is stored on an iPhone has been evaluated. The iPhone capability has been identified and compared with the result of the seven extraction tools.

Chapter six has concluded this research into iPhone extraction tool capability by reviewing the findings, research question and areas for further research. Research findings have been discussed, including the most complete, and incomplete results obtained from the seven extraction tools. Scenario analysis data has been summarised and limitations of findings also discussed. This research has been concluded by completing the discussion of the research question and sub-questions by summarising the answers discussed in section 5.1.1. The research question encapsulates evaluating the capability of the iPhone, capability of extraction tools and the technical expertise required to perform an extraction. Chapter six links onto further research and summarises the potential areas that research could continue in the topic area.

Complete data extraction from an iPhone is complex due to the hardware and software restrictions. Data extraction is possible due to features that open access to a limited portion of the logical files.

Publications

Cusack, B. & Knight, B. (2010, August 1). iPhorensics – No Pain, No Gain! *Digital Forensics Magazine*, Issue 04, 50-54.

References

- New cellphone network set to launch. (2009, May 11). *3 News*. Retrieved from www.3news.co.nz/New-cellphone-network-set-to-launch/tabid/421/articleID/103647/Default.aspx
- 2 Degrees. (2009) *What does the 2degrees 3G rollout mean for me?* Retrieved from <http://blog.2degreesmobile.co.nz/media/what-does-the-2degrees-3g-rollout-mean-for-me/>
- Apple Inc. (n.d.) *iPhone 2G: Technical Specifications*. Retrieved March 24, 2010, from <http://web.archive.org/web/20101106083452/http://www.apple.com/i>
- Apple Inc. (n.d.). *iPhone 3G: Technical Specifications*. Retrieved March 24, 2010, from <http://www.apple.com/iphone/specs-3g.html>
- Apple. (n.d.). *iPhone 3GS: Technical Specifications*. Retrieved March 24, 2010, from <http://www.apple.com/iphone/specs.html>
- Apple Inc. (2009). *iPhone OS Overview*. Retrieved April 6, 2010, from <http://developer.apple.com/technologies/ios/>
- Apple Inc. (2009). *iPhone in Business: Security Overview*. Retrieved April 11, 2010, from http://www.apple.com/iphone/business/docs/iPhone_Security_Overview.pdf
- Ayers, D. (2009). A second generation computer forensic analysis system. *Digital Investigation*, 6, 34-42. doi: 10.1016/j.diin.2009.06.013
- Ayers, R., Jansen, W., Cilleros, N., & Daniellou, R. (2005). *Cell Phone Forensic Tools: An Overview and Analysis*. Gaithersburg, USA: National Institute of Standards and Technology.
- Ayers, R., Jansen, W., Moenner, L., & Delaitre, A. (2007). *Cell Phone Forensic Tools: An Overview and Analysis Update*. Gaithersburg, USA: National Institute of Standards and Technology.
- Ayers, R. (2008). Mobile Device Forensics – Tool Testing [PowerPoint slides]. USA: National Institute of Standards and Technology. Retrieved April 11, 2010 from www.cftt.nist.gov/documents/MobileDeviceForensics-MFW08.pdf
- AL-Hajri, H. & Sansurooah, K. (2008). *iPhone Forensics Methodology and Tools*. Paper presented at the 6th Australian Digital Forensics Conference. doi: 10.1.1.149.5015

- Baggili, I. M., Mislán, R., & Rogers, M. (2007). Mobile Phone Forensics Tool Testing: A Database Disk Approach. *International Journal of Digital Evidence*, 6(2). Retrieved April 11, 2010 from www.utica.edu/academic/institutes/ecii/publications/articles/1C33DF76-D8D3-EFF5-47AE3681FD948D68.pdf
- Biggs, S., & Vidalis, S. (2009). *Cloud Computing: The Impact on Digital Forensic Investigations*. Paper presented at the International Conference for Internet Technology and Secured Transactions. Retrieved from <http://ieeexplore.ieee.org.ezproxy.aut.ac.nz/stamp/stamp.jsp?tp=&arnumber=5402561&isnumber=5402499>
- Breeuwsma, M., De Jongh, M., Klaver, C., Van der Knijff, R., & Roeloffs, M. (2007). Forensic Data Recovery from Flash Memory. *Small Scale Digital Device Forensics Journal*, 1(1), 1-17. Retrieved April 09, 2010 from www.ssddfj.org/papers/SSDDFJ_V1_1_Breeuwsma_et_al.pdf
- Brothers, S. (2008). *How Cell Phone "Forensic" Tools Actually Work (Proposed Leveling)* [PowerPoint slides]. Presented at Mobile Forensics World 2008. Retrieved April 15, 2010 from www.mobileforensicsworld.org/2008/.../MFW2008_Brothers_HowCellPhoneForensicToolsWork.pdf
- Brothers, S. (2009). *Cell Phone and GPS Forensic Tool Classification System: 2009 Update* [PowerPoint slides]. Presented at Mobile Forensics World 2009. Retrieved April 01, 2010 from www.mobileforensicsworld.org/2009/presentations/MFW2009_BROTHERS_CellPhoneandGPSForensicToolClassificationSystem.pdf
- Brothers, S. (2009). *Image Ballistics* [PowerPoint slides]. Presented at Mobile Forensics World 2009. Retrieved April 20, 2010 from www.mobileforensicsworld.org/2009/presentations/MFW2009_BROTHERS_ImageBallistics.pdf
- Burghardt, A., & Feldman, A. (2008). Using the HFSD journal for deleted file recovery. *Digital Investigations*, 5, 76-82. doi:10.1016/j.diin.2008.05.013
- Byers, D., & Shahmehri, N. (2009). A systematic evaluation of disk imaging in EnCase 6.8 and LinEn 6.1. *Digital Investigation*, 6, 61-70. doi: 10.1016/j.diin.2009.05.004
- Carlton, G. H. (2008). An Evaluation of Windows-Based Computer Forensics Application Software Running on a Macintosh. *Journal of Digital Forensics, Security and Law*, 3(3). doi: 10.1.1.169.638

- Casadei, F., Savoldi, A., & Gubian, P. (2006). Forensics and SIM cards: An Overview. *International Journal of Digital Evidence*, 5(1). Retrieved March 11, 2010 from <http://www.utica.edu/academic/institutes/ecii/publications/articles/EFE3EDD5-0AD1-6086-28804D3C49D798A0.pdf>
- Casadei, F., Savoldi, A., & Gubian, P. (2005). *SIMbrush: an Open Source Tool for GSM and UMTS Forensics Analysis*. Paper presented at the First International Workshop on Systematic Approaches to Digital Forensic Engineering. doi: 10.1109/SADFE.2005.22
- Casey, E. (2009). Digital forensics: Coming of age. *Digital Investigation*, 6, 1-2. doi: 10.1016/j.diin.2009.08.001
- Casey, E. (2007). What does “forensically sound” really mean? *Digital Investigation*, 4, 49-50. doi: 10.1016/j.diin.2007.05.001
- Casey, E. (2007). Attacks against forensic analysis. *Digital Investigation*, 4, 105-106. doi: 10.1016/j.diin.2008.01.001
- Chennamma, H. R., Rangarajan, L., & Rao, M. S. (2009). Robust Near Duplicate Image Matching for Digital Image Forensics. *International Journal of Digital Crime and Forensics*, 1(3), 62-79. doi: 10.4018/jdcf.2009070104
- Cohen, K. (2007). Digital Still Camera Forensics. *Small Scale Digital Device Forensics Journal*, 1(1), 1-8. Retrieved April 11, 2010 from www.ssddfj.org/papers/SSDDFJ_V1_1_Cohen.pdf
- Danker, S. (2009). *Viability of Using Hash Values in Mobile Phone Forensics* [PowerPoint slides]. Presented at Mobile World Forensics 2009. Retrieved April 16, 2010 from www.mobileforensicsworld.org/2009/presentations/MFW2009_DANKNER_HashingIntegrityandMobilePhones.pdf
- Danker, S., Ayers, R., & Mislan, R. P. (2009). Hashing Techniques for Mobile Device Forensics. *Small Scale Digital Device Forensics Journal*, 3(1), 1-6. Retrieved April 01, 2010 from www.ssddfj.org/.../SSDDFJ_V3_1_Dankner_Ayers_Mislan.pdf
- Duvinage, N. (2008). *Advanced GSM Forensics* [PowerPoint slides]. Presented at Mobile Forensics World 2008. Retrieved April 02, 2010 from www.mobileforensicsworld.org/2008/presentations/MFW2008_Duvinage_AdvancedGSMForensics.pdf

- Federal Bureau of Investigation. (2009). *Mobile Forensics: A Path Forward* [PowerPoint slides]. Presented at Mobile Forensics World 2009. Retrieved April 05, 2010 from www.mobileforensicsworld.org/2009/presentations/MFW2009_VOSS_MobileForensicsAPathForward.pdf
- Frakes, D. (2009). *Inside iPhone 3.0's Remote Wipe feature: How long a wipe takes—and how secure it is— depends on which device you use*. Retrieved April 11, 2010, from www.macworld.com/article/141605/2009/07/remotewipe.html
- Gratzer, V., & Naccache, D. (2006). Cryptography, Law Enforcement, and Mobile Communications. *Security & Privacy, IEEE*, 6(4), 67-70. doi: 10.1109/MSP.2006.148
- Gratzer, V., Naccache, D., & Znaty, D. (2006). *Law enforcement, forensics and mobile communications*. Paper presented at the Fourth Annual IEEE International Conference on Pervasive Computing and Communications Workshops. doi: 10.1109/PERCOMW.2006.73
- Grossman, L. (2007). *Invention Of the Year: The iPhone*. Retrieved from www.time.com/time/specials/2007/article/0,28804,1677329_1678542,00.html
- Guo, Y., Slay, J., & Beckett, J. (2009). Validation and verification of computer forensic software tools - Searching Function. *Digital Investigation*, 6, 12-22. doi: 10.1016/j.diin.2009.06.015
- Hadjidj, R., Debbabi, M., Lounis, H., Iqbal, F., Szporer, A., & Benredjem, D. (2009). Towards an integrated e-mail forensic analysis framework. *Digital Investigation*, 5, 124-137. doi: 10.1016/j.diin.2009.01.004
- Harrill, D. C., & Mislán, R. P. (2007). A Small Scale Digital Device Forensics Ontology. *Small Scale Digital Device Forensics Journal*, 1(1), 1-7. Retrieved April 11, 2010 from www.ssddfj.org/papers/SSDDFJ_V1_1_Harrill_Mislán.pdf
- Heusser, M. (2005). *Methodology Design: The Way We Do Things Around Here*. Retrieved October 1, 2009, from <http://www.informit.com/articles/article.aspx?p=434641&seqNum=2>
- Hoog, A. (2009). *Android Forensics* [PowerPoint slides]. Presented at Mobile Forensics World 2009. Retrieved April 08, 2010 from www.mobileforensicsworld.org/2009/.../MFW2009_HOOG_AndroidForensics.pdf
- Hoog, A., & Gaffaney, K. (2009). *iPhone Forensics* [White Paper]. Retrieved February 20, 2010 from <http://viaforensics.com/wpinstall/wp-content/uploads/2009/03/iPhone-Forensics-2009.pdf>

- Honan, M. (2007). *Apple unveils iPhone*. Retrieved from www.macworld.com/article/54769/2007/01/iphone.html
- Induruwa, A. (2009). Mobile phone forensics: an overview of technical and legal aspects. *International Journal of Electronic Security and Digital Forensics*, 2(2), 169-181. doi: 10.1504/IJESDF.2009.024901
- Iqbal, F., Hadjidj, R., Fung, B. C. M., & Debbabi, M. (2008). A novel approach of mining write-prints for authorship attribution in e-mail forensics. *Digital Investigation*, 5, 42-51. doi: 10.1016/j.diin.2008.05.001
- Jahankhani, H. (2009). Criminal investigation and forensic tools for smartphones. *International Journal of Electronic Security and Digital Forensics*, 2(4), 387 – 406. doi: 10.1504/IJESDF.2009.027671
- Joyce, R., Powers, J. & Adelstein, F. (2008). MEGA: A tool for Mac OS X operating system and application forensics. *Digital Investigation*, 5, 83-90. doi:10.1016/j.diin.2008.05.011
- Kiley, M., Shinbara, T., & Rogers, M. (2007). iPod Forensics Update. *International Journal of Digital Evidence*, 6(1). Retrieved April 11, 2010 from <http://www.utica.edu/academic/institutes/ecii/publications/articles/B40DD0EA-D340-962F-F98B868F3C69129F.pdf>
- Koennecke, K. (2008). *Forensic Analysis of Cell Phones and SIM Cards* [PowerPoint slides]. Presented at Mobile Forensics World 2008. Retrieved May 05, 2010 from www.mobileforensicsworld.org/2008/presentations/MFW2008_Mansell_EssentialToolsforPhoneExaminers_SLIDES.pdf
- Kubasiak, R. R. (2007). *Macintosh Forensics: A Guide for the Forensically Sound Examination of a Macintosh Computer* [White Paper]. Retrieved from http://www.macforensicslab.com/ProductsAndServices/index.php?main_page=index&cPath=11&zenid=c0b18ef733395ce4284df183e5777c9c
- Levine, B. & Liberatore, M. (2009). MEGA DEX: Digital evidence provenance supporting reproducibility and comparison. *Digital Investigation*, 6(2009), S48-S56. doi:10.1016/j.diin.2009.06.011
- Losavio, M., Wilson, D., & Elmaghraby, A. (2006). Prevalence, Use, and Evidentiary Issues of Digital Evidence of Cellular Telephone Consumer and Small-Scale Digital Devices. *Journal of Digital Forensic Practice*, 1(4), 291-296. doi: 10.1080/15567280701418080

- Luck, J., & Stokes, M. (2008). An Integrated Approach to Recovering Deleted Files from NAND Flash Data. *Small Scale Digital Device Forensics Journal*, 2(1), 1-13. Retrieved April 25, 2010 from http://www.ssddfj.org/papers/SSDDFJ_V2_1_Luck_Stokes.pdf
- Lurie, D. (2007). *iPhone Announced: The Unofficial Apple Weblog*. Retrieved from www.tuaw.com/2007/01/09/iphone-announced/
- Malinowski, C., & Noble, R. (2007). Hashing and data integrity: Reliability of hashing and granularity size reduction. *Digital Investigation*, 4, 98-104. doi: 10.1016/j.diin.2007.03.001
- Mansell, K. (2008). Essential Online Tools for Phone Examiners [PowerPoint slides]. Presented at Mobile Forensics World 2008. Retrieved April 25, 2010 from www.mobileforensicsworld.org/2008/presentations/MFW2008_Mansell_EssentialToolsforPhoneExaminers_SLIDES.pdf
- Mansell, K. (2008). Digging Deeper: Finding Gold [PowerPoint slides]. Presented at Mobile Forensics World 2008. Retrieved April 25, 2010 from www.mobileforensicsworld.org/2008/presentations/MFW2008_Mansell_DiggingDeeperFindingGold.pdf
- McDonald, K. (2005). To image a Macintosh. *Digital Investigation*, 2, 175-79. doi: 10.1016/j.diin.2005.07.004
- Me, G., & Rossi, M. (2008). *Internal forensic acquisition for mobile equipments*. Paper presented at the IEEE International Symposium on Parallel and Distributed Processing. doi: 10.1109/IPDPS.2008.4536557
- Microsoft Corporation. (2010). *Glossary*. Retrieved April 11, 2010, from [http://msdn.microsoft.com/en-us/library/ee394786\(v=PROT.13\).aspx](http://msdn.microsoft.com/en-us/library/ee394786(v=PROT.13).aspx)
- Murphy, C. A. (2009). The Fraternal Clone Method for CDMA Cell Phones. *Small Scale Digital Device Forensics Journal*, 3(1), 1-8. Retrieved March 11, 2010 from www.ssddfj.org/papers/SSDDFJ_V3_1_Murphy.pdf
- Narayanaswami, C. (2005). *Form factors for mobile computing and device symbiosis*. Paper presented at the Eight International Conference on Document Analysis and Recognition. doi: 10.1109/ICDAR.2005.114
- Nutter, B. (2008). Pinpointing TomTom location records: A forensic analysis. *Digital Forensics*, 5, 10-18. doi: 10.1016/j.diin.2008.06.003
- Oberheide, J., & Jahanian, F. (2010). *When mobile is harder than fixed (and vice versa): Demystifying security challenges in mobile environments*. Paper presented at the Eleventh Workshop on Mobile Computing Systems & Applications. Retrieved from <http://doi.acm.org/10.1145/1734583.1734595>

- O'Connor, T. P. (2009). Provider Side Cell Phone Forensics. *Small Scale Digital Device Forensics Journal*, 3(1), 1-4. Retrieved March 15, 2010 from www.ssddfj.org/papers/SSDDFJ_V3_1_OConnor.pdf
- Olsson, J. & Boldt, M. (2009). Computer forensic timeline visualization tool. *Digital Investigation*, 6(2009), S78-S87. doi: 10.1016/j.diin.2009.06.008
- Palmer, P. (2008). *iPhone 3G Announced: The Unofficial Apple Weblog*. Retrieved from www.tuaw.com/2008/06/09/iphone-3g-announced/
- Pan, L., & Batten, L. M. (2009). Robust performance testing for digital forensic tools. *Digital Investigation*, 6, 71-81. doi: 10.1016/j.diin.2009.02.003
- Punja, S. G., & Mislán, R. P. (2008). Mobile Device Analysis. *Small Scale Digital Device Forensics Journal*, 2(1), 1-16. Retrieved April 11, 2010 from www.ssddfj.org/papers/SSDDFJ_V2_1_Punja_Mislán.pdf
- Punja, S. (2009). *BlackBerry Forensics* [PowerPoint slides]. Presented at Mobile Forensics World 2009. Retrieved April 09, 2010 from www.mobileforensicsworld.org/2009/presentations/MFW2009_PUNJA_BlackberryForensics.pdf
- Pereira, M. T. (2009). Forensic analysis of the Firefox 3 Internet history and recovery of deleted SQLite records. *Digital Forensics*, 5, 93-103. doi: 10.1016/j.diin.2009.01.003
- Ridder, C. K. (2009). Evidentiary Implications of Potential Security Weaknesses in Forensic Software. *International Journal of Digital Crime and Forensics*, 1(3), 80-91. doi: 10.4018/jdcf.2009070105
- Sande, S. (2009). *WWDC 2009 Keynote meta-liveblog: The Unofficial Apple Weblog*. Retrieved from www.tuaw.com/2009/06/08/wwdc-2009-keynote-meta-liveblog/
- Sencar, H. T., & Memon, N. (2009). Identification and recovery of JPEG files with missing fragments. *Digital Investigation*, 6, 88-98. doi: 10.1016/j.diin.2009.06.007
- Seriot, N. (2009). iPhone Privacy [PowerPoint slides]. Geneva, Switzerland. Retrieved April 18, 2010 from http://seriot.ch/resources/talks_papers/iPhonePrivacy.pdf
- Slay, J., & Przibilla. (2007). *iPod Forensics: Forensically Sound Examination of an Apple iPod*. Paper presented at the 40th Annual Hawaii International Conference on System Sciences. doi: 10.1109/HICSS.2007.300

- Slivka, E. (2010). *Gartner: iPhone Sales Double in 2009 as Apple Claims Third Place in Smartphone Sales*. Retrieved from <http://www.macrumors.com/2010/02/23/gartner-iphone-sales-double-in-2009-as-apple-claims-third-place-in-smartphone-sales/>
- Souvignet, T. (2009). *Using Bootloaders to Dump the Internal Flash Memory of Mobile Phones* [PowerPoint slides]. Presented at Mobile Forensics World 2009. Retrieved April 30, 2010 from www.mobileforensicsworld.org/2009/presentations/MFW2009_SOUVIGNET_BootloadersDumpInternalFlashMemory.pps
- Strawn, C. (2009). Expanding the Potential for GPS Evidence Acquisition. *Small Scale Digital Device Forensics Journal*, 3(1), 1-12. Retrieved April 13, 2010 from www.ssddfj.org/papers/SSDDFJ_V3_1_Strawn.pdf
- Tsai, M. J., Lai, C. L., & Liu, J. (2007). *Camera/ Mobile Phone Source Identification For Digital Forensics*. Paper presented at the IEEE International Conference on Acoustics, Speech and Signal Processing. doi: 10.1109/ICASSP.2007.366212
- University of Pennsylvania: Information Systems & Computing. (2010). *Approximate Desktop, Notebook, & Netbook Power Usage*. Retrieved from www.upenn.edu/computing/provider/docs/hardware/powerusage.html
- U.S. Department of Justice. (2007). *Investigative Uses of Technology: Devices, Tools, and Techniques*. Washington, USA: Keisler, P. D., Daley, C. K., & Hagy, D. W.
- Vodafone Group. (2008). *Vodafone and Apple to bring iPhone 3G to Australia, Italy, New Zealand & Portugal on July 11*. Retrieved from www.vodafone.co.nz/about/media-centre/2008-media-releases/apple-iphone-3G.jsp
- Westman, M. (2009). *Complete Mobile Phones Forensic Examination: Why we need both Logical & Physical Extractions* [PowerPoint slides]. Presented at Mobile Forensics World 2009. Retrieved April 12, 2010 from www.mobileforensicsworld.org/2009/presentations/MFW2009_Westman_LogicalandPhysicalExtractions.pdf
- Zdziarski, J. (2008). *iPhone Forensics* (1st edition). Sebastopol, USA: O'Reilly Media, Inc.
- Zhu, G., Huang, J., Kwong, S., & Yang, J. (2009). A Study on the Randomness Measure of Image Hashing. *IEEE Transactions on Information Forensics and Security*, 4(4), 928-932. doi: 10.1109/TIFS.2009.2033737

Appendix A - Catalog

Column Key
 iTunes Backup - A
 iTunes Backup (Jailbroken) - B
 Device Seizure - C
 iPhone Explorer - D
 MobileSyncBrowser - E
 Mobilize - F
 Mobilize (Jailbroken) - G
 Oxygen Forensics - H
 Oxygen Forensics (Jailbroken) - I

The full electronic copy of Appendix A in PDF format can be downloaded from:
<http://goo.gl/K5uj>

Rating	Classification	MD5 Hash	File Name	Full Path	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I
2	OS	04b33c204ea83d7b46868d02c56ee4ab	TrustStore.sqlite3	/Volumes/Data/Keychains/TrustStore.sqlite3	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
2	OS	f476e68db9407a3418964a7e6e34b14d	keychain-2.db	/Volumes/Data/Keychains/keychain-2.db									
2	OS	7158502a1cf9a8fa3f49c4146ee4f3b3	ocspcache.sqlite3	/Volumes/Data/Keychains/ocspcache.sqlite3									
2	OS	2de6a04cda79ed13580c47df470cc5f	com.apple.springboard.plist	/Volumes/Data/Managed Preferences/mobile/com.apple.springboard.plist	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
2	OS	2fb87af12a45b051218cde908e1339bb	ABE3CCC2-FF22-429F-9C87-AFDB9DE6C719	/Volumes/Data/MobileDevice/ProvisioningProfiles/ABE3CCC2-FF22-429F-9C87-AFDB9DE6C719	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
2	OS	17204bbe3541011c86e77bbe614c5e1	C4A5B07E-5FCD-4A60-A43F-B6B0583A94CD	/Volumes/Data/MobileDevice/ProvisioningProfiles/C4A5B07E-5FCD-4A60-A43F-B6B0583A94CD	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
2	OS	d41d8cd98f00b204e9800998ecf8427e	lock	/Volumes/Data/cache/apt/archives/lock	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
2	OS	6473f811cbafca3ee85d81cddc227b0d	pkgcache.bin	/Volumes/Data/cache/apt/pkgcache.bin									
2	OS	d47a4b5c6a145ae9d1705f0b36cf8dc2	srcpkgcache.bin	/Volumes/Data/cache/apt/srcpkgcache.bin									
2	OS	d41d8cd98f00b204e9800998ecf8427e	launchd_use_gmalloc	/Volumes/Data/db/launchd_use_gmalloc	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
2	OS	c797d68886ea93620e3ef4656f8a2467	en0-1_026:4a:c4:22:ee	/Volumes/Data/db/dhcpclient/leases/en0-1_026:4a:c4:22:ee									
2	OS	d41d8cd98f00b204e9800998ecf8427e	overrides.plist	/Volumes/Data/db/launchd.db/com.apple.launchd/overrides.plist	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
2	OS	28e3497aa0acae03adee06ed4d7dc72b	localtime	/Volumes/Data/db/timezone/localtime									
2	OS	d41d8cd98f00b204e9800998ecf8427e	lock	/Volumes/Data/lib/apt/lists/lock	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
2	OS	c76a853b7fbfeffa655a5c53f57677c4	available	/Volumes/Data/lib/dpkg/available									
2	OS	c76a853b7fbfeffa655a5c53f57677c4	available-old	/Volumes/Data/lib/dpkg/available-old									
2	OS	ef879736bb11c74e67471ec9d35d866	apr-lib.list	/Volumes/Data/lib/dpkg/info/apr-lib.list									
2	OS	32a4ea3d08eed72ede08a225cb1c10b0	apt7-key.list	/Volumes/Data/lib/dpkg/info/apt7-key.list									
2	OS	92efc2dee870b92ed0e0abc35b15731	apt7-lib.list	/Volumes/Data/lib/dpkg/info/apt7-lib.list									
2	OS	4105cc31a20baaa0a2850cbe0d0a3de8	base.list	/Volumes/Data/lib/dpkg/info/base.list									
2	OS	5b584bb1da554532a6b0762c53777c8	bash.list	/Volumes/Data/lib/dpkg/info/bash.list									
2	OS	c2c4acc84776bcd4f29588e6bf8db008	bigboss.list	/Volumes/Data/lib/dpkg/info/bigboss.list									
2	OS	09700673f11856adf5f98b0c1433c8563	bzip2.list	/Volumes/Data/lib/dpkg/info/bzip2.list									
2	OS	ba0d4d8be7d72da1fde74774ad17a1c9	coreutils-bin.list	/Volumes/Data/lib/dpkg/info/coreutils-bin.list									
2	OS	f530de65b768baab30da1355d5f0909a	darwintools.list	/Volumes/Data/lib/dpkg/info/darwintools.list									
2	OS	380c7aa9b8b377f115a5c7d21d460953	diffutils.list	/Volumes/Data/lib/dpkg/info/diffutils.list									
2	OS	8868ed822537563f8eee4b7a4b63df04	diskdev-cmds.list	/Volumes/Data/lib/dpkg/info/diskdev-cmds.list									
2	OS	7ebd04789730b28f5903707058e4277e	dpkg.list	/Volumes/Data/lib/dpkg/info/dpkg.list									
2	OS	b8f46d6de6571b94ae7ced49112f88f0	essential.list	/Volumes/Data/lib/dpkg/info/essential.list									
2	OS	b92bc18d01e7f5cdad7a3c65fe910ff1	findutils.list	/Volumes/Data/lib/dpkg/info/findutils.list									
2	OS	802931c44137312e8ec9531dc015878c	firmware-sbin.list	/Volumes/Data/lib/dpkg/info/firmware-sbin.list									
2	OS	b8f46d6de6571b94ae7ced49112f88f0	firmware.list	/Volumes/Data/lib/dpkg/info/firmware.list									
2	OS	1303065d5d7e41c6bd53a835e08a4987	gnupp.list	/Volumes/Data/lib/dpkg/info/gnupp.list									
2	OS	49c25080293aab9ea95528b8cb7bb5c2	grep.list	/Volumes/Data/lib/dpkg/info/grep.list									
2	OS	b8f46d6de6571b94ae7ced49112f88f0	gsc.accelerometer.list	/Volumes/Data/lib/dpkg/info/gsc.accelerometer.list									
2	OS	b8f46d6de6571b94ae7ced49112f88f0	gsc.accessibility.list	/Volumes/Data/lib/dpkg/info/gsc.accessibility.list									
2	OS	b8f46d6de6571b94ae7ced49112f88f0	gsc.all-features.list	/Volumes/Data/lib/dpkg/info/gsc.all-features.list									
2	OS	b8f46d6de6571b94ae7ced49112f88f0	gsc.app-store.list	/Volumes/Data/lib/dpkg/info/gsc.app-store.list									
2	OS	b8f46d6de6571b94ae7ced49112f88f0	gsc.application-installation.list	/Volumes/Data/lib/dpkg/info/gsc.application-installation.list									
2	OS	b8f46d6de6571b94ae7ced49112f88f0	gsc.armv6.list	/Volumes/Data/lib/dpkg/info/gsc.armv6.list									
2	OS	b8f46d6de6571b94ae7ced49112f88f0	gsc.armv7.list	/Volumes/Data/lib/dpkg/info/gsc.armv7.list									
2	OS	b8f46d6de6571b94ae7ced49112f88f0	gsc.auto-focus-camera.list	/Volumes/Data/lib/dpkg/info/gsc.auto-focus-camera.list									
2	OS	b8f46d6de6571b94ae7ced49112f88f0	gsc.bluetooth.list	/Volumes/Data/lib/dpkg/info/gsc.bluetooth.list									
2	OS	b8f46d6de6571b94ae7ced49112f88f0	gsc.encode-aac.list	/Volumes/Data/lib/dpkg/info/gsc.encode-aac.list									
2	OS	b8f46d6de6571b94ae7ced49112f88f0	gsc.encrypted-data-partition.list	/Volumes/Data/lib/dpkg/info/gsc.encrypted-data-partition.list									
2	OS	b8f46d6de6571b94ae7ced49112f88f0	gsc.fcc-logos-via-software.list	/Volumes/Data/lib/dpkg/info/gsc.fcc-logos-via-software.list									
2	OS	b8f46d6de6571b94ae7ced49112f88f0	gsc.gas-gauge-battery.list	/Volumes/Data/lib/dpkg/info/gsc.gas-gauge-battery.list									
2	OS	b8f46d6de6571b94ae7ced49112f88f0	gsc.gps.list	/Volumes/Data/lib/dpkg/info/gsc.gps.list									
2	OS	b8f46d6de6571b94ae7ced49112f88f0	gsc.hiccough-interval.list	/Volumes/Data/lib/dpkg/info/gsc.hiccough-interval.list									
2	OS	b8f46d6de6571b94ae7ced49112f88f0	gsc.international-settings.list	/Volumes/Data/lib/dpkg/info/gsc.international-settings.list									
2	OS	b8f46d6de6571b94ae7ced49112f88f0	gsc.launch-applications-while-animating.list	/Volumes/Data/lib/dpkg/info/gsc.launch-applications-while-animating.list									
2	OS	b8f46d6de6571b94ae7ced49112f88f0	gsc.load-thumbnails-while-scrolling.list	/Volumes/Data/lib/dpkg/info/gsc.load-thumbnails-while-scrolling.list									
2	OS	b8f46d6de6571b94ae7ced49112f88f0	gsc.location-services.list	/Volumes/Data/lib/dpkg/info/gsc.location-services.list									
2	OS	b8f46d6de6571b94ae7ced49112f88f0	gsc.magnetometer.list	/Volumes/Data/lib/dpkg/info/gsc.magnetometer.list									
2	OS	b8f46d6de6571b94ae7ced49112f88f0	gsc.microphone.list	/Volumes/Data/lib/dpkg/info/gsc.microphone.list									
2	OS	b8f46d6de6571b94ae7ced49112f88f0	gsc.mms.list	/Volumes/Data/lib/dpkg/info/gsc.mms.list									
2	OS	b8f46d6de6571b94ae7ced49112f88f0	gsc.music-store.list	/Volumes/Data/lib/dpkg/info/gsc.music-store.list									
2	OS	b8f46d6de6571b94ae7ced49112f88f0	gsc.nike-ipod.list	/Volumes/Data/lib/dpkg/info/gsc.nike-ipod.list									

2 OS	b35b4b1efbef47594736146e1adb7796	zone.tab	/Volumes/Data/stash/share.R9s6NA/zoneinfo/zone.tab																	
2 OS	d41d8cd98f00b204e9800998ecf8427e	BackupRunning	/Volumes/Data/tmp/BackupRunning	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
2 OS	d41d8cd98f00b204e9800998ecf8427e	DAAccountsLoading.lock	/Volumes/Data/tmp/DAAccountsLoading.lock	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
2 OS	d41d8cd98f00b204e9800998ecf8427e	OTASyncRunning.lock	/Volumes/Data/tmp/OTASyncRunning.lock	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
2 OS	d41d8cd98f00b204e9800998ecf8427e	com.apple.Bookmarks.lock	/Volumes/Data/tmp/com.apple.Bookmarks.lock	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y

Appendix B - Extraction Log MD5

	DD (Jailbroken)			iTunes Backup		
	Total Hashes	Didn't Match	Percentage Match	Total Hashes	Didn't Match	Percentage Match
	12963			343		
DD (Jailbroken)				247	96	72.01%
iTunes Backup	269	12694	2.08%			
iTunes Backup (Jailbroken)	268	12695	2.07%	333	10	97.08%
Device Seizure	178	12785	1.37%	213	130	62.10%
iPhone Explorer	555	12408	4.28%	10	333	2.92%
MobileSyncBrowser	198	12765	1.53%	256	87	74.64%
Mobilyze	269	12694	2.08%	340	3	99.13%
Mobilyze (Jailbroken)	268	12695	2.07%	333	10	97.08%
Oxygen Forensics	797	12166	6.15%	340	3	99.13%
Oxygen Forensics (Jailbroken)	796	12167	6.14%	333	10	97.08%

	iTunes Backup (Jailbroken)			Device Seizure		
	Total Hashes	Didn't Match	Percentage Match	Total Hashes	Didn't Match	Percentage Match
	343			549		
DD (Jailbroken)	246	97	71.72%	157	392	28.60%
iTunes Backup	333	10	97.08%	214	335	38.98%
iTunes Backup (Jailbroken)				211	338	38.43%
Device Seizure	210	133	61.22%			
iPhone Explorer	10	333	2.92%	7	542	1.28%
MobileSyncBrowser	246	97	71.72%	157	392	28.60%
Mobilyze	334	9	97.38%	214	335	38.98%
Mobilyze (Jailbroken)	340	3	99.13%	211	338	38.43%
Oxygen Forensics	334	9	97.38%	214	335	38.98%
Oxygen Forensics (Jailbroken)	340	3	99.13%	211	338	38.43%

	iPhone Explorer			MobileSyncBrowser		
	Total Hashes	Didn't Match	Percentage Match	Total Hashes	Didn't Match	Percentage Match
	560			336		
DD (Jailbroken)	535	25	95.54%	174	162	51.79%
iTunes Backup	13	547	2.32%	254	82	75.60%
iTunes Backup (Jailbroken)	13	547	2.32%	244	92	72.62%
Device Seizure	9	551	1.61%	156	180	46.43%
iPhone Explorer				10	326	2.98%
MobileSyncBrowser	13	547	2.32%			
Mobilyze	13	547	2.32%	251	85	74.70%
Mobilyze (Jailbroken)	13	547	2.32%	244	92	72.62%
Oxygen Forensics	560	0	100.00%	251	85	74.70%
Oxygen Forensics (Jailbroken)	556	4	99.29%	244	92	72.62%

	Mobilyze			Mobilyze (Jailbroken)		
	Total Hashes	Didn't Match	Percentage Match	Total Hashes	Didn't Match	Percentage Match
	346			346		
DD (Jailbroken)	247	99	71.39%	246	100	71.10%
iTunes Backup	340	6	98.27%	333	13	96.24%
iTunes Backup (Jailbroken)	334	12	96.53%	340	6	98.27%
Device Seizure	213	133	61.56%	210	136	60.69%
iPhone Explorer	10	336	2.89%	10	336	2.89%
MobileSyncBrowser	253	93	73.12%	246	100	71.10%
Mobilyze				334	12	96.53%
Mobilyze (Jailbroken)	334	12	96.53%			
Oxygen Forensics	341	5	98.55%	333	13	96.24%
Oxygen Forensics (Jailbroken)	333	13	96.24%	341	5	98.55%

	Oxygen Forensics			Oxygen Forensics (Jailbroken)		
	Total Hashes	Didn't Match	Percentage Match	Total Hashes	Didn't Match	Percentage Match
	903			903		
DD (Jailbroken)	782	121	86.60%	781	122	86.49%
iTunes Backup	353	550	39.09%	346	557	38.32%
iTunes Backup (Jailbroken)	347	556	38.43%	353	550	39.09%
Device Seizure	222	681	24.58%	219	684	24.25%
iPhone Explorer	570	333	63.12%	566	337	62.68%
MobileSyncBrowser	266	637	29.46%	259	644	28.68%
Mobilyze	354	549	39.20%	346	557	38.32%
Mobilyze (Jailbroken)	346	557	38.32%	354	549	39.20%
Oxygen Forensics				889	14	98.45%
Oxygen Forensics (Jailbroken)	889	14	98.45%			

Importance Rating 0						
Total	Percentage Match	Jailbreak	Percentage Match	iPod Music	Percentage Match	
	786		237		549	
iTunes Backup	3	0.38%	0	0.00%	3	0.55%
iTunes Backup (Jailbroken)	3	0.38%	0	0.00%	3	0.55%
Device Seizure	1	0.13%	0	0.00%	1	0.18%
iPhone Explorer	531	67.56%	0	0.00%	531	96.72%
MobileSyncBrowser	2	0.25%	0	0.00%	2	0.36%
Mobilize	2	0.25%	0	0.00%	2	0.36%
Mobilize (Jailbroken)	2	0.25%	0	0.00%	2	0.36%
Oxygen Forensics	531	67.56%	0	0.00%	531	96.72%
Oxygen Forensics (Jailbroken)	531	67.56%	0	0.00%	531	96.72%

Importance Rating 1						
Total	Percentage Match	AppStore	Percentage Match	Apple Apps	Percentage Match	
	10873		7491		3382	
iTunes Backup	195	1.79%	195	2.60%	0	0.00%
iTunes Backup (Jailbroken)	195	1.79%	195	2.60%	0	0.00%
Device Seizure	124	1.14%	124	1.66%	0	0.00%
iPhone Explorer	0	0.00%	0	0.00%	0	0.00%
MobileSyncBrowser	124	1.14%	124	1.66%	0	0.00%
Mobilize	195	1.79%	195	2.60%	0	0.00%
Mobilize (Jailbroken)	195	1.79%	195	2.60%	0	0.00%
Oxygen Forensics	195	1.79%	195	2.60%	0	0.00%
Oxygen Forensics (Jailbroken)	195	1.79%	195	2.60%	0	0.00%

Importance Rating 2						
Total	Percentage Match	AddressBook	Percentage Match	Cache	Percentage Match	
	1304		3		144	
iTunes Backup	71	5.44%	0	0.00%	4	2.78%
iTunes Backup (Jailbroken)	70	5.37%	0	0.00%	4	2.78%
Device Seizure	52	3.99%	0	0.00%	4	2.78%
iPhone Explorer	24	1.84%	0	0.00%	3	2.08%
MobileSyncBrowser	71	5.44%	0	0.00%	4	2.78%
Mobilize	71	5.44%	0	0.00%	4	2.78%
Mobilize (Jailbroken)	70	5.37%	0	0.00%	4	2.78%
Oxygen Forensics	71	5.44%	0	0.00%	4	2.78%
Oxygen Forensics (Jailbroken)	70	5.37%	0	0.00%	4	2.78%

	Calendar	Percentage Match	Call History	Percentage Match	Camera	Percentage Match
	1		1		1	
iTunes Backup	0	0.00%	0	0.00%	1	100.00%
iTunes Backup (Jailbroken)	0	0.00%	0	0.00%	1	100.00%
Device Seizure	0	0.00%	0	0.00%	0	0.00%
iPhone Explorer	0	0.00%	0	0.00%	1	100.00%
MobileSyncBrowser	0	0.00%	0	0.00%	1	100.00%
Mobilize	0	0.00%	0	0.00%	1	100.00%
Mobilize (Jailbroken)	0	0.00%	0	0.00%	1	100.00%
Oxygen Forensics	0	0.00%	0	0.00%	1	100.00%
Oxygen Forensics (Jailbroken)	0	0.00%	0	0.00%	1	100.00%

	Cookies	Percentage Match	Mail	Percentage Match	Maps	Percentage Match
	3		16		2	
iTunes Backup	0	0.00%	1	6.25%	2	100.00%
iTunes Backup (Jailbroken)	0	0.00%	1	6.25%	2	100.00%
Device Seizure	0	0.00%	1	6.25%	1	50.00%
iPhone Explorer	0	0.00%	0	0.00%	0	0.00%
MobileSyncBrowser	0	0.00%	1	6.25%	2	100.00%
Mobilize	0	0.00%	1	6.25%	2	100.00%
Mobilize (Jailbroken)	0	0.00%	1	6.25%	2	100.00%
Oxygen Forensics	0	0.00%	1	6.25%	2	100.00%
Oxygen Forensics (Jailbroken)	0	0.00%	1	6.25%	2	100.00%

	Notes	Percentage Match	OS	Percentage Match	Safari	Percentage Match	SMS	Percentage Match
	2		1118		11		2	
iTunes Backup	1	50.00%	56	5.01%	5	45.45%	1	50.00%
iTunes Backup (Jailbroken)	1	50.00%	55	4.92%	5	45.45%	1	50.00%
Device Seizure	1	50.00%	41	3.67%	4	36.36%	0	0.00%
iPhone Explorer	0	0.00%	20	1.79%	0	0.00%	0	0.00%
MobileSyncBrowser	1	50.00%	56	5.01%	5	45.45%	1	50.00%
Mobilize	1	50.00%	56	5.01%	5	45.45%	1	50.00%
Mobilize (Jailbroken)	1	50.00%	55	4.92%	5	45.45%	1	50.00%
Oxygen Forensics	1	50.00%	56	5.01%	5	45.45%	1	50.00%
Oxygen Forensics (Jailbroken)	1	50.00%	55	4.92%	5	45.45%	1	50.00%

Appendix B - Extraction Log Files

	DD (Jailbroken)			iTunes Backup		
	Total Hashes	Didn't Match	Percentage Match	Total Hashes	Didn't Match	Percentage Match
	12963			343		
DD (Jailbroken)				316	27	92.13%
iTunes Backup	448	12515	3.46%			
iTunes Backup (Jailbroken)	448	12515	3.46%	343	0	100.00%
Device Seizure	0	12963	0.00%	0	343	0.00%
iPhone Explorer	108	12855	0.83%	9	334	2.62%
MobileSyncBrowser	448	12515	3.46%	343	0	100.00%
Mobilyze	448	12515	3.46%	343	0	100.00%
Mobilyze (Jailbroken)	448	12515	3.46%	343	0	100.00%
Oxygen Forensics	482	12481	3.72%	343	0	100.00%
Oxygen Forensics (Jailbroken)	482	12481	3.72%	343	0	100.00%

	iTunes Backup (Jailbroken)			Device Seizure		
	Total Hashes	Didn't Match	Percentage Match	Total Hashes	Didn't Match	Percentage Match
	343			549		
DD (Jailbroken)	316	27	92.13%	0	549	0.00%
iTunes Backup	343	0	100.00%	0	549	0.00%
iTunes Backup (Jailbroken)				0	549	0.00%
Device Seizure	0	343	0.00%			
iPhone Explorer	9	334	2.62%	0	549	0.00%
MobileSyncBrowser	343	0	100.00%	0	549	0.00%
Mobilyze	343	0	100.00%	0	549	0.00%
Mobilyze (Jailbroken)	343	0	100.00%	0	549	0.00%
Oxygen Forensics	343	0	100.00%	0	549	0.00%
Oxygen Forensics (Jailbroken)	343	0	100.00%	0	549	0.00%

	iPhone Explorer			MobileSyncBrowser		
	Total Hashes	Didn't Match	Percentage Match	Total Hashes	Didn't Match	Percentage Match
	560			336		
DD (Jailbroken)	36	524	6.43%	227	109	67.56%
iTunes Backup	8	552	1.43%	254	82	75.60%
iTunes Backup (Jailbroken)	8	552	1.43%	254	82	75.60%
Device Seizure	0	560	0.00%	0	336	0.00%
iPhone Explorer				9	327	2.68%
MobileSyncBrowser	8	552	1.43%			
Mobilyze	8	552	1.43%	254	82	75.60%
Mobilyze (Jailbroken)	8	552	1.43%	254	82	75.60%
Oxygen Forensics	560	0	100.00%	254	82	75.60%
Oxygen Forensics (Jailbroken)	560	0	100.00%	254	82	75.60%

	Mobilyze			Mobilyze (Jailbroken)		
	Total Hashes	Didn't Match	Percentage Match	Total Hashes	Didn't Match	Percentage Match
	346			346		
DD (Jailbroken)	317	29	91.62%	317	29	91.62%
iTunes Backup	344	2	99.42%	344	2	99.42%
iTunes Backup (Jailbroken)	344	2	99.42%	344	2	99.42%
Device Seizure	0	346	0.00%	0	346	0.00%
iPhone Explorer	10	336	2.89%	10	336	2.89%
MobileSyncBrowser	344	2	99.42%	344	2	99.42%
Mobilyze				346	0	100.00%
Mobilyze (Jailbroken)	346	0	100.00%			
Oxygen Forensics	344	2	99.42%	344	2	99.42%
Oxygen Forensics (Jailbroken)	344	2	99.42%	344	2	99.42%

	Oxygen Forensics			Oxygen Forensics (Jailbroken)		
	Total Hashes	Didn't Match	Percentage Match	Total Hashes	Didn't Match	Percentage Match
	903			903		
DD (Jailbroken)	352	551	38.98%	352	551	38.98%
iTunes Backup	351	552	38.87%	351	552	38.87%
iTunes Backup (Jailbroken)	351	552	38.87%	351	552	38.87%
Device Seizure	0	903	0.00%	0	903	0.00%
iPhone Explorer	569	334	63.01%	569	334	63.01%
MobileSyncBrowser	351	552	38.87%	351	552	38.87%
Mobilyze	351	552	38.87%	351	552	38.87%
Mobilyze (Jailbroken)	351	552	38.87%	351	552	38.87%
Oxygen Forensics				903	0	100.00%
Oxygen Forensics (Jailbroken)	903	0	100.00%			

Importance Rating 0						
Total	Percentage Match	Jailbreak	Percentage Match	iPod Music	Percentage Match	
786		237		549		
iTunes Backup	5	0.64%	2	0.84%	3	0.55%
iTunes Backup (Jailbroken)	2	0.25%	2	0.84%	0	0.00%
Device Seizure	0	0.00%	0	0.00%	0	0.00%
iPhone Explorer	32	4.07%	1	0.42%	31	5.65%
MobileSyncBrowser	2	0.25%	2	0.84%	0	0.00%
Mobilize	2	0.25%	2	0.84%	0	0.00%
Mobilize (Jailbroken)	2	0.25%	2	0.84%	0	0.00%
Oxygen Forensics	33	4.20%	2	0.84%	31	5.65%
Oxygen Forensics (Jailbroken)	33	4.20%	2	0.84%	31	5.65%

Importance Rating 1						
Total	Percentage Match	AppStore	Percentage Match	Apple Apps	Percentage Match	
10873		7491		3382		
iTunes Backup	239	2.20%	195	2.60%	44	1.30%
iTunes Backup (Jailbroken)	239	2.20%	195	2.60%	44	1.30%
Device Seizure	124	1.14%	124	1.66%	0	0.00%
iPhone Explorer	25	0.23%	0	0.00%	25	0.74%
MobileSyncBrowser	168	1.55%	124	1.66%	44	1.30%
Mobilize	239	2.20%	195	2.60%	44	1.30%
Mobilize (Jailbroken)	239	2.20%	195	2.60%	44	1.30%
Oxygen Forensics	239	2.20%	195	2.60%	44	1.30%
Oxygen Forensics (Jailbroken)	239	2.20%	195	2.60%	44	1.30%

Importance Rating 2						
Total	Percentage Match	AddressBook	Percentage Match	Cache	Percentage Match	
1304		3		144		
iTunes Backup	93	7.13%	3	100.00%	2	1.39%
iTunes Backup (Jailbroken)	93	7.13%	3	100.00%	2	1.39%
Device Seizure	0	0.00%	0	0.00%	0	0.00%
iPhone Explorer	7	0.54%	0	0.00%	1	0.69%
MobileSyncBrowser	93	7.13%	3	100.00%	2	1.39%
Mobilize	93	7.13%	3	100.00%	2	1.39%
Mobilize (Jailbroken)	93	7.13%	3	100.00%	2	1.39%
Oxygen Forensics	96	7.36%	3	100.00%	2	1.39%
Oxygen Forensics (Jailbroken)	96	7.36%	3	100.00%	2	1.39%

Calendar	Percentage Match	Call History	Percentage Match	Camera	Percentage Match
1		1		1	
1	100.00%	1	100.00%	1	100.00%
1	100.00%	1	100.00%	1	100.00%
0	0.00%	0	0.00%	0	0.00%
0	0.00%	0	0.00%	1	100.00%
1	100.00%	1	100.00%	1	100.00%
1	100.00%	1	100.00%	1	100.00%
1	100.00%	1	100.00%	1	100.00%
1	100.00%	1	100.00%	1	100.00%
1	100.00%	1	100.00%	1	100.00%

Cookies	Percentage Match	Mail	Percentage Match	Maps	Percentage Match
3		16		2	
3	100.00%	1	6.25%	2	100.00%
3	100.00%	1	6.25%	2	100.00%
0	0.00%	0	0.00%	0	0.00%
0	0.00%	0	0.00%	0	0.00%
3	100.00%	1	6.25%	2	100.00%
3	100.00%	1	6.25%	2	100.00%
3	100.00%	1	6.25%	2	100.00%
3	100.00%	1	6.25%	2	100.00%
3	100.00%	1	6.25%	2	100.00%

Notes	Percentage Match	OS	Percentage Match	Safari	Percentage Match	SMS	Percentage Match
2		1118		11		2	
2	100.00%	67	5.99%	8	72.73%	2	100.00%
2	100.00%	67	5.99%	8	72.73%	2	100.00%
0	0.00%	0	0.00%	0	0.00%	0	0.00%
0	0.00%	3	0.27%	2	18.18%	0	0.00%
2	100.00%	67	5.99%	8	72.73%	2	100.00%
2	100.00%	67	5.99%	8	72.73%	2	100.00%
2	100.00%	67	5.99%	8	72.73%	2	100.00%
2	100.00%	69	6.17%	9	81.82%	2	100.00%
2	100.00%	69	6.17%	9	81.82%	2	100.00%

Appendix C - Journal

Date	Action	Result
3/06/2010	Download all firmware for the iPhone 3GS 3.0 to 3.1.3	Found that Apple only signs 3.1.3 now so the previous firmware revisions can't be installed. Research will be limited to 3.1.3 - Saurik method
	Reset settings as content	Only took a minute. - Deleted encryption keys - Didn't zero-out
	Installed 3.1.3. Jailbroke.	Used iWipe to zero-out free space - Will make a physical copy more readable
4/06/2010	Ran zero-out overnight	Completed successfully
	Restored non-jailbroken 3.1.3	Will have to set line in the sand date. OS 4 about to be released.
6/06/2010	Installed Windows 7 Enterprise 64-bit for windows based extraction tools	
	Activated iPhone with 3.1.3	
	Backed up with iTunes	All backup readers hardcode read directories. Symlink used to bypass.
	Created read-only dmg of backup files	
	Symlink to trick extraction tools "ln -s \Volume[name]"	Backup - Must be as a sub-folder, not the root
	Extracted files from backup "ls -a -l -R" - list all files recursively	Saved file as "list of extracted files.txt"
	Installed Fink to get access to md5deep	Allows for recursive MD5 hashing
	Looked at Ubuntu PIN issue	Does not open any more access that iPhone Expolorer. Just doesn't require PIN to mount. PIN must ben required by iTunes. Software based.
	Generated MD5 hashes of all extracted files "md5deep -r *"	Saved to "list of all extracted files.txt"
	Imported in Excel	To columns: 1. Full path + filename 2. MD5 hash
	Installed Mac tools	All Mac tools
	Installed Mobyedit!	Does not appear to support the iPhone 3GS as it requires iTunes 8.x - Will investigate further
	Installed Device Seizure	- 4.0 hash been released. License doesn't work. - License has expired. Will request new one.
	Installed Oxygen Forensics	- Requires iTunes be installed. Version 9. Found iPhone once but crashed when acquiring. Will investigate later.
7/06/2010	Performed test acquisition with Mobylyze	- Can't seem to browse raw files - Hash it's own analysis interface - Keeps a log of files and MD5 hashes - Will comapre with manual backup
	Compare iTunes backup and Mobylyze	- Using an independent logging / hash system could be diffcult due to the property evidence formats - Hashes match - Mobylyze hashes log files too - Will do straight compare -Rebuild firmware important
	Investigated Jonathan technique	- Supplied toolkit supports 1.x and 2.x firmware - Required access for 3.x - 2.x toolkit may be adoptable to 3.1.3
	Installed PwnageTool for 3.1.3	
	Installed XPWN for Mac OS X 10.6	Saved web site to "Resources"

	Jonathan method - Followed book	- Instructions in book work until restore "Error 1600" - Apparently you can't jailbreak 3.1.3 to 3.1.3 - Require updated toolkit to perform this option
	Spirit jailbreak to get dd image	- Jailbroke 3.1.3 - USB sniffer?
	dd image of jailbroken iPhone	- Followed Jonathan book - Netcat and dd tools required
8/06/2010	Investigated 4.0 firmware gold master	- Will stick to research on 3.1.3 for evaluation - Mobilyze could obtain a backup but the other tools couldn't
9/06/2010	Installed Device Seizure 4.0	- DongleManager must be installed - Selected not to install USB drivers as it doesn't include iPhone drivers - New version of iTunes required, iTunes provides USB drivers
	Tested Device Seizure with new license	- 4.0 license works - Requires old version of iTunes
	Attempted acquisition with Mobilyze	- Failed saving in lockdown mode or requires PIN
	Removed PIN code and auto screen lock	- Will investigate PIN later - Mobilyze still fails
10/06/2010	Installed iTunes for latest USB driver	- Quit iTunes helper background process
	Performed acquisition with Device Seizure	- iPhone Device (logical). Fails - iPhone Backup (Logical) - Should put into airplane mode prior to acquisition - What effect to files does airplane PIN and auto lock do? - Slow (20minss) - "Fill the sorter" - Y
	Installed Office 2010 for report to Excel	- Hash in app (Primary) - Export then hash (Secondary) - validates integrated hash
	Acquisition with Oxygen Forensics - Selected all options - Files on internal memory (not selected)	- 1 min to perform extraction - Must close app after disconnecting phone - can't find again - Property formats
	Performed acquisition with Mobilyze	- 9.2 beta iTunes has effected driver for backup - A few changes made to phone - Need to improve pre-acquisition process - Backup data files - excluded
	Analysis of Oxygen and Mobilyze data	Matched hashes
15/06/2010	Installed fresh copy of Mac OS X	
18/06/2010	Updated Mac OS X build to 10.6.4 with iTunens 9.2	- Testing will be solidified to iTunes 9.2 and firmware
	Updated Windows 7 build to iTunes 9.2	
	iTunes backup - files to read-only - hash of files	- Killed iTunes Helper process - Enabled airplane mode
	Mobilyze acquisition - log file saved out	
	iPhone Explorer acquisition - files copied out - files saved to read-only dmg - hash of files	
	Device Seizure acquisition - "iPhone Advanced (logical)" option selected	- Slow to acquired - Small data set
	Oxygen Forensic acquisition	- Doesn't work with iTunes 9.2, runtime error
	MOBILedit!	- Doesn't work with 9.2, 9.1.1 is fine - Access Denied on some filesystem components - Recommends jailbreaking
20/06/2010	Kept phone unchanged	Flight mode still active
	Jailbroke with Spirit jailbreak tool on Mac OS X while running 3.1.3 firmware	- Successful - Jailbreak process ran on phone - Flight mode was disabled - New mail came in

	Opened "Cydia" app and installed: - OpenSSH (5.2pl-8) - OpenSSL (pre-req) - netcat (0.7.1-2)	- Cydia organised categories and restarted - Downloaded new packages - Ignored updates
	Closed Cydia	
	Backed up with iTunes - Read-only dmg - Hash all files	
	Connected to local wireless network	Required for SSH access
	Set auto-lock to 'never'	- Stops SSH session from dropping out
	SSHed into iPhone User: root, Password: alpine	Had to accept encryption keys
	MD5 of partition	Failed - phone rebooted
	Uploaded MD5 from Jonathan supplie dfiles to /sbin	- Failed - package must be compiled for old firmware - Couldn't find on Cydia default repositories
	Used Jonathan method to send dd image off iPhone to computer - SSH - netcat - dd	- Section 3.2 of "iPhone Forensics" book - Should have used adhoc wireless network - Should set network settings to wireless only - disabling cellular network
	Remounted rdisk0s2 as read-only	
	Copied dd over wireless with netcat	
	Reran copy process with changes: - MD5 rdisk0s2 partition (user partition) - Flight mode with wireless only	
1/07/2010	Installed Encase 6.16.2	
	FlasBloc SE for external	Didn't work - GPT partitioned disk
	New case named "MFIT"	Encase will not be used to data storage - dmg read-only instead
4/07/2010	Extracted all evidence and hash infrmation where possible	Device Seizure - no file names: - Exported = Y, Calculated = Y iPhone Explorer: - Exported = N, Calculated = Y iTunes backup: - Exported = N, Calculated = Y MacLockPick: - Exported = Y, Calculated = N MobileSyncBrowser: - Exported = N, Calculated = Y Mobilyze: - Exported = Y, Calculated = Y Oxygen Forensics: - Exported = N (limitation of trial copy), Calculated = Y DD - Exported = N/A, Calculated = Y MOBILedit! (failed to recovery) Exported = Y, Calculated = N
	Created read-only dmg files	
5/07/2010	Calculated hash file all exported files - md5deep "md5deep - r -z **" r = recursive z = display file size before hash	- Property date - invalide - Excel limited - Need to clarify relationships
14/07/2010	Mounted dd as read-only "hdiutil attach - readonly dd.dmg"	
	Imported dd hashes into analysis	Active logical files only
	Scanned deleted items (free space for SQLite + PLIST files) - Slow scan (byte-by-byte) - Added 10 examples of SQLite and PLIST files	

	Spreadsheet hash analysis	
	Classification of extracted files	
	Databases don't match but have same name	
20/07/2010	Database analysis	Database contents don't match - Results show mismatched hashes - dd reimage each time would yield better results - auto compact process?

Appendix D - Scenario Analysis

	Scenario A	MOBILedit!	Forensic	Oxygen Forensics	Device Seizure	Mobilize	MacLockPick	MobileSyncBrowser	iPhone Explorer			
Extracts physical image	3	0		0	0	0	0	0				
Extracts logical image	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	2	2			
Supports non-jailbroken iPhones	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3
Supports jailbroken iPhones	3	0		3	3	0	3	3	3	3	3	3
Supports writeblocking	0	0		0	0	0	0	0	0			
Extract of all files	3	0		0	0	0	0	0	0			
Can extract rating '2'	3	2		2	2	2	1	1	1			
Can extract rating '1'	3	2		2	2	2	2	2	2			
Can extract rating '0'	3	0		2	0	0	0	0	0			
Extraction took less than 12 hours	0	3		3	3	3	3	3	3			
Extraction took less than 1 hour	0	3		3	3	3	3	3	3			
Extraction took less than 10 minutes	0	0		0	0	3	3	3	3			
Filenames are retained	0	3		3	3	3	3	0	3			
Can extract files outside extraction tool	2	0		3	3	2	2	0	1		MAX	MIN
Support for hashing	1	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	0	18	6	11.333333
Support for logging extracted files	1	3	3	3	3	3	3	0	0	0.5806452	0.193548387	0.3655914
Extracts email messages	3	0		0	0	0	0	0	0	Oxygen	MobileSync	
	31		12		18	12	17	9	6		iPhone Explorer	

	Scenario B	MOBILedit!	Forensic	Oxygen Forensics	Device Seizure	Mobilize	MacLockPick	MobileSyncBrowser	iPhone Explorer			
Extracts physical image	1	0		0	0	0	0	0	0			
Extracts logical image	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	2	2			
Supports non-jailbroken iPhones	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3
Supports jailbroken iPhones	3	0		3	3	0	3	3	3	3	3	3
Supports writeblocking	3	0		0	0	0	0	0	0			
Extract of all files	0	0		0	0	0	0	0	0			
Can extract rating '2'	3	2		2	2	2	1	1	1			
Can extract rating '1'	1	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	1	1
Can extract rating '0'	0	0		2	0	0	0	0	0			
Extraction took less than 12 hours	2	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3
Extraction took less than 1 hour	0	3		3	3	3	3	3	3			
Extraction took less than 10 minutes	0	0		0	0	3	3	3	3			
Filenames are retained	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	0	3	3	3
Can extract files outside extraction tool	3	0		3	3	1	2	0	1		MAX	MIN
Support for hashing	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	0	26	11	18.333333
Support for logging extracted files	2	3	3	3	3	3	3	0	0	0.8387097	0.35483871	0.5913978
Extracts email messages	3	0		0	0	0	0	0	0	Oxygen	MobileSync	
	33		20		26	20	23	17	11			

	Scenario C	MOBILedit!	Forensic	Oxygen Forensics	Device Seizure	Mobilize	MacLockPick	MobileSyncBrowser	iPhone Explorer			
Extracts physical image	1	0		0	0	0	0	0	0			
Extracts logical image	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	2	2			
Supports non-jailbroken iPhones	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3
Supports jailbroken iPhones	3	0		3	3	0	3	3	3	3	3	3
Supports writeblocking	3	0		0	0	0	0	0	0			
Extract of all files	0	0		0	0	0	0	0	0			
Can extract rating '2'	3	2		2	2	2	1	1	1			
Can extract rating '1'	3	2		2	2	2	2	2	2			
Can extract rating '0'	0	0		2	0	0	0	0	0			
Extraction took less than 12 hours	1	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3
Extraction took less than 1 hour	0	3		3	3	3	3	3	3			
Extraction took less than 10 minutes	0	0		0	0	3	3	3	3			
Filenames are retained	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	0	3	3	3
Can extract files outside extraction tool	3	0		3	3	1	2	0	1		MAX	MIN
Support for hashing	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	0	24	9	16.5
Support for logging extracted files	2	3	3	3	3	3	3	0	0	0.77	0.29	0.53
Extracts email messages	3	0		0	0	0	0	0	0	Oxygen	MobileSync	
	34		18		24	18	21	15	9			

