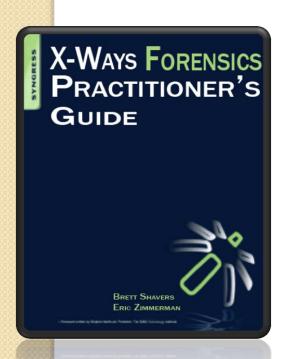
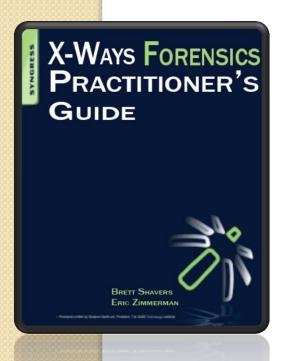
X-WAYS FORENSICS

Advanced Methods and Techniques



The XWF Book



- Not done yet...
- Eric Zimmerman (FBI) is the coauthor
- Jimmy Weg is the tech editor
- Will be done in a few months
- This is a preview of some of the information in the book

Not a bash on any other program

- Accessdata's FTK works
- Guidance Software's Encase Forensics works
- TechPathWays' ProDiscover works too

This will be just talking about X-Ways Forensics*.

Topics

- Tips on XWF
 - Make it run faster
 - Run it from a boot disc
 - Using XWF in eDiscovery work

Features you may not have known before

 There are lots of, "I didn't know XWF could do that" kind of features

The dongle

- Do you use XWF outside your office?
 - Insure it!

Network dongle available!

Speeding up XWF

Keep the data on a different drive

- Keep the hard drives separate
 - Don't run XWF from the same drive your image is on or being created onto.

Analysis Speed Increase

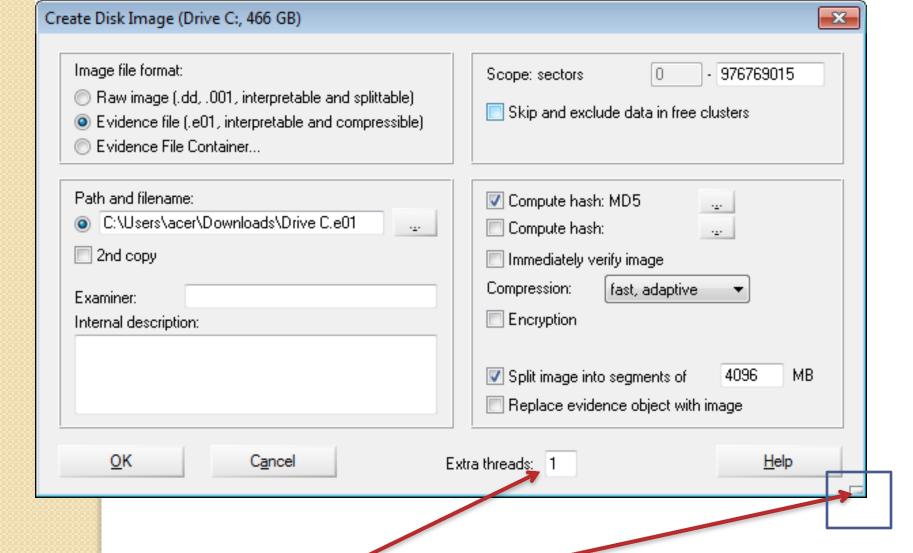
- Do you have extra examiners..?
- Shared analysis and distributed volume snapshot refinement capable.

 Multiple machines on the same network can access the same image/s.

 Case results are all saved to the same case file!

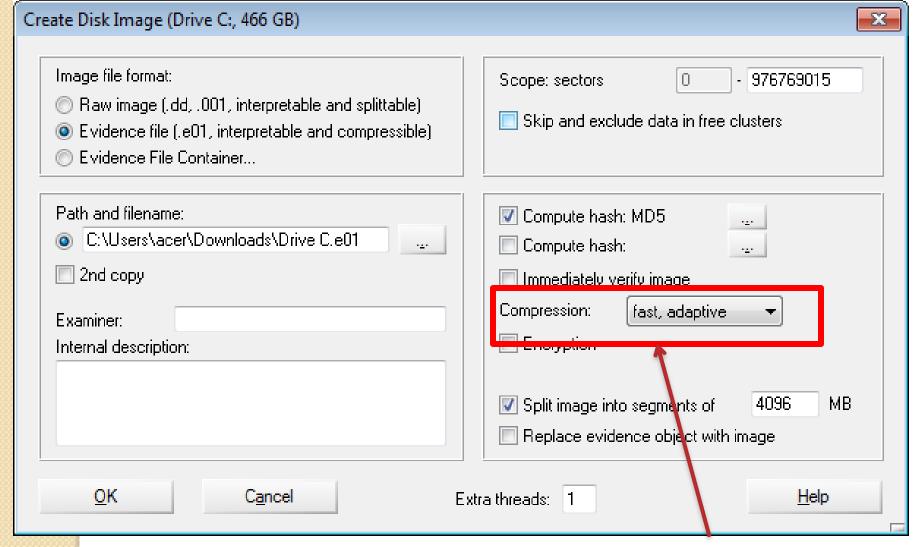
Imaging Speed

- Compress? Why?
- Image to the network or RAID
 - Store images on a RAID for higher transfer rate.
 - Avoid using USB connections with media
- When imaging, change the number of threads, based on your hardware, to increase imaging speed.



Speed tip!

By default, XWF uses four threads when creating E01 files. Adjust as fits your hardware.





You can change the compression during imaging, just in case your needs change

Computer Set Up

Computer Set Up

- The more processors you have, the better (of course)
- 64-bit is faster than 32-bit (no kidding)
- More RAM, faster it runs (duh)
- But it can run on 256MB!!! Can other tools do that?

Computer Set Up

Turn off the AV.

 Avoid using compressed images created with something other than XWF.

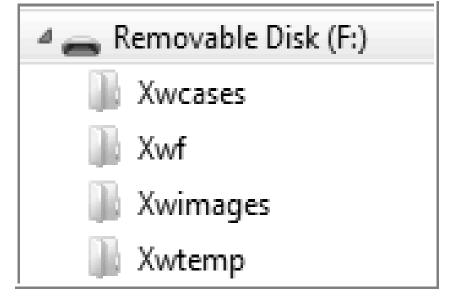
 Don't select everything for data carving, just what you need.

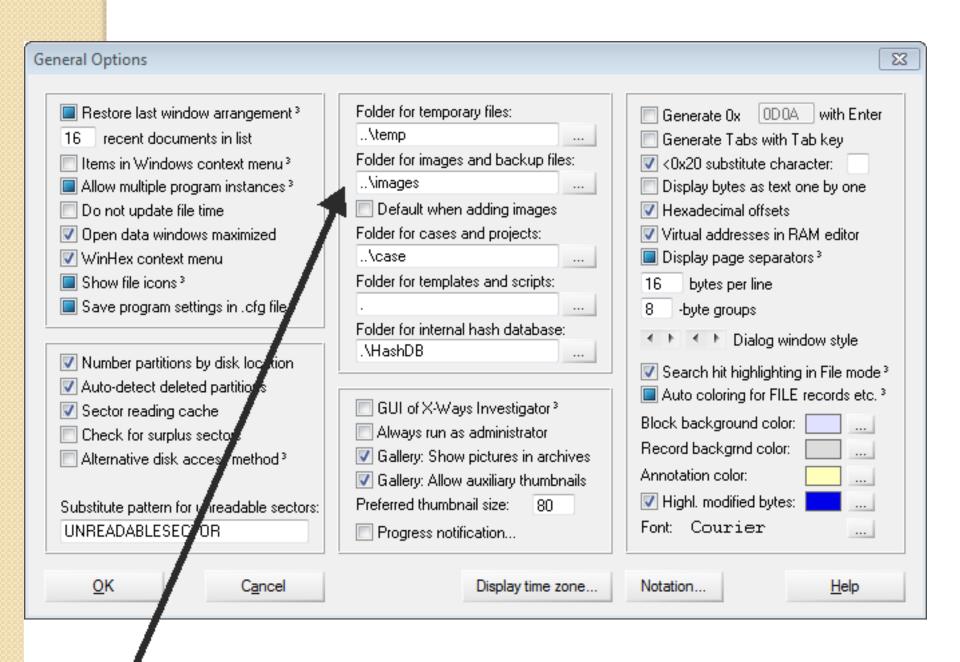


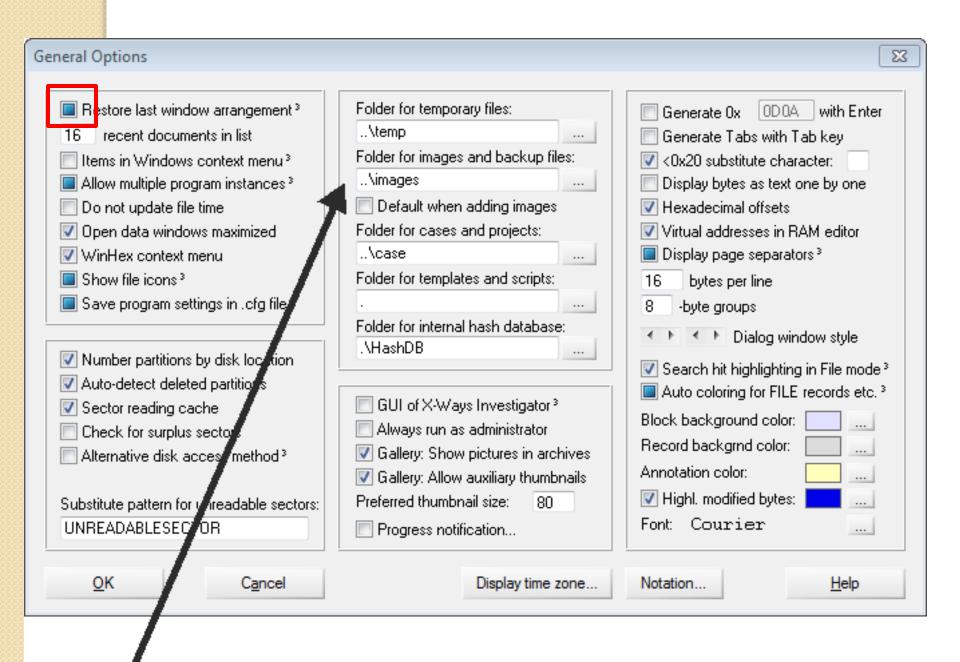
Portable Installation

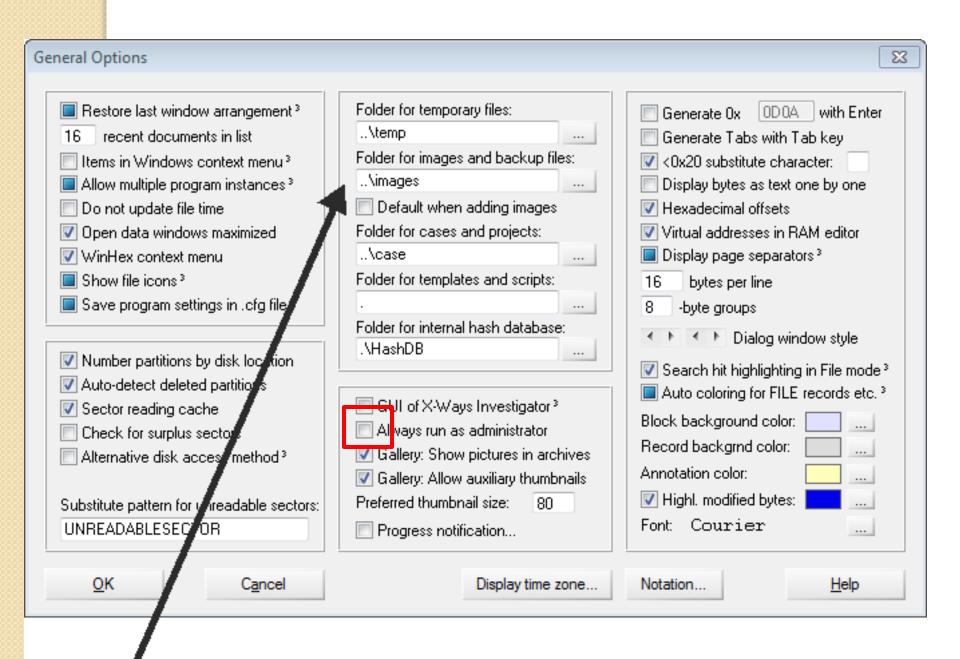
• When creating a portable installation of XWF, you can use the "." and ".." options to configure XWF to work, regardless of the drive letter assigned to the XWF

medium.









Portable Installation

 Can be run from a flash drive on a live system

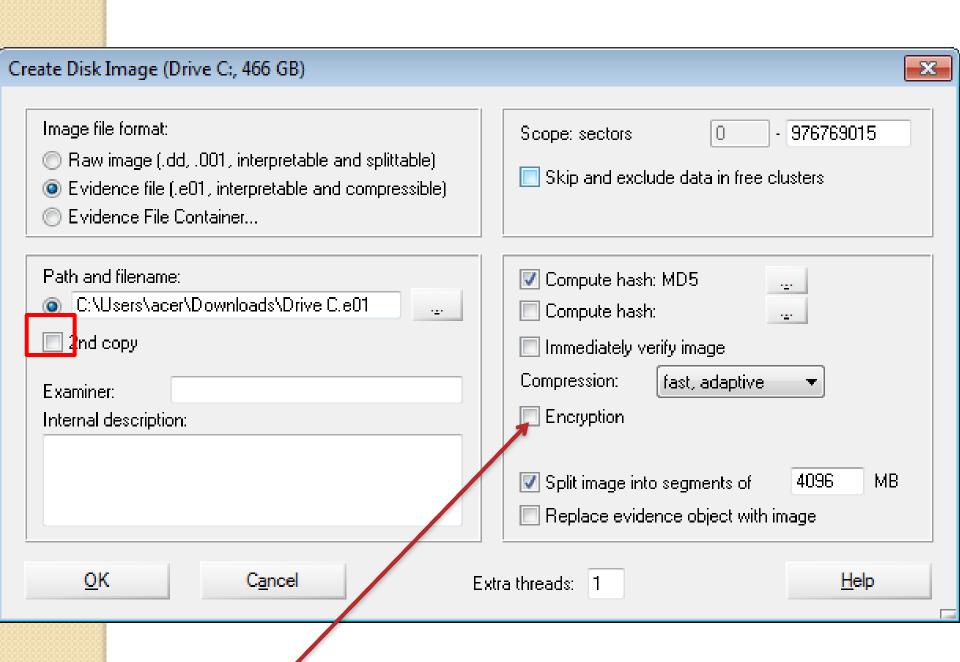
- Can be run from a booted Windows Forensics Environment (WinFE)
 - http://winfe.wordpress.com



Real Encryption for Images

 XWF can fully encrypt the data in the e01 image using 128 or 256-bit encryption!

 This is different from simple password protection.





Begin the imaging process

 Open another instance of XWF, create a new case, and add the same device that you are imaging to the case.

 Since you are working with a case, XWF will remember anything that you do against the device.

Image at network speed!

- USB3 and eSATA ports are fast, but not very widespread.
- F-Response allows imaging over the network.
 By either setting up your own gigabit network with a small switch or using an existing high-speed network, speed is FAST!
- You should create the images on a device that can handle the faster speed, such as SSD drives or a RAID array, not to an external USB drive...

Bad evidence hard drive?

Reverse Imaging

 Reverse disk imaging is meant for hard disks with a severe physical defect that causes a computer to freeze or crash when reaching a certain area on the hard disk.

XWF container file

Container Files

- XWF can create container files that are similar in function to container files used by other forensic suites.
- XWF container files can easily handle up to one billion objects.
- Encase 5/6/7, MountImagePro, and XWF can read the file container (basic metadata). XWF reads all metadata.

RAIDs

Don't image individual disks, image the array itself

 If possible, rather than image many hard drives in a RAID array, image the logical array itself.

 This can be done by imaging a computer in a live environment or via F-Response.

But if you have to rebuild a RAID...

Components		Header size in sectors	Missing	JBOD Level 0		
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3: [RAID5 Adapted disk.e01]		0				
4:		0		Level 5: forward dyn. del. (CRU-DP) Level 6: backward parity (Adaptec) Level 6: forward delayed Level 6: forward parity		
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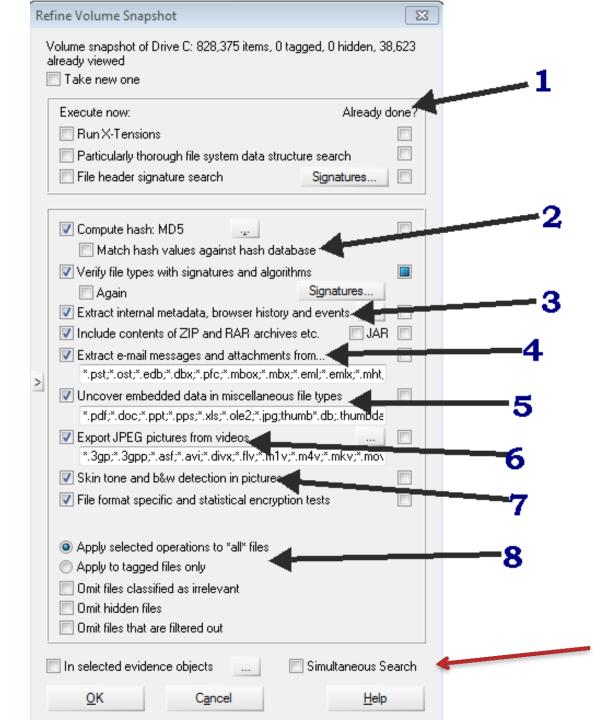
XWF does it's best, but trial and error helps to rearrange and find the right RAID config.

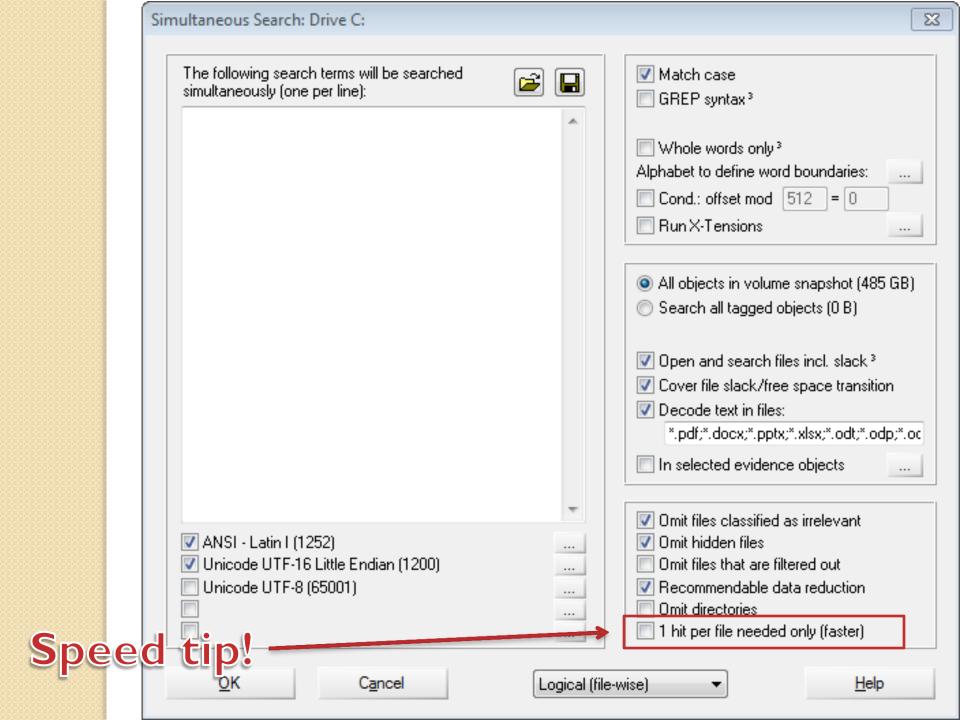


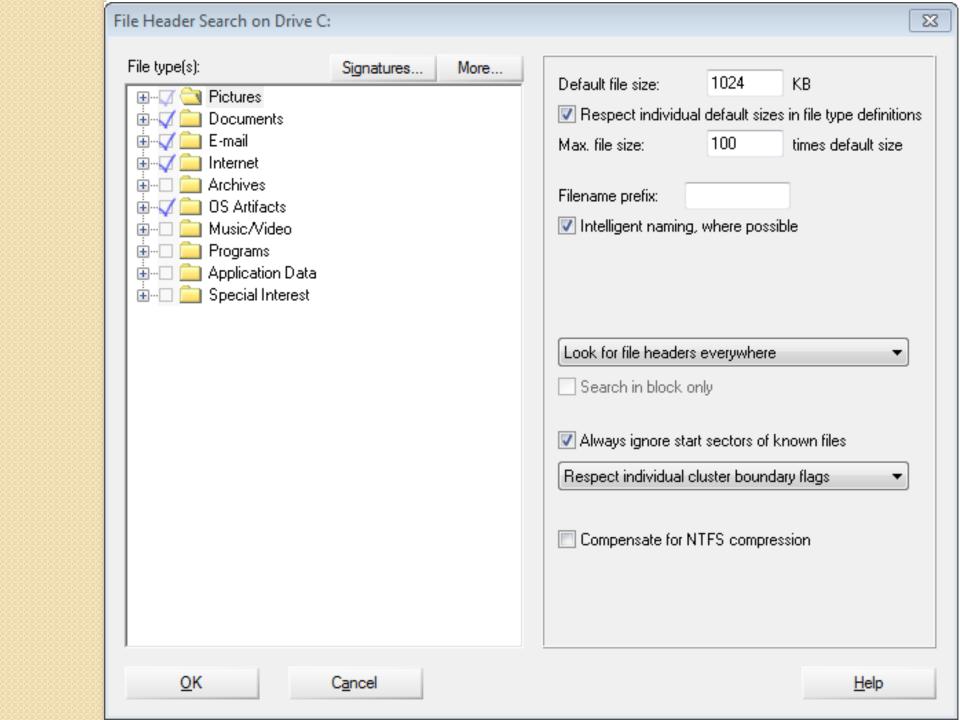
Turn XWF into Enterprise XWF!

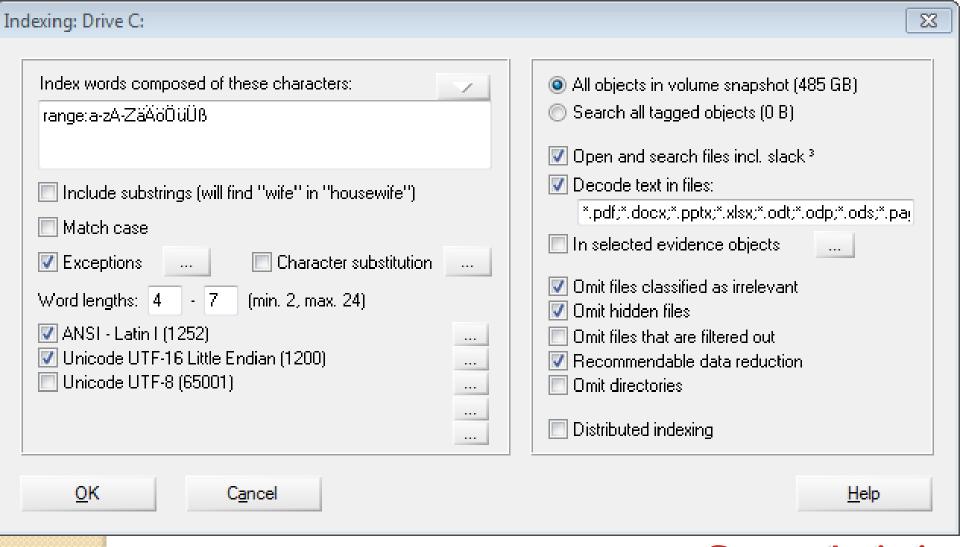
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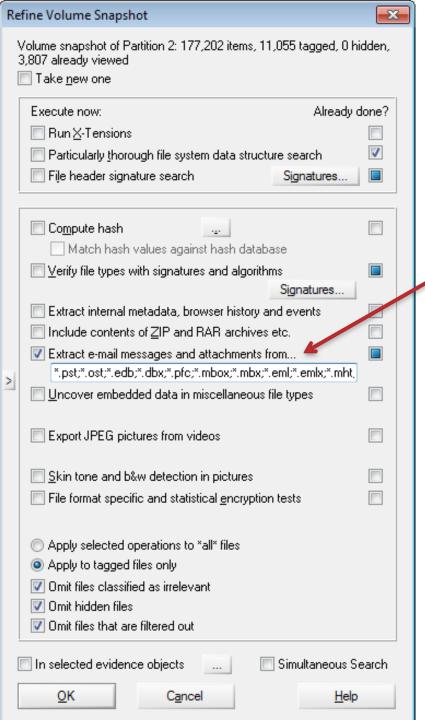




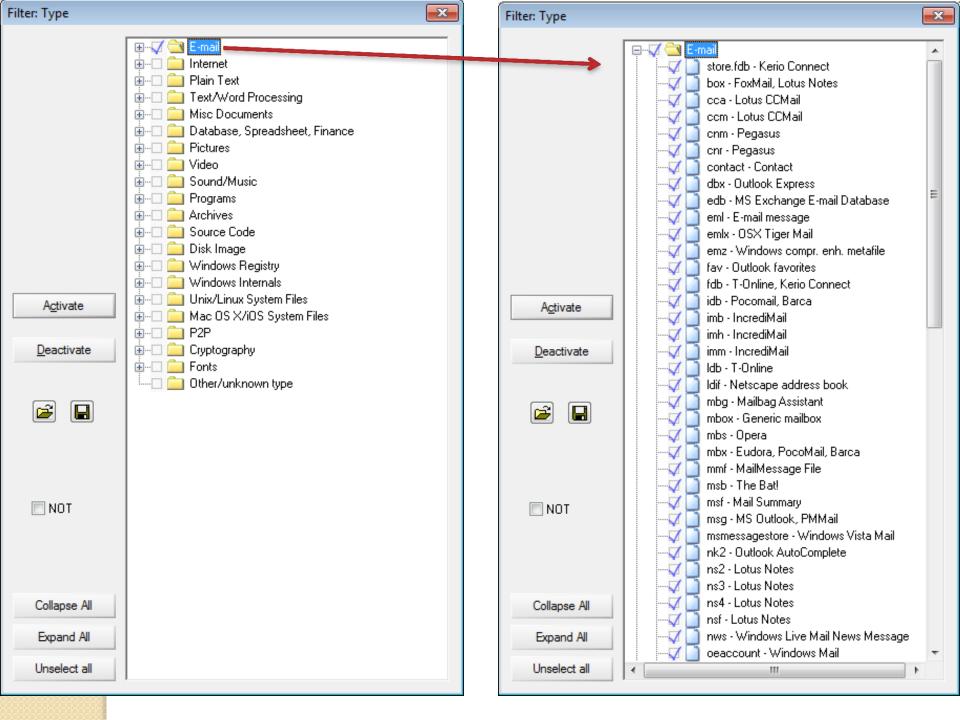


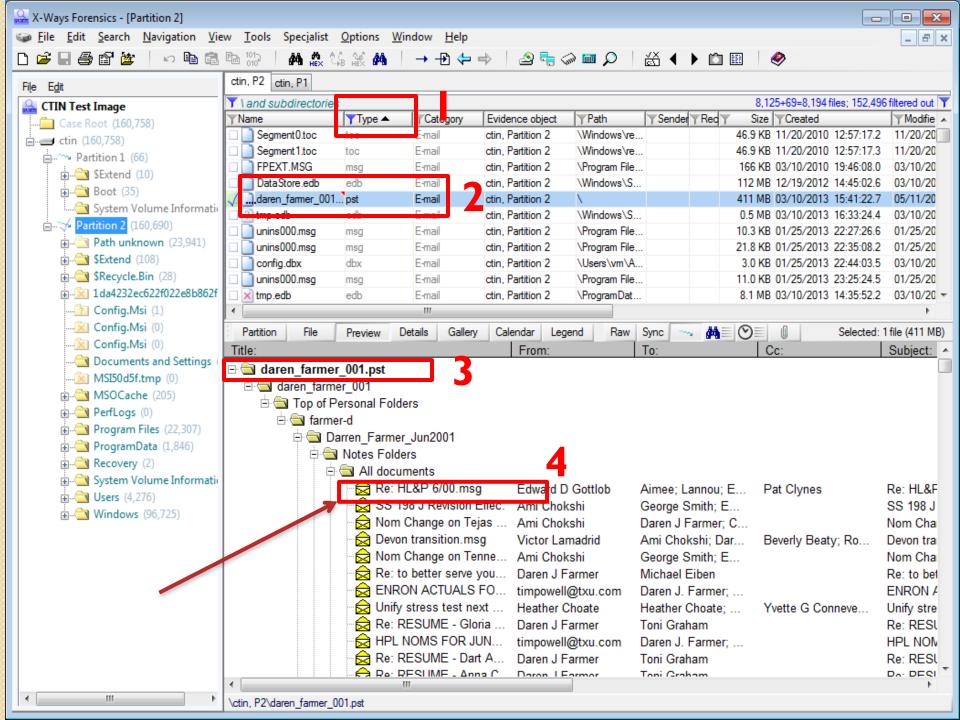
If you know the search terms, you can adjust indexing options to reduce the time to index a drive. (hint: index after hiding irrelevant files)

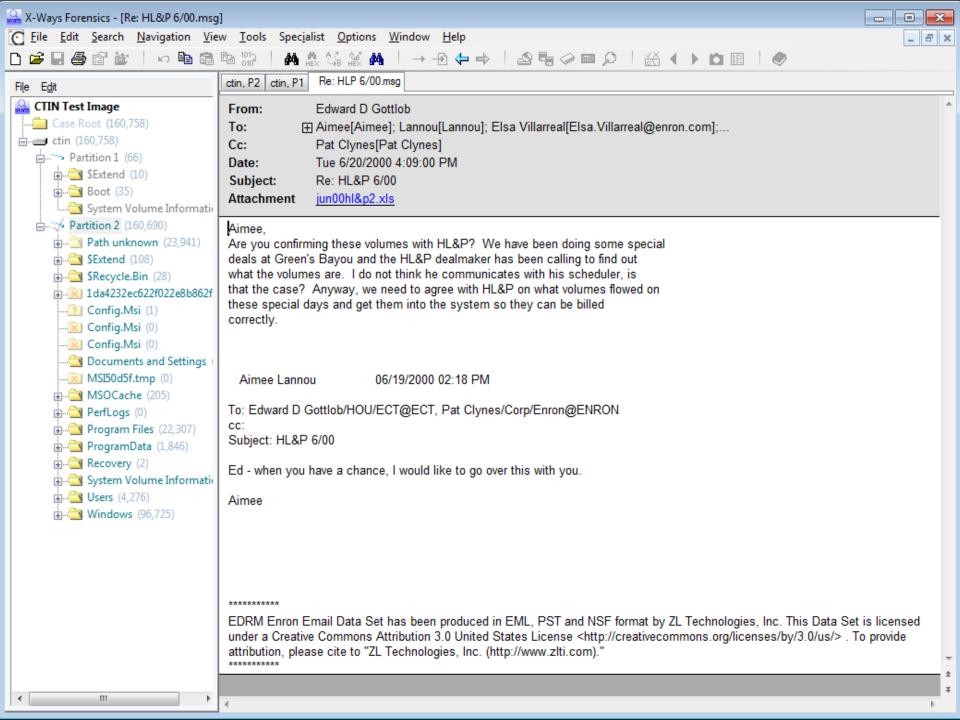
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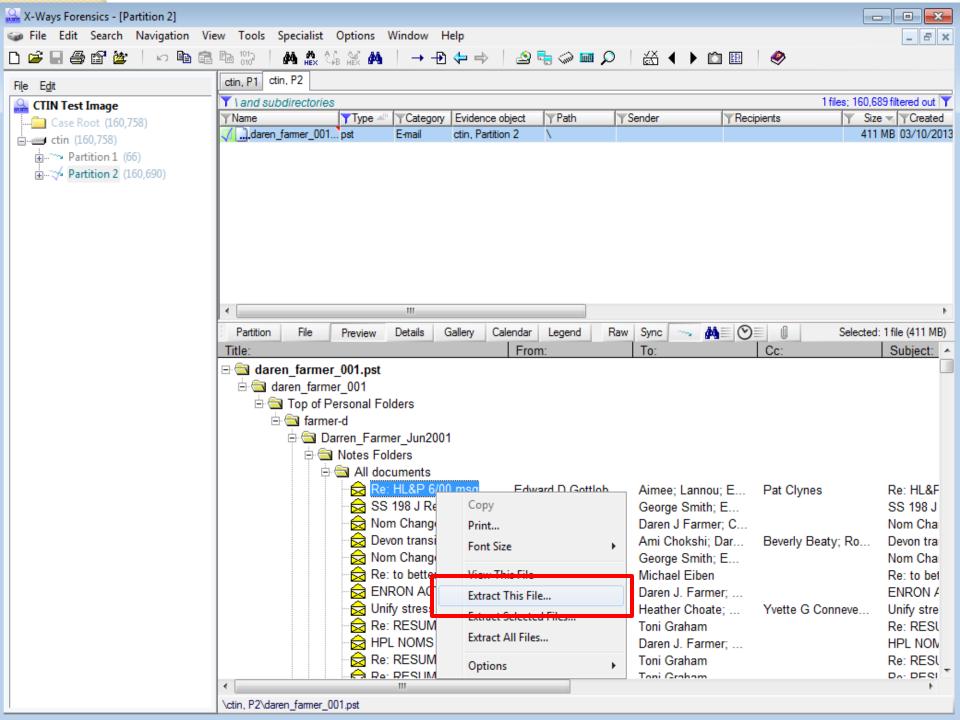


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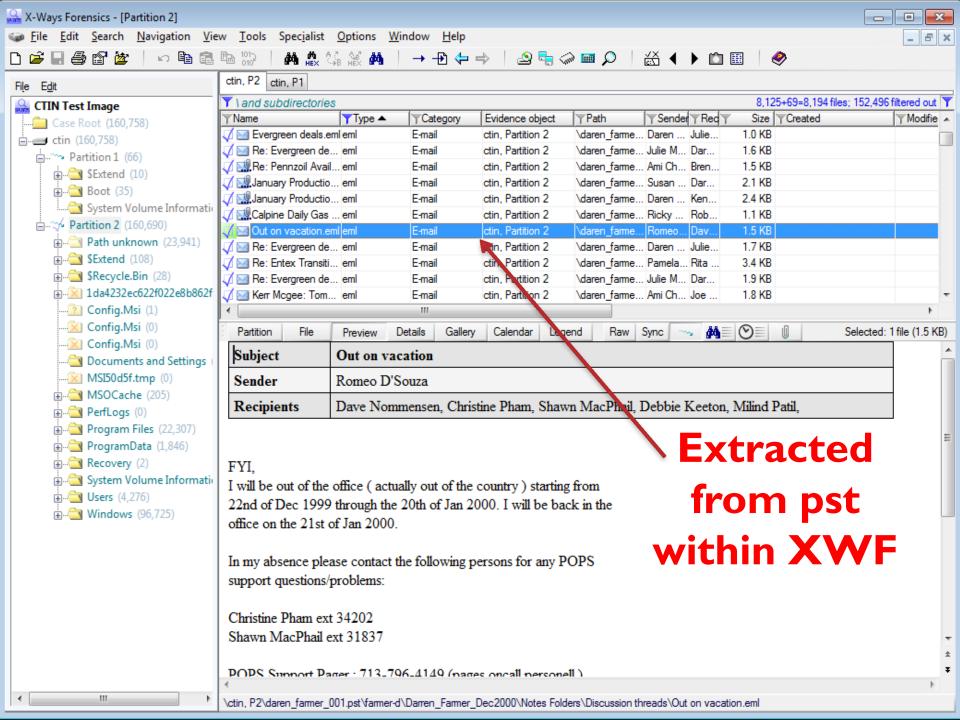


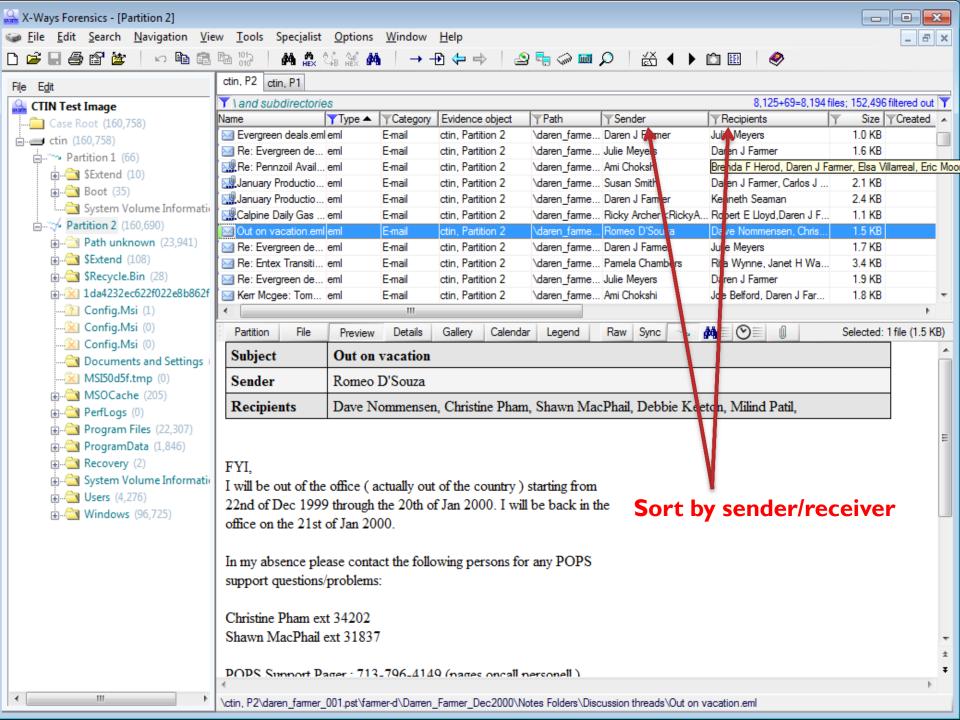


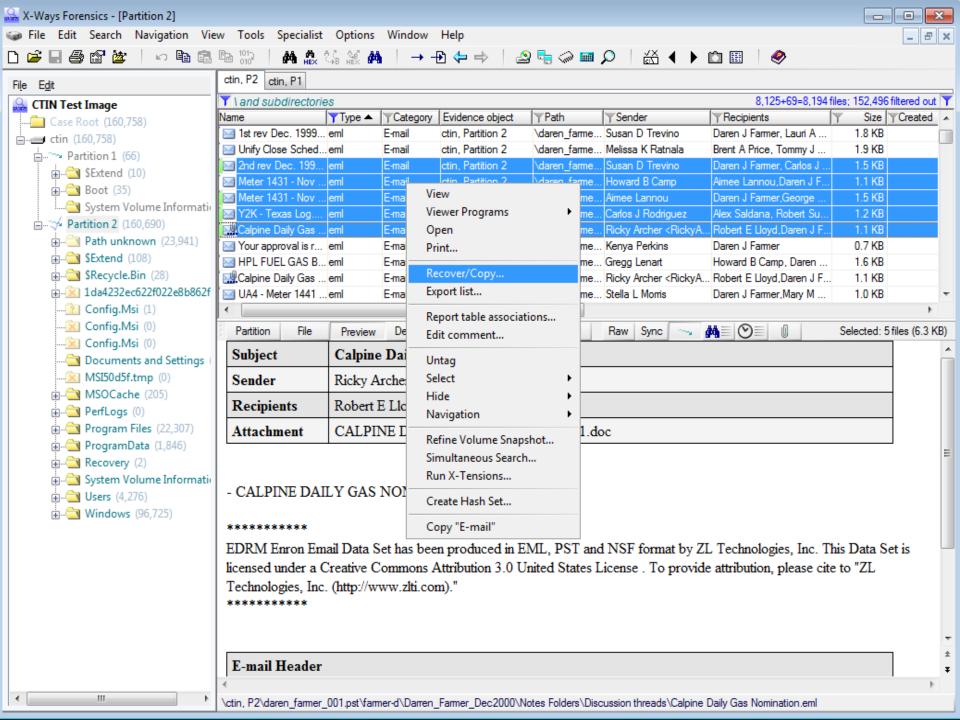
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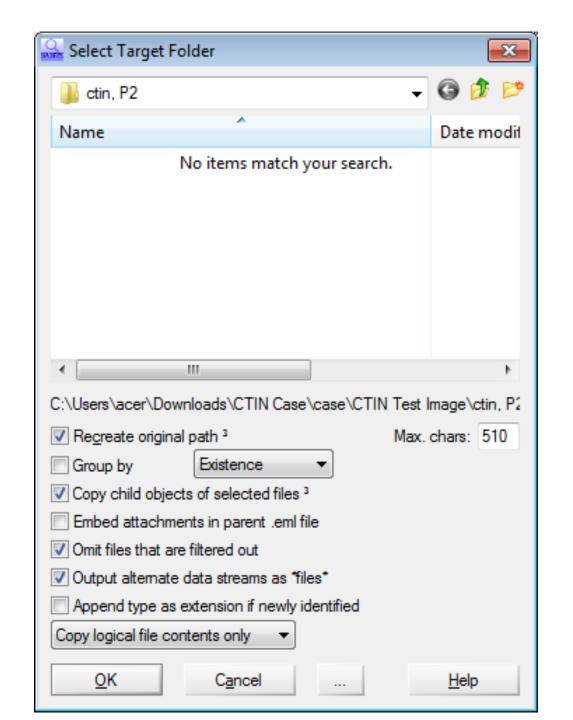


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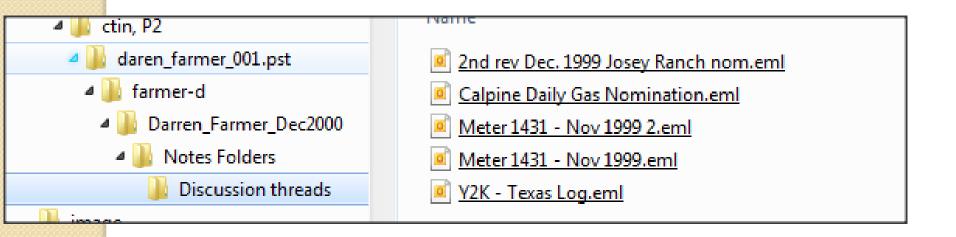




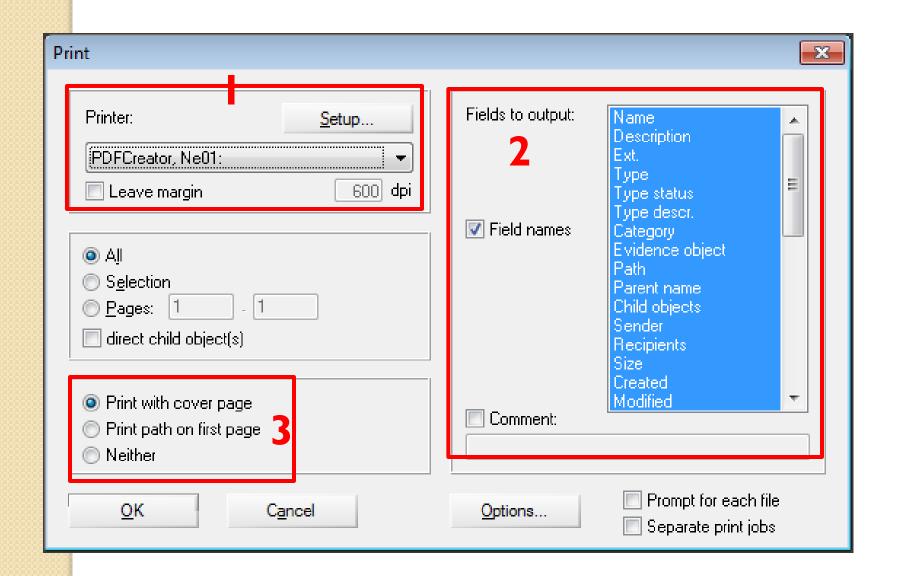


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Printed email from a PST file (cover page)

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Here's REVISED December 1999 (effective 12/15/99) setup for Josey: (using 1.081 Btu/Mcf)

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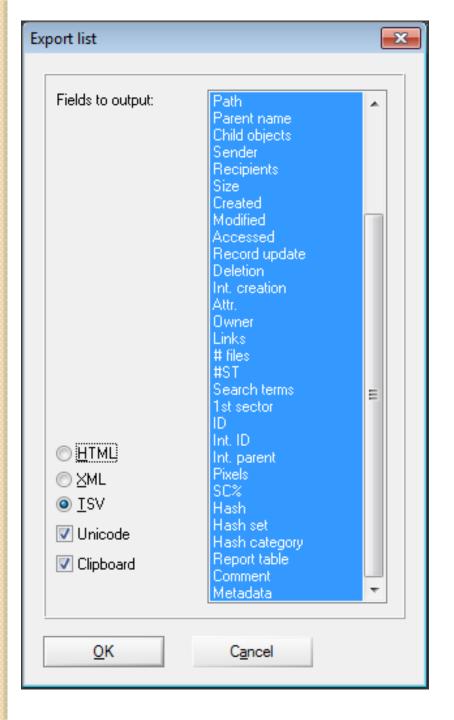
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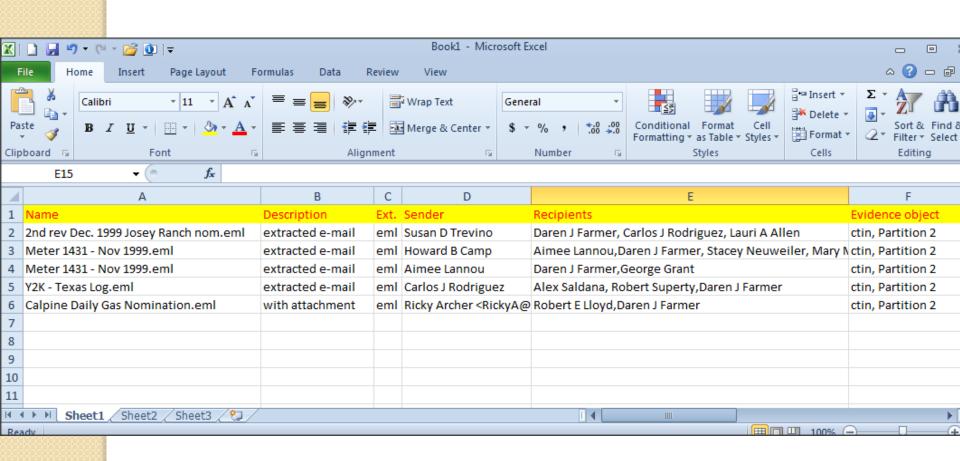
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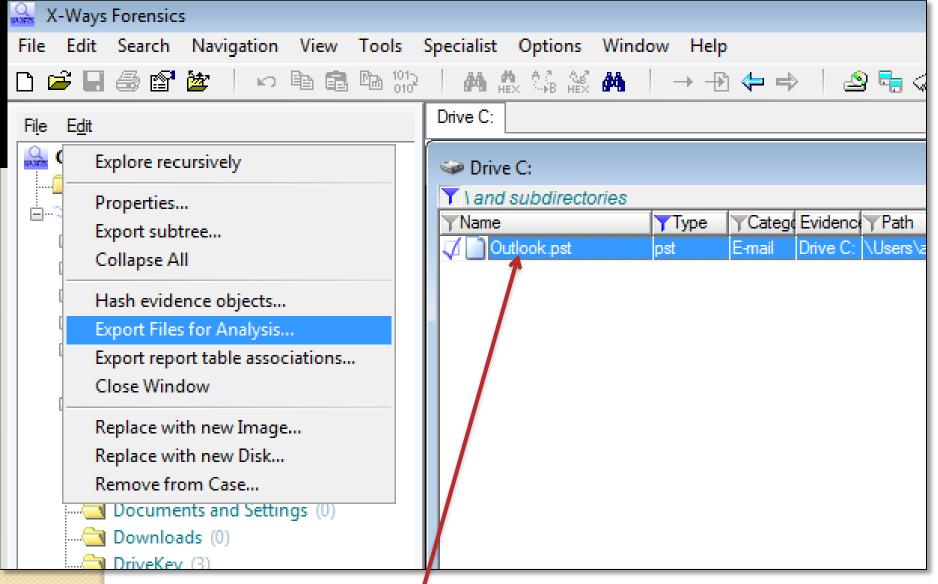
Place into a spreadsheet and make it pretty



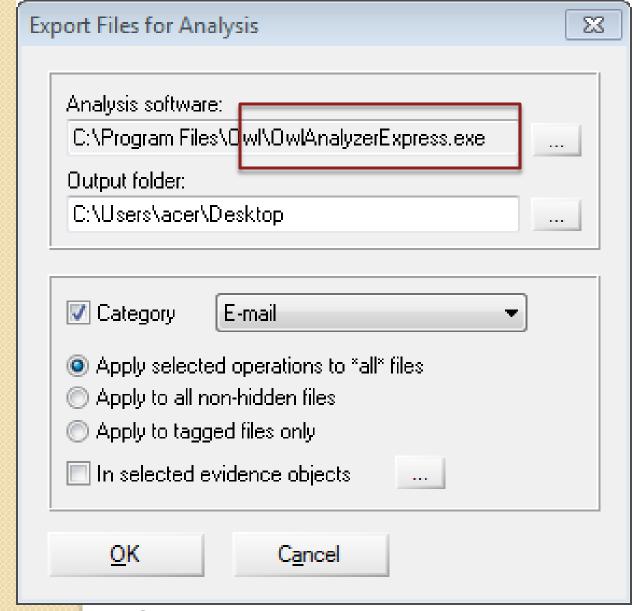


Export Files for Analysis

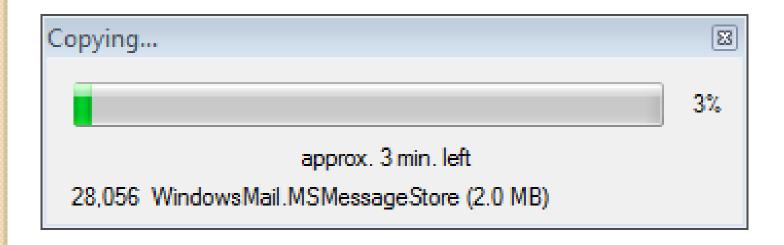
The Export Files for Analysis menuallows XWF to export files so they can be processed by an external program.



- Choose your file/s
- Export for analysis

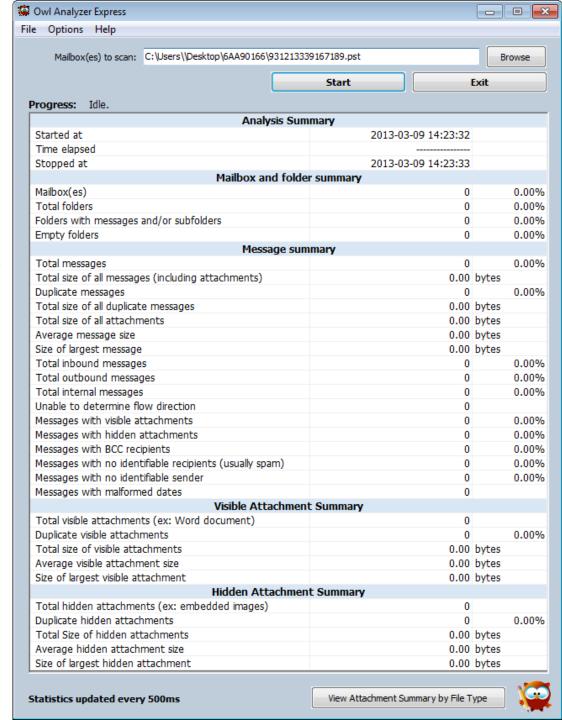


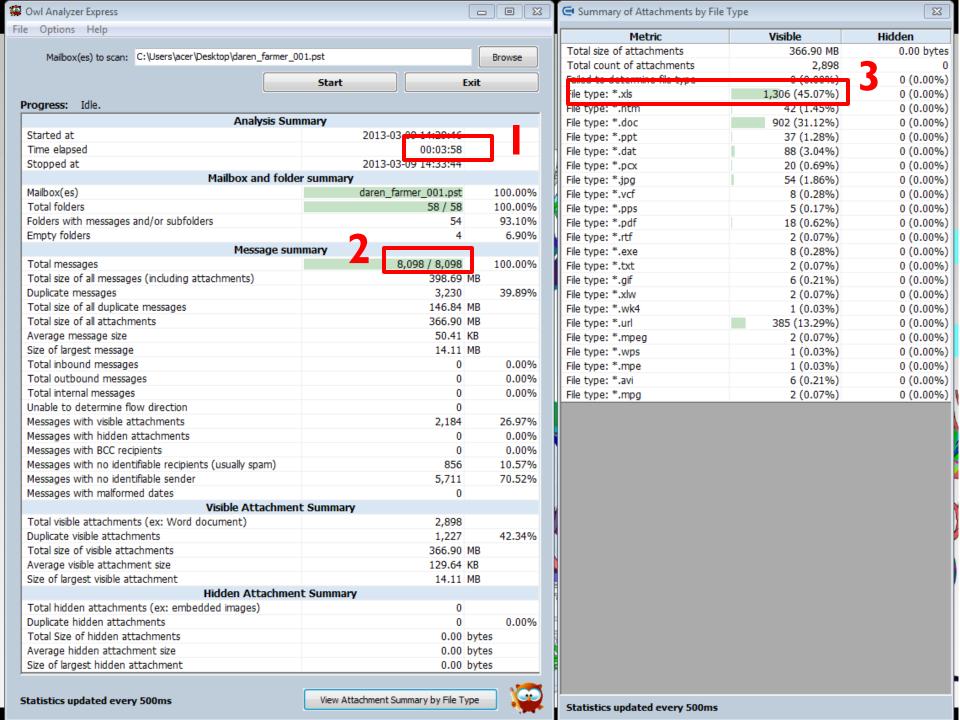
- Choose your analysis program and options
- (Owl Analyzer http://www.arcpst.com)

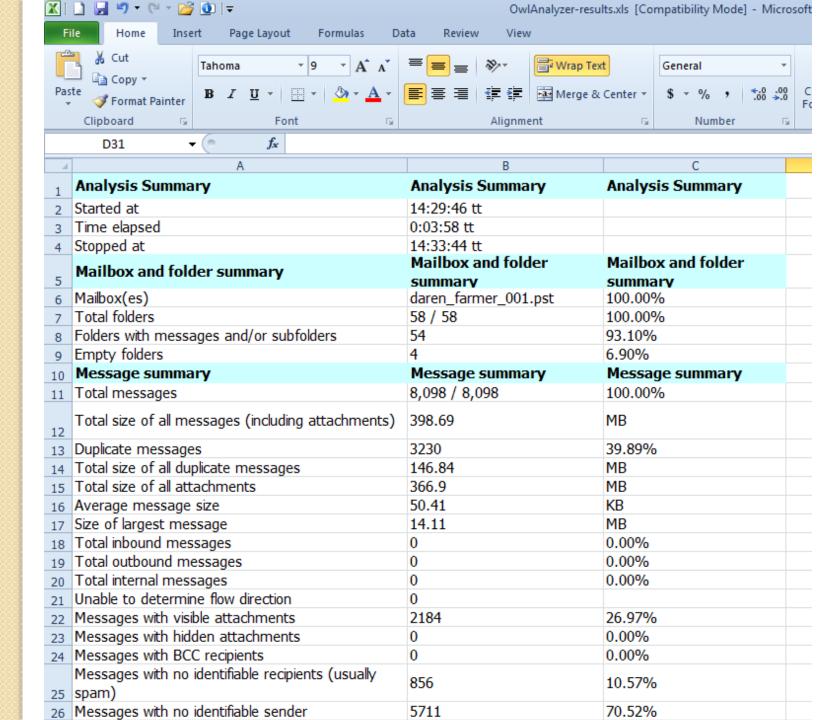


Files are copied out...

Owl Analyzer is used here as an example to examine a pst file. It opens after the extraction is finished.







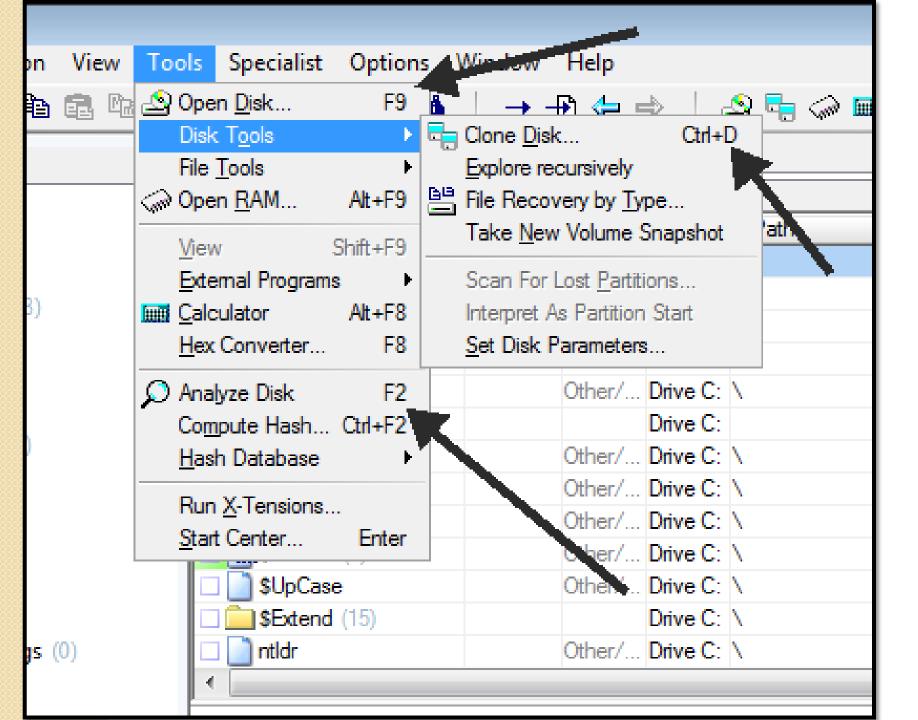
Export files for analysis

- Email specific tools
- Registry tools
- And others that may do better than XWF

Or used as a validation to what XWF finds.

Shortcuts

- There are plenty.
- If you find something you do all the time,
 start using the shortcut to save time.



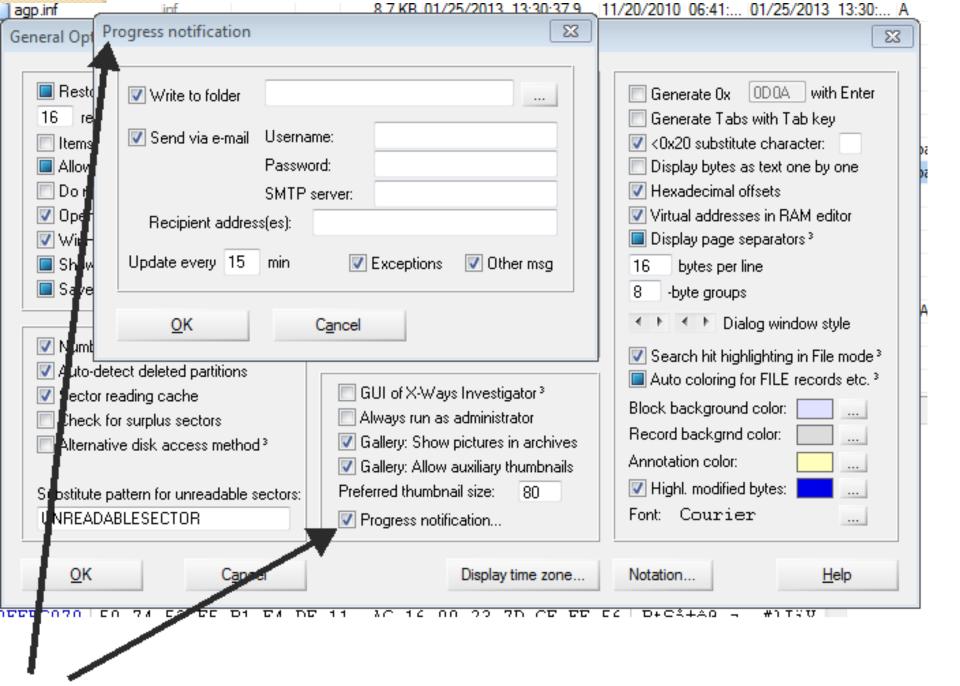
Use your mouse!

 Rather than move the mouse to the forward or backward button and clicking on them, you can use the forward and backward buttons.

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Email notifications? Cool ©

 How would you like XWF to contact you via email if an error occurs during processing or when it is finished?



Triage

 Or preview or whatever you want to call it....

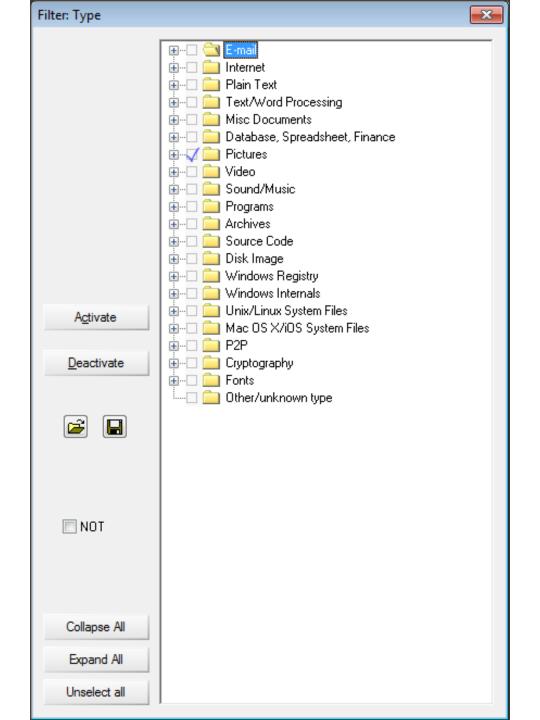
Triage

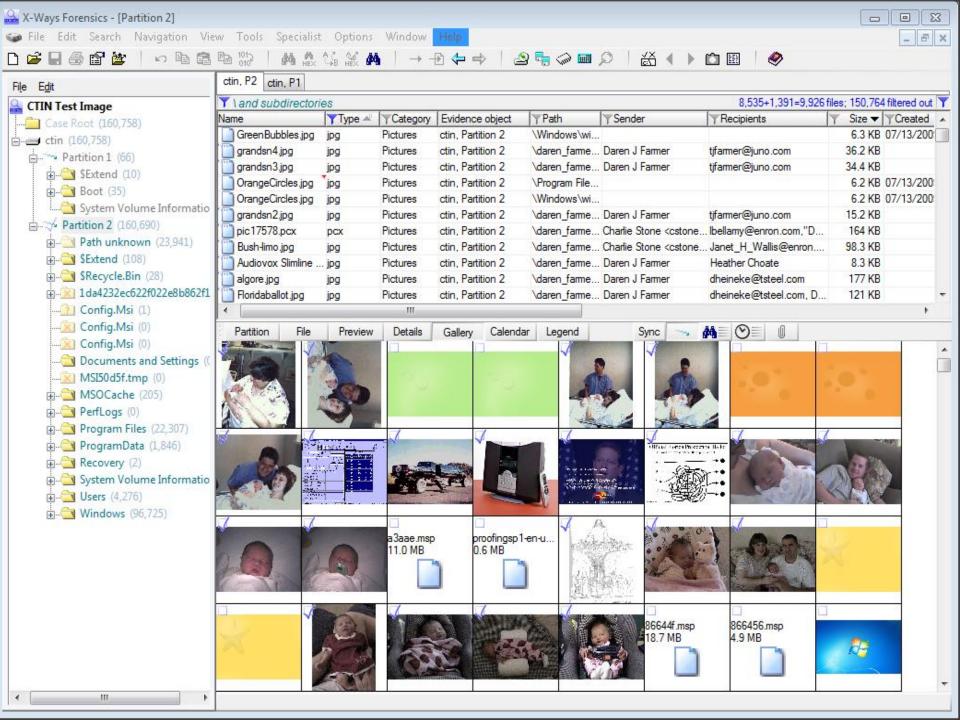
 On a live system, you have a complete forensic suite to use for a triage/preview and image if needed.

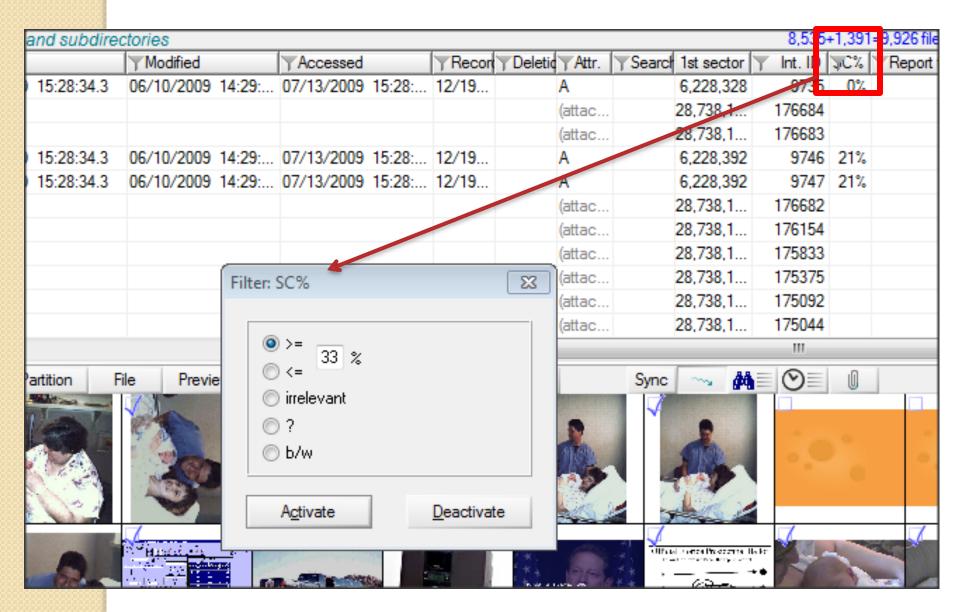
 On a WinFE booted system, you can do a quick and simple preview/triage all the way to a full forensic examination.

Pictures

- Consent searches
- Parole/supervision
- Quick PC







Electronic Discovery

- Many times, you are limited to;
 - Time periods of searches
 - Specific file types
 - Specific users
 - Active files only or deleted files only
 - File names only
 - Or a combination of many restrictions!
- XWF does this easily with filtering.

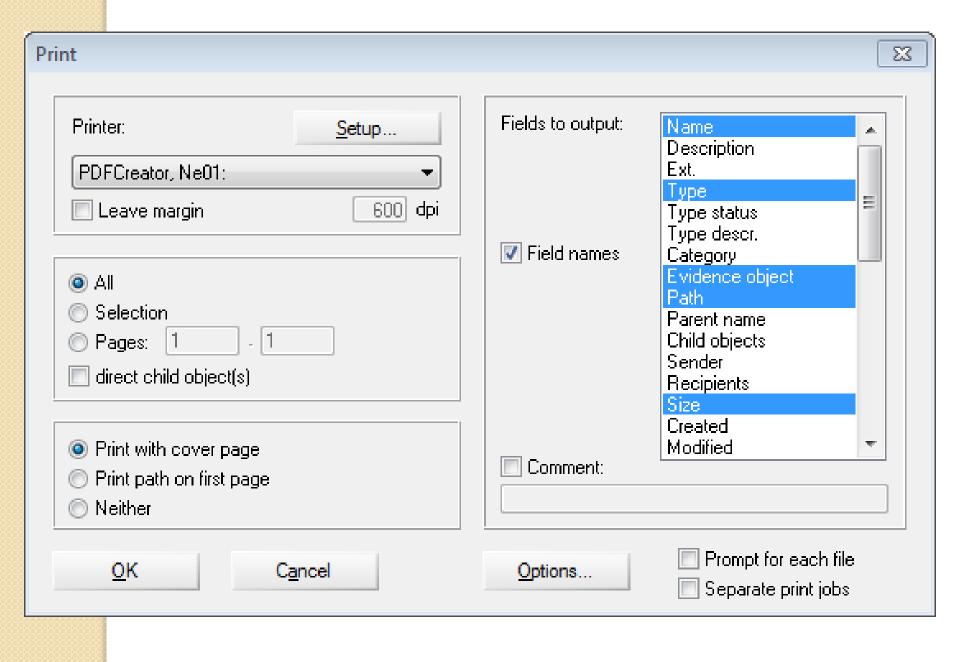
- Boot to WinFE.
 - Windows Forensics Environment
 - Modified WinPE (write protects hard drive)
 - Boots from CD/DVD/USB
 - Runs your Windows forensics applications on the custodian/suspect's computer, without modifying the drive.
 - That means you can boot the custodian computer and run Encase/XWF/etc... directly, including imaging the drive.

- Filter by allowed/requested file type
- Copy to XWF container
- The absolute best forensically sound electronic discovery collection, ever.
- (you can even data carve prior if you wanted, specific to the file types in question, and have those files in your forensic container!)

 You can de-dupe, de-NIST, and/or selectively de-select files that are not relevant before exporting to a container.

 You can PDF documents directly from within XWF, with or without a cover page of metadata from each document.

This can be one pdf or individual PDFs.



- You can export native files
 - By file path
 - Flatten the files to a folder
 - As a file listing (csv)

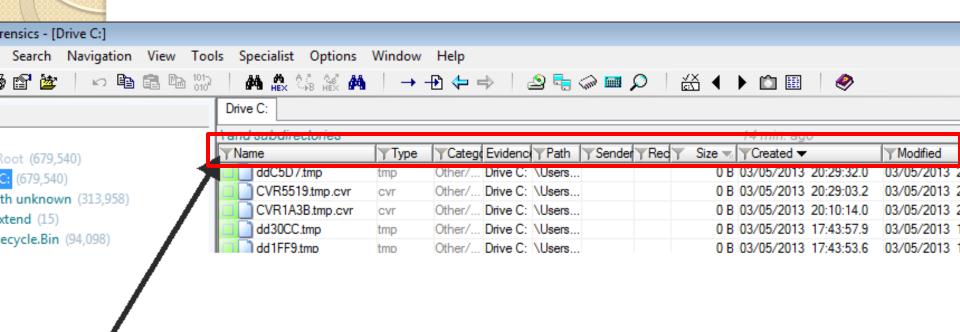
XWF benefits eDiscovery by...

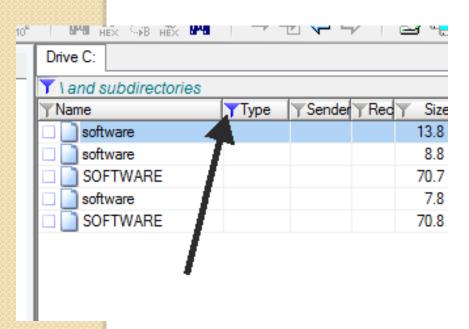
- Solid logfile of your work created
- Forensically sound collection, all metadata preserved in a container file
- Fast
- Can data carve if needed
- Can filter by file type prior to collection
- Can filter after collection, pre-production
- Can keyword search and collect hits, onsite
- Can bates number files
- Can do real forensics with the same program as ediscovery

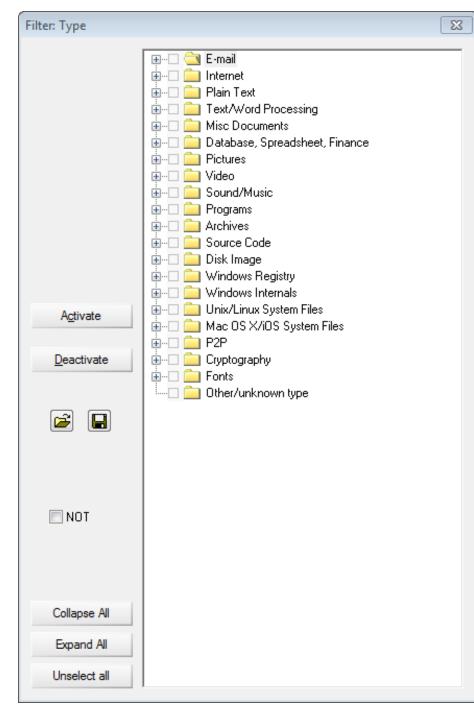
Filter Example

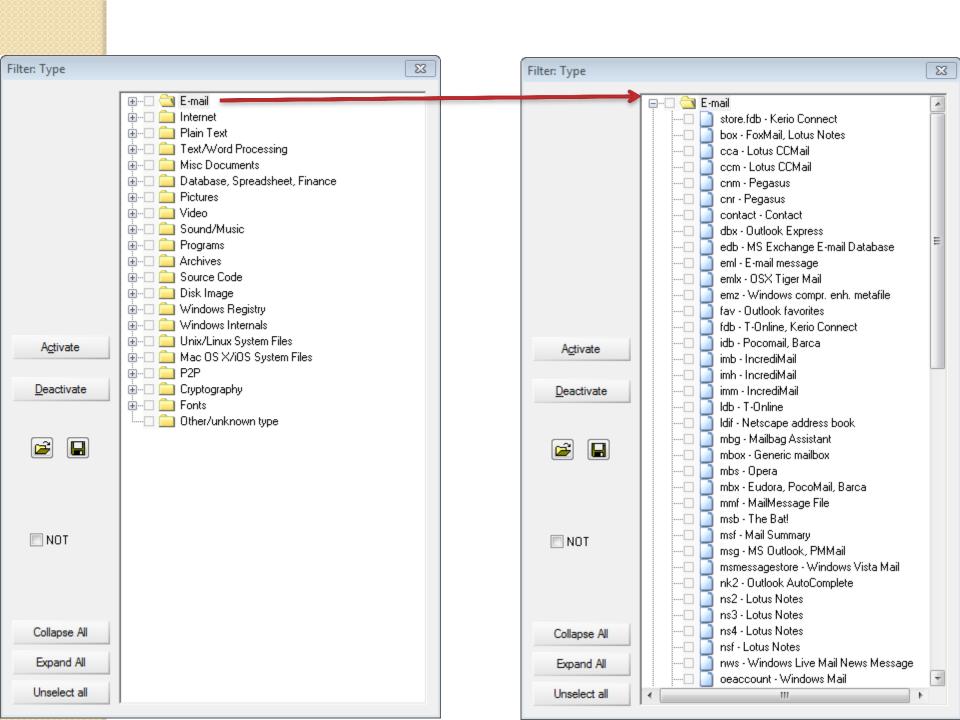
- Let's say you were looking for files that..
 - Were a specific file type
 - Not deleted
 - Modified after a certain date
 - Containing a specific search term
 - Sent from a specific person
 - Of a certain file size
- And you wanted to export these files to a container.

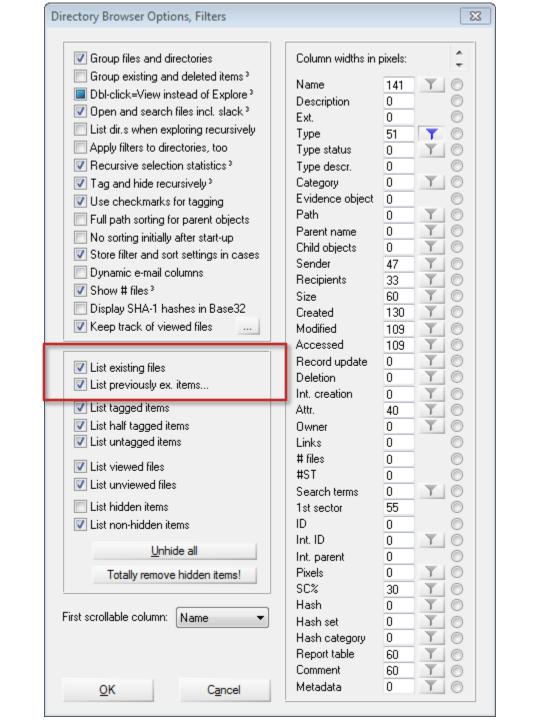


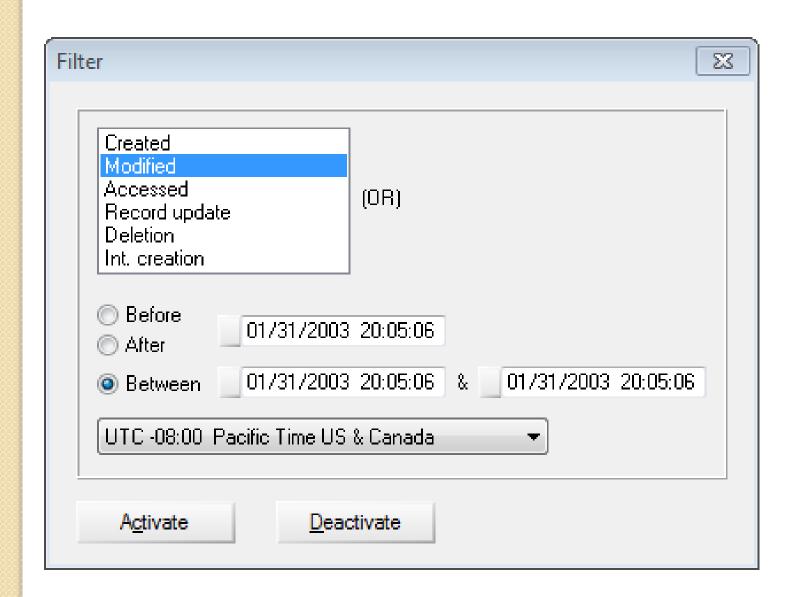
















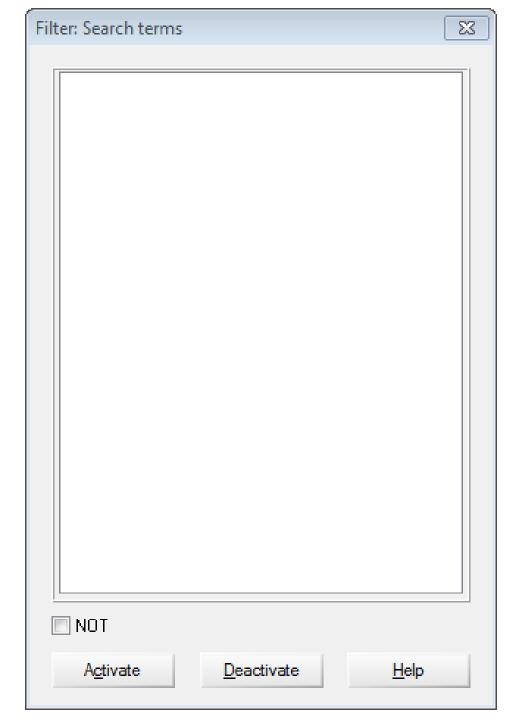
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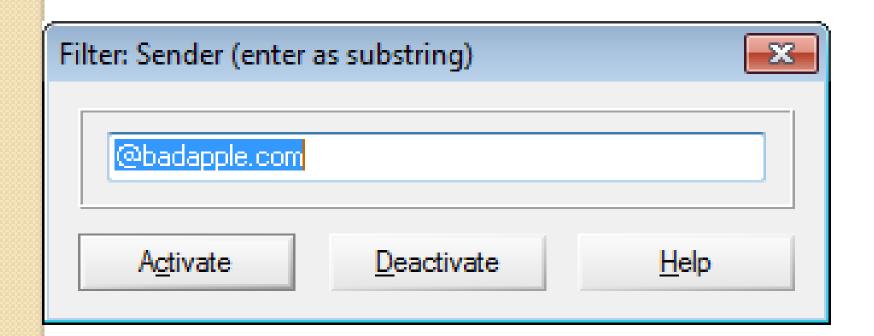
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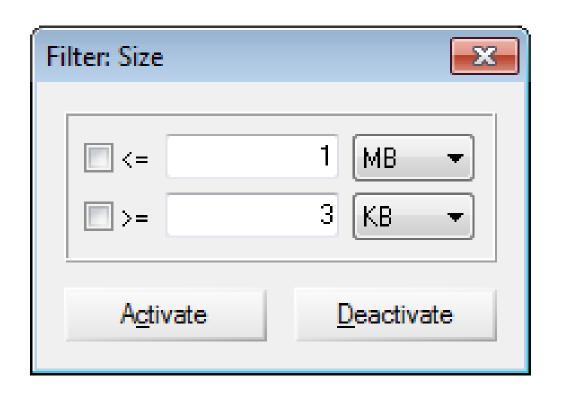
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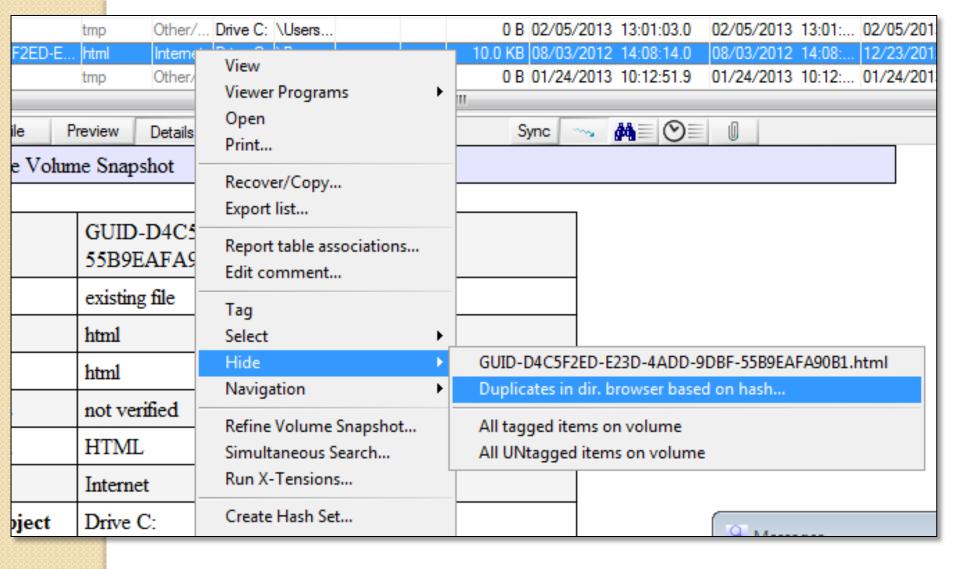
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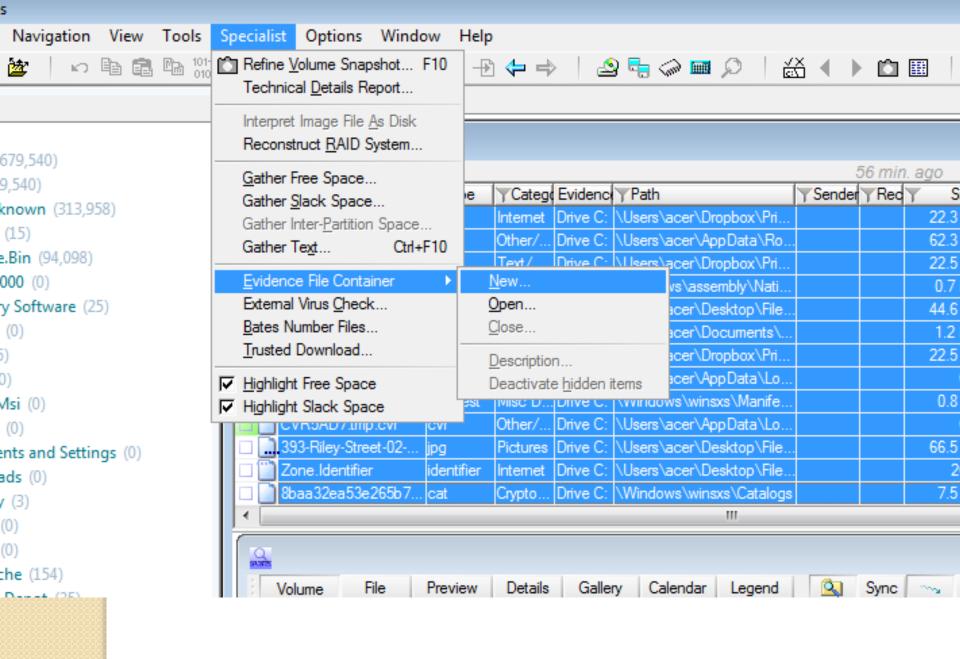




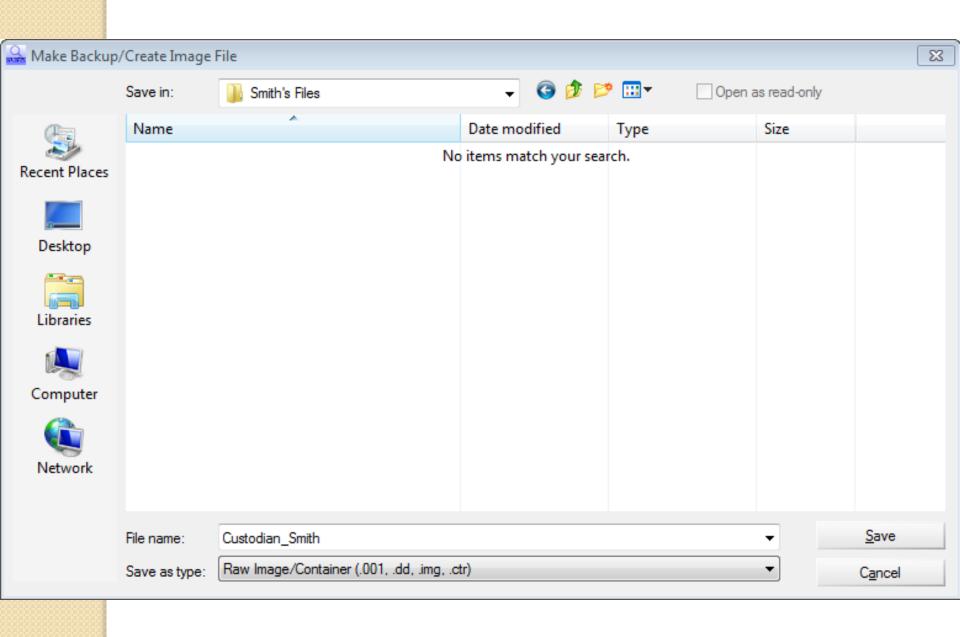


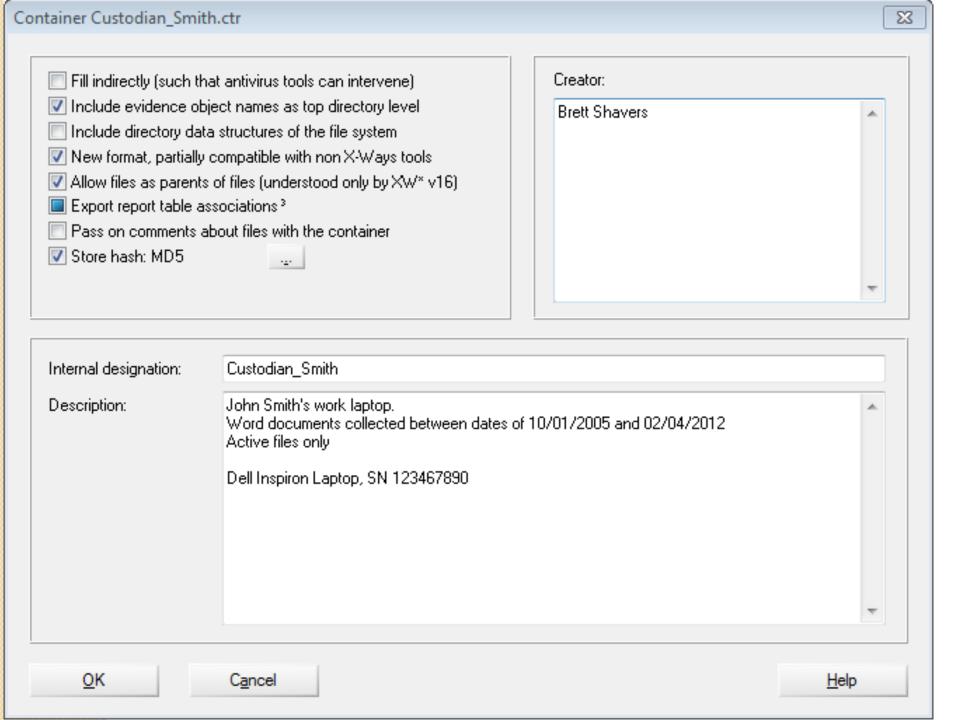


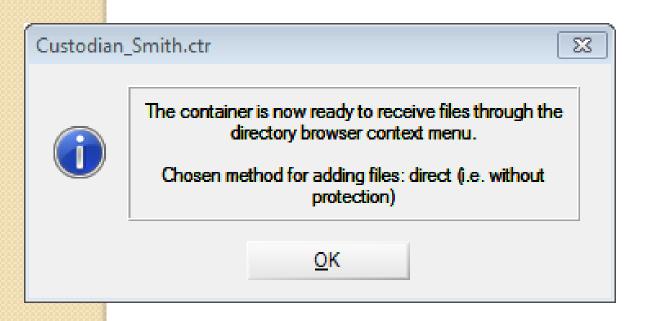
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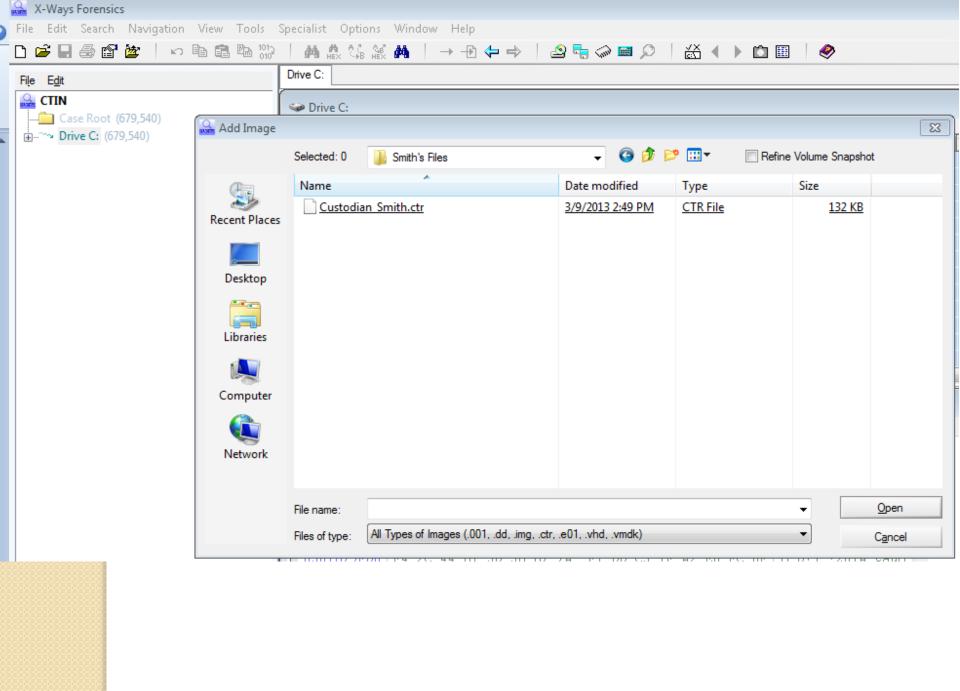








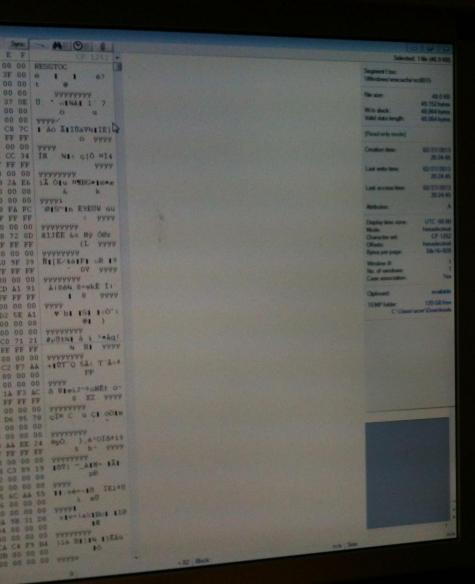
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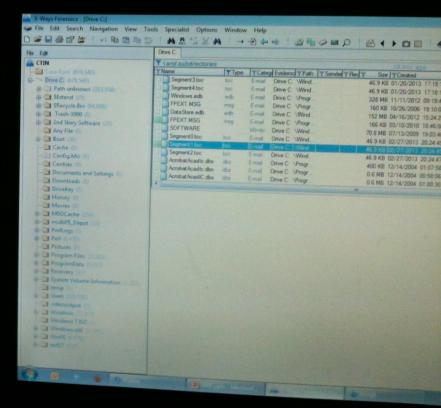


Too much on your screen?

Then use more than one monitor.

 Drag a pane from XWF to another monitor and you have more usable screen real estate.





Questions?



