

# F-RESPONSE NOW/UNIVERSAL™ VALIDATION TESTING REPORT

INCLUDES F-RESPONSE DISCOVERYSHARES™, PHYSICAL DEVICES, PARTITIONS, AND MEMORYSHARES™

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## TESTING RESULTS SUMMARY

The purpose of this testing is to validate the accuracy and reliability of F-Response Now/Universal™ software using the repeatable test method presented herein. The results of the testing are hereby published for independent validation and peer review.

F-Response Now/Universal™ uses a patent-pending process to create a reliable, read-only connection between an examiner's computer and a computer under inspection. The function of the F-Response Now/Universal™ Response software tested herein is that an established F-Response Now/Universal™ network connection is completely read-only, functioning much like a software write blocker albeit over a network connection. The testing validates that F-Response Now/Universal™ software protects the integrity of the data on the computer under inspection because it does not permit alteration of any data on the computer under inspection during the test.

The results of our testing confirm that the network connection established by F-Response Now/Universal™ software does reliably and accurately create a read-only connection between an examiner's computer and a computer under inspection. Our testing uses generally accepted forensics techniques and tools to verify and validate the results. The scientific method presented is done so in accordance with the Daubert Principles (Daubert v. Merrell Dow Pharmaceuticals, Inc. (1993) 509 U.S. 579, 589), and as such we submit that F-Response Now/Universal™ is suitable for use in acquiring data that is intended for use in a court of law.

Unless otherwise noted, all testing activities were performed against the F-Response Now/Universal™ application code base (F-Response Now/Universal™ Discovery, Digital Forensics, and Incident Response Class Appliances), release 1.0.72-5 (Windows, Linux, and Apple OS X).

## INTRODUCTION

### SCOPE

The scope of this project was limited to the validation and testing of F-Response Now/Universal™ DiscoveryShares™, Physical Devices, and Partitions on the following platforms.

- Microsoft Windows
  - Windows 7 32bit
  - Windows 8.1 64bit
  - Windows Server 2012 64bit
- Linux
  - 3.1x Linux Kernel 32bit
  - 3.1x Linux Kernel 64bit
- Apple OSX
  - Apple OSX 10.8

## PURPOSE

This document outlines the F-Response Now/Universal™ Software validation process, results, and methodology developed and executed by F-Response. F-Response Now/Universal™ Software validation answers the following questions:

- Disk Validity
  - Does F-Response Now/Universal™ accurately present the remote Physical Disk(s)?
- Read Accuracy
  - Does F-Response Now/Universal™ correctly and accurately read data from the remote Physical Disk(s)?
- Write Prevention
  - Does F-Response Now/Universal™ effectively prevent write operations from occurring on the remote Physical Disk(s)?

## DOCUMENT LAYOUT

This document will adhere to the following layout:

- Test Results
  - Presents a table representing the test results by operating system.
- Test Environment and Procedure
  - Presents the environment and procedure used in the testing process.
- Test Results Details
  - Presents the detailed results of the testing procedures, including screen captures.



## TEST RESULTS

### DISK VALIDITY

*Does F-Response Now/Universal™ accurately present the remote PhysicalDisk(s)?*

In order to test the validity of the locally attached remote F-Response Now/Universal™ physical disk, we collected the total disk size in sectors and the sector size using multiple local data collection sources. This provided a baseline to test against when the F-Response Now/Universal™ disk is attached to our local workstation for analysis. The detailed process used to obtain these results is included in [section 4](#) of this document.

DISK VALIDITY TESTING RESULTS	NATIVE (LOCAL MACHINE)		REMOTE (F-RESPONSE NOW/UNIVERSAL™PRESENTED)		RESULT	
	PLATFORM	Total Sectors	Sector Size	Total Sectors	Sector Size	Windows Examiner
WINDOWS 7 X86	83886080	512	83886080	512	Pass	Pass
WINDOWS 8.1 X64	67108864	512	67108864	512	Pass	Pass
WINDOWS SERVER 2012 X64	83886080	512	83886080	512	Pass	Pass
LINUX 3.1 KERNEL X86	83886080	512	83886080	512	Pass	Pass
LINUX 3.1 KERNEL X64	83886080	512	83886080	512	Pass	Pass
APPLE OSX 10.8	83886080	512	83886080	512	Pass	Pass

## READ ACCURACY

*Does F-Response Now/Universal™ correctly and accurately read data from the remote PhysicalDisk(s), Partitions, and DiscoveryShares™?*

In order to test the read accuracy of the locally attached remote F-Response Now/Universal™ physical disks, DiscoveryShares™, and partitions, we obtained hash values for the individual files listed below, as well as a portion of the raw disk (Physical Sector 0) from the local F-Response Now/Universal™ device(physical disks and partitions only). Both these hash values were then computed using select Computer Forensics software packages on their native operating system.

READ ACCURACY TESTING RESULTS	NATIVE (LOCAL MACHINE)		REMOTE (F-RESPONSE NOW/UNIVERSAL™ PRESENTED)		RESULT	
PLATFORM	File Hash	Data Hash	File Hash	Data Hash	Windows Examiner	Linux Examiner
<b>WINDOWS 7 X86 (DISCOVERYSHARE™)</b>	8B88EBB05A0E56B7 DCC708498C02B3E	N/A	8B88EBB05A0E56B 7DCC708498C02B3E	N/A	Pass	Pass
<b>WINDOWS 8.1 X64 (DISCOVERYSHARE™)</b>	ACDBE1ED38167C8B0 1B8F63161BB2CEA	N/A	ACDBE1ED38167C8B 01B8F63161BB2CEA	N/A	Pass	Pass
<b>WINDOWS SERVER 2012 X64 (DISCOVERYSHARE™)</b>	928791755FDDEA721 B053535EF84FA17	N/A	928791755FDDEA72 1B053535EF84FA17	N/A	Pass	Pass
<b>LINUX 3.1 KERNEL X86 (DISCOVERYSHARE™)</b>	835F8651D266F285C9 6F5AD2E4066243	N/A	835F8651D266F285C 96F5AD2E4066243	N/A	Pass	Pass
<b>LINUX 3.1 KERNEL X64 (DISCOVERYSHARE™)</b>	A66ED71FF10AECA7C 7DA78751F49D2AC	N/A	A66ED71FF10AECA7 C7DA78751F49D2AC	N/A	Pass	Pass
<b>APPLE OSX 10.8 (DISCOVERYSHARE™)</b>	565140D56B9893751 A53B12A190CEE6C	N/A	565140D56B9893751 A53B12A190CEE6C	N/A	Pass	Pass
<b>WINDOWS 7 X86</b>	8B88EBB05A0E56B7 DCC708498C02B3E	C9A5A6878D97B48C C965C1E41859F034	8B88EBB05A0E56B 7DCC708498C02B3E	C9A5A6878D97B48CC9 65C1E41859F034	Pass	Pass
<b>WINDOWS 8.1 X64</b>	ACDBE1ED38167C8B0 1B8F63161BB2CEA	C9A5A6878D97B48C C965C1E41859F034	ACDBE1ED38167C8B 01B8F63161BB2CEA	C9A5A6878D97B48CC9 65C1E41859F034	Pass	Pass
<b>WINDOWS SERVER 2012 X64</b>	928791755FDDEA721 B053535EF84FA17	C9A5A6878D97B48C C965C1E41859F034	928791755FDDEA72 1B053535EF84FA17	C9A5A6878D97B48CC9 65C1E41859F034	Pass	Pass
<b>LINUX 3.1 KERNEL X86</b>	835F8651D266F285C9 6F5AD2E4066243	C9A5A6878D97B48C C965C1E41859F034	835F8651D266F285C 96F5AD2E4066243	C9A5A6878D97B48CC9 65C1E41859F034	Pass	Pass

<b>LINUX 3.1 KERNEL X64</b>	A66ED71FF10AECA7C 7DA78751F49D2AC	C9A5A6878D97B48C C965C1E41859F034	A66ED71FF10AECA7 C7DA78751F49D2AC	C9A5A6878D97B48CC9 65C1E41859F034	Pass	Pass
<b>APPLE OSX 10.8</b>	565140D56B9893751 A53B12A190CEE6C	C9A5A6878D97B48C C965C1E41859F034	565140D56B9893751 A53B12A190CEE6C	C9A5A6878D97B48CC9 65C1E41859F034	Pass	Pass

## WRITE PREVENTION

*Does F-Response Now/Universal™ accurately prevent write operations from occurring on the remote PhysicalDisk(s), partitions, and DiscoveryShares™?*<sup>1</sup>

In order to test the write prevention capabilities of F-Response Now/Universal™, we attempted to perform write operations using both the file system create file and delete file commands, as well as through direct writing to arbitrary locations on the F-Response Now/Universal™ connected disk. In all cases F-Response Now/Universal™ prevented the write operations. In some cases, the local system would return a “success” message, however no actual changes occurred on the remote F-Response Now/Universal™ disk. The detailed process used to obtain these results is included in [section 4](#) of this document.

WRITE PREVENTION TESTING RESULTS	F-RESPONSE NOW/UNIVERSAL PRESENTED DISCOVERY SHARE		F-RESPONSE NOW/UNIVERSAL PRESENTED DISK		RESULT	
SUBJECT PLATFORM	File Deletion		Data Modification		Windows Examiner	Linux Examiner
	System Response	Actual Result	System Response	Actual Result		
WINDOWS 7 X86	Blocked	Blocked	Success	Blocked	Pass	Pass
WINDOWS 8.1 X64	Blocked	Blocked	Success	Blocked	Pass	Pass
WINDOWS SERVER 2012 X64	Blocked	Blocked	Success	Blocked	Pass	Pass
LINUX 3.1 KERNEL X86	Blocked	Blocked	Success	Blocked	Pass	Pass
LINUX 3.1 KERNEL X64	Blocked	Blocked	Success	Blocked	Pass	Pass
APPLE OSX 10.8	Blocked	Blocked	Success	Blocked	Pass	Pass

<sup>1</sup> All write operations are prevented, however select write operations are held in memory where necessary to improve operations. No write operations reach the physical disk. Full details of the write tests performed are available in section 4 of this document.

## TEST ENVIRONMENT

### TEST ENVIRONMENT SOFTWARE

The following represents a complete listing of the software used to validate F-Response Now/Universal.

Application	Version	Company	Used for	Platform
<b>F-Response Now/Universal™</b>	1.0.74.5	F-Response	Providing remote forensically sound disk access.	Multiple (See Scope Section)
<b>GNU Tools (md5, dd, dmesg)</b>	2.3.5+ (glibc)	Linux	Baseline data collection on the Linux/OS X target platform.	Linux (See Scope Section)
<b>Vmware VSphere</b>	5.0	VMWare Inc.	Hosting F-Response Now/Universal™ Virtual Test Machines	VMWare Hypervisor
<b>X-Ways Forensics/Winhex<sup>2</sup></b>	17	X-Ways Technology AG	Verifying capacity, read accuracy.	Windows 7 x86

<sup>2</sup> X-Ways permission granted for use of demonstration licensed version.

## TEST RESULT DETAILS<sup>3</sup>

### OBTAIN BASELINE (WINDOWS)

Step 1, Open X-Ways WinHex go to Tools->Open Disk and select the first physical disk, record the provided total number of bytes and sector size. Divide the total number of bytes by the sector size to obtain the sector count. Record the provided values.

The screenshot shows the WinHex application window titled "WinHex - [Hard disk 0]". The interface includes a menu bar (File, Edit, Search, Navigation, View, Tools, Specialist, Options, Window, Help), a toolbar, and a main workspace. On the left, the "Case Data" pane shows "Hard disk 0" with a partitioning style of MBR. The main workspace displays a table of disk partitions:

Name	Ext.	Size	Created	Modified	Record changed	Attr.	1st sector
Start sectors		1.0 MB					0
Partition 1	NTFS	100 MB					2,048
Partition 2 (C:)	NTFS	39.9 GB					206,848
Unpartitionable space		1.0 MB					83,884,032

Below the partition table, the hex data view shows offsets from 0 to 1B0. The right pane displays disk information for "Hard disk 0":

- Model: VMware Virtual disk
- Firmware Rev.: 1.0
- Bus: SAS
- Default Edit Mode: original
- State: original
- Undo level: 0
- Undo reverses: n/a
- Total capacity: 40.0 GB
- 42,949,672,960 bytes
- Bytes per sector: 512
- Surplus sectors at end: 2048
- Partition: <1
- Relative sector No.: n/a
- Mode: hexadecimal
- Character set: CP 1252
- Offsets: hexadecimal
- Bytes per page: 28x16=448
- Window #: 1
- No. of windows: 1
- Clipboard: empty
- TEMP folder: C:\GR\frp

<sup>3</sup> All testing details assume the F-Response Now/Universal Resource has been properly connected using one of the many editions of F-Response Now/Universal software products, as this process is detailed in numerous training manuals and quick start guides available on the F-Response Now/Universal website ([www.F-Response Now/Universal.com](http://www.F-Response Now/Universal.com)) it will not be duplicated herein. In addition while only one baseline collection effort is contained herein, this process was repeated for all platforms identified under the Scope section of this document.

Step 2, Obtain file hash value and data hash value, select a system file, double click on it, and select Tools->Compute Hash, select md5 hash and record this value.

The screenshot shows the WinHex application interface. The main window displays the hex data of a file named 'explorer.exe'. A dialog box titled 'MD5 (128 bit)' is open, showing the calculated MD5 hash: 8B88EBB805A0E56B7DCC708498C02B3E. The right sidebar shows file properties for explorer.exe, including file size (2.5 MB) and creation time (07/04/2012).

Offset	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	A	B	C	D	E	F
00000000	4D	5A	90	00	03	00	00	00	04	00	00	00	FF	FF	00	00
00000010	B8	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	40	00	00	00	00	00	00	00
00000020	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00
00000030	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	D8	00	00	00
00000040	0E	1F	BA	0E	00	B4	09	CD	21	B8	01	4C	CD	21	54	68
00000050	69	73	20	70	72	6F	67	72	61	6D	20	63	61	6E	6E	6F
00000060	74	20	62	65	20	72	75	6E	20	69	6E	20	44	4F	53	20
00000070	6D	6F	64	65	2E	0D	0D	0A	24	00	00	00	00	00	00	00
00000080	AA	16	A2	89	EE	77	CC	DA	EE	77	CC	DA	EE	77	CC	DA
00000090	E7	0F	59	DA	E6	77	CC	DA	E7	0F	5F	DA	C7	77	CC	DA
000000A0	EE	77	CC	DA	EE	77	CC	DA	E7	0F	5F	DA	C7	77	CC	DA
000000B0	E7	0F	5F	DA	C7	77	CC	DA	E7	0F	5F	DA	C7	77	CC	DA
000000C0	E7	0F	5F	DA	C7	77	CC	DA	E7	0F	5F	DA	C7	77	CC	DA
000000D0	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00
000000E0	A7	27	67	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00
000000F0	0B	01	05	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00
00000100	02	0F	03	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00
00000110	00	10	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00
00000120	06	00	01	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00
00000130	A5	73	20	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00
00000140	00	00	10	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00
00000150	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00
00000160	00	40	0B	00	88	2E	1C	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00
00000170	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	70	27	00	04	93	00	00
00000180	E0	03	0B	00	38	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00
00000190	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00
000001A0	F8	87	06	00	40	00	00	00	70	02	00	00	A4	01	00	00
000001B0	00	10	00	00	94	0D	00	00	F8	BB	0A	00	40	01	00	00
000001C0	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00
000001D0	2E	74	65	78	74	00	00	00	41	F4	0A	00	00	10	00	00
000001E0	00	F6	0A	00	00	06	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00
000001F0	00	00	00	00	20	00	00	60	2E	64	61	74	61	00	00	00
00000200	D0	2F	00	00	00	10	0B	00	00	2C	00	00	00	FC	0A	00
00000210	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	40	00	00	C0
00000220	2E	72	73	72	63	00	00	00	88	2E	1C	00	00	40	0B	00
00000230	00	30	1C	00	00	28	0B	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00
00000240	00	00	00	00	40	00	00	40	2E	72	65	6C	6F	63	00	00
00000250	04	93	00	00	00	70	27	00	00	94	00	00	00	58	27	00



Step 3, Select a single sector on the disk, select Tools->Compute Hash (MD5 128 bit), record the resulting hash value.

The screenshot shows the WinHex interface with the 'Hard disk 0' selected. The 'Tools' menu is open, and 'Compute Hash (MD5 128 bit)' is selected. A dialog box titled '...for VMware Virtual disk (Block):' displays the resulting MD5 hash: 67639D43F391B4F63A81F90D3DD535DF. The main window shows the disk's partitioning style (MBR) and a list of partitions. The bottom status bar indicates the current sector is 0 of 83886080, with an offset of 1FF and a block size of 170.

Name	Ext.	Size	Created	Modified	Record changed	Attr.	1st sector
Start sectors		1.0 MB					0
Partition 1	NTFS	100 MB					2,048
Partition 2 (C:)	NTFS	39.9 GB					206,848
Unpartitionable space		1.0 MB					83,884,032

Offset: 0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 A B C D E F

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000000080 9F 83 C4 MD5 (128 bit) |IÄ Ië , » |IV

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000000170 74 69 6F 6E 20 74 61 62 6C 65 00 45 72 72 6F 72 |tion table Error

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Sector 0 of 83886080 Offset: 1FF = 170 Block: 0 - 1FF



## OBTAIN BASELINE (LINUX)

Step 1, Use “fdisk -l | more” to return the total capacity and bytes per sector on the attached disk(s).

```

Disk /dev/sda: 42.9 GB, 42949672960 bytes
255 heads, 63 sectors/track, 5221 cylinders, total 83886080 sectors
Units = sectors of 1 * 512 = 512 bytes
Sector size (logical/physical): 512 bytes / 512 bytes
I/O size (minimum/optimal): 512 bytes / 512 bytes
Disk identifier: 0x000dfb79

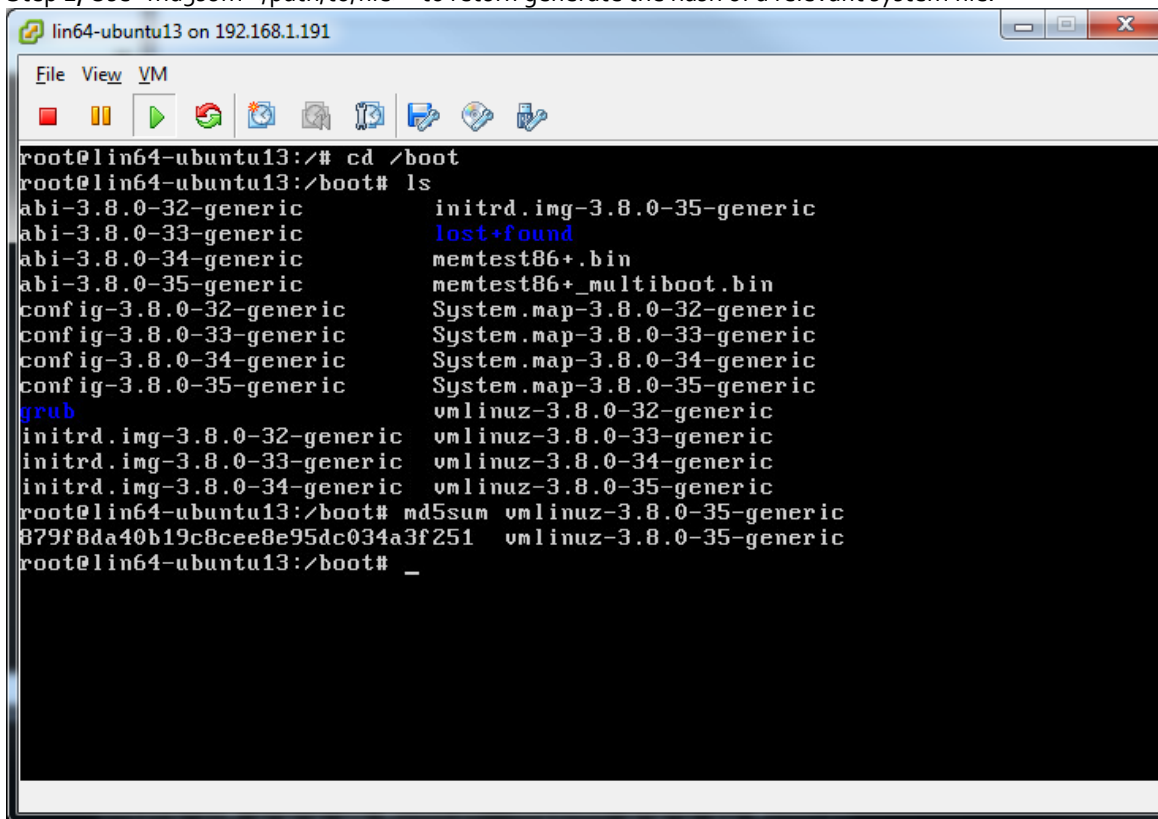
    Device Boot      Start         End      Blocks   Id  System
/dev/sda1   *        2048       499711       248832   83   Linux
/dev/sda2            501758      83884031      41691137    5   Extended
/dev/sda5            501760      83884031      41691136   8e   Linux LVM

Disk /dev/mapper/lin64--ubuntu14srv--vg-root: 41.6 GB, 41615884288 bytes
255 heads, 63 sectors/track, 5059 cylinders, total 81281024 sectors
Units = sectors of 1 * 512 = 512 bytes
Sector size (logical/physical): 512 bytes / 512 bytes
I/O size (minimum/optimal): 512 bytes / 512 bytes
Disk identifier: 0x00000000

Disk /dev/mapper/lin64--ubuntu14srv--vg-root doesn't contain a valid partition table

Disk /dev/mapper/lin64--ubuntu14srv--vg-swap_1: 1073 MB, 1073741824 bytes
255 heads, 63 sectors/track, 130 cylinders, total 2097152 sectors
Units = sectors of 1 * 512 = 512 bytes
Sector size (logical/physical): 512 bytes / 512 bytes
I/O size (minimum/optimal): 512 bytes / 512 bytes
Disk identifier: 0x00000000
```

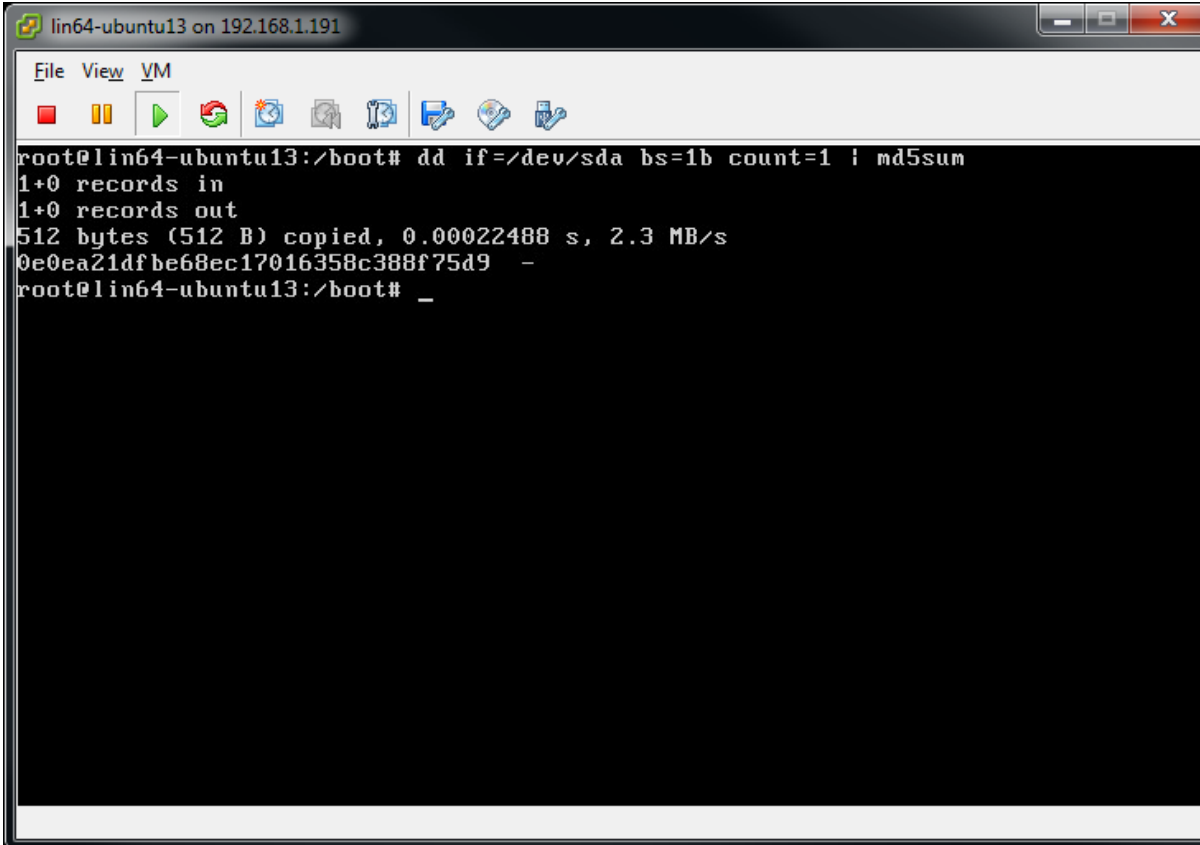
Step 2, Use “md5sum </path/to/file>” to return generate the hash of a relevant system file.



The screenshot shows a terminal window titled "lin64-ubuntu13 on 192.168.1.191". The terminal displays the following commands and output:

```
root@lin64-ubuntu13:/# cd /boot
root@lin64-ubuntu13:/boot# ls
abi-3.8.0-32-generic          initrd.img-3.8.0-35-generic
abi-3.8.0-33-generic          lost+found
abi-3.8.0-34-generic          memtest86+.bin
abi-3.8.0-35-generic          memtest86+_multiboot.bin
config-3.8.0-32-generic       System.map-3.8.0-32-generic
config-3.8.0-33-generic       System.map-3.8.0-33-generic
config-3.8.0-34-generic       System.map-3.8.0-34-generic
config-3.8.0-35-generic       System.map-3.8.0-35-generic
grub                           vmlinuz-3.8.0-32-generic
initrd.img-3.8.0-32-generic    vmlinuz-3.8.0-33-generic
initrd.img-3.8.0-33-generic    vmlinuz-3.8.0-34-generic
initrd.img-3.8.0-34-generic    vmlinuz-3.8.0-35-generic
root@lin64-ubuntu13:/boot# md5sum vmlinuz-3.8.0-35-generic
879f8da40b19c8cee8e95dc034a3f251 vmlinuz-3.8.0-35-generic
root@lin64-ubuntu13:/boot# _
```

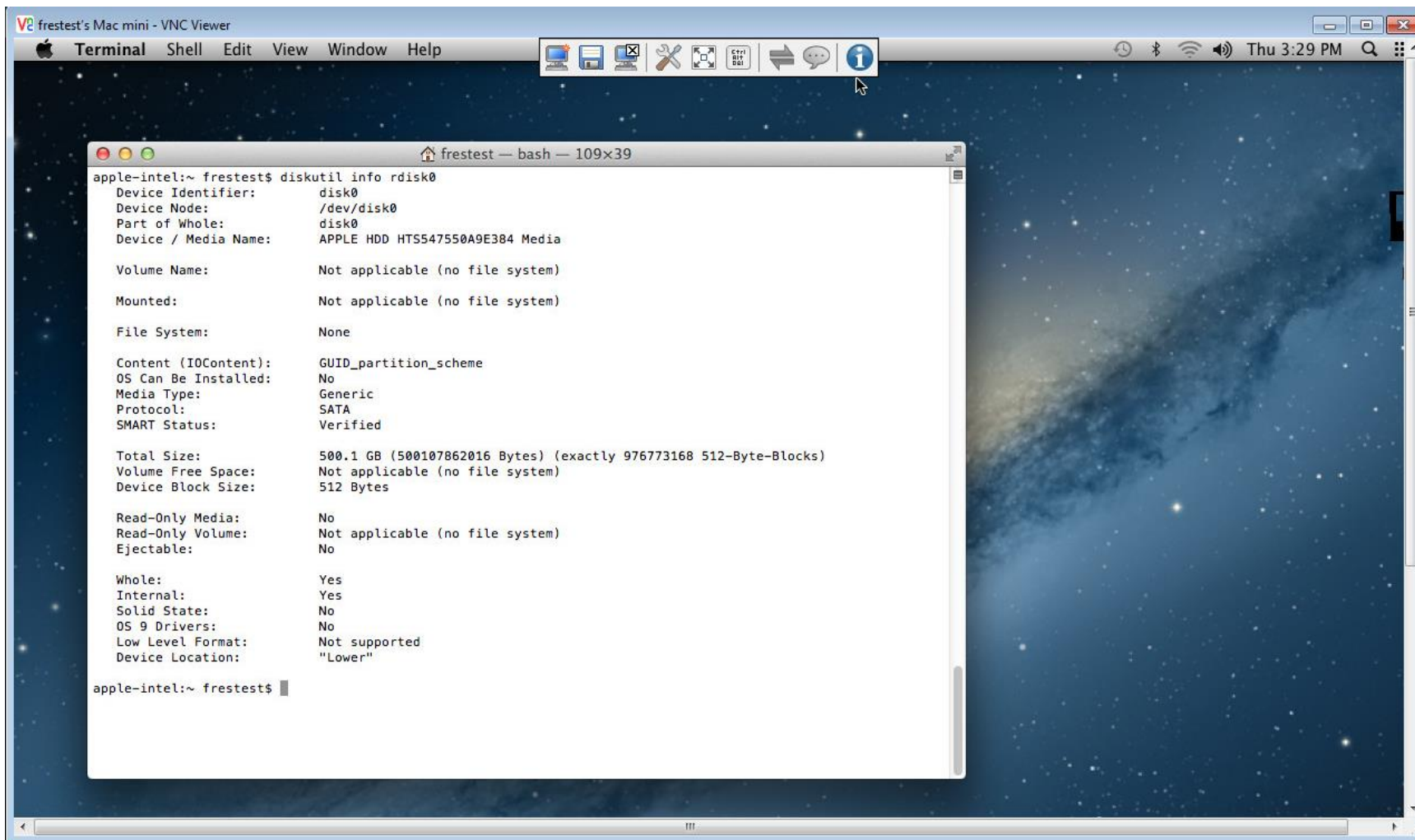
Step 3, Use “dd if=/dev/<disk> bs=1b count=1 | md5sum” to generate the hash of a single sector on the disk.



```
lin64-ubuntu13 on 192.168.1.191
File View VM
root@lin64-ubuntu13:/boot# dd if=/dev/sda bs=1b count=1 | md5sum
1+0 records in
1+0 records out
512 bytes (512 B) copied, 0.00022488 s, 2.3 MB/s
0e0ea21dfbe68ec17016358c388f75d9 -
root@lin64-ubuntu13:/boot# _
```

## OBTAIN BASELINE (APPLE OS X)

Step 1, Open a terminal window in Apple OS X and type "diskutil info rdisk0" to obtain total disk size in bytes and sector size in bytes.



```
apple-intel:~ frestest$ diskutil info rdisk0
Device Identifier:      disk0
Device Node:           /dev/disk0
Part of Whole:         disk0
Device / Media Name:   APPLE HDD HTS547550A9E384 Media

Volume Name:           Not applicable (no file system)
Mounted:               Not applicable (no file system)
File System:           None

Content (IOContent):   GUID_partition_scheme
OS Can Be Installed:   No
Media Type:            Generic
Protocol:              SATA
SMART Status:          Verified

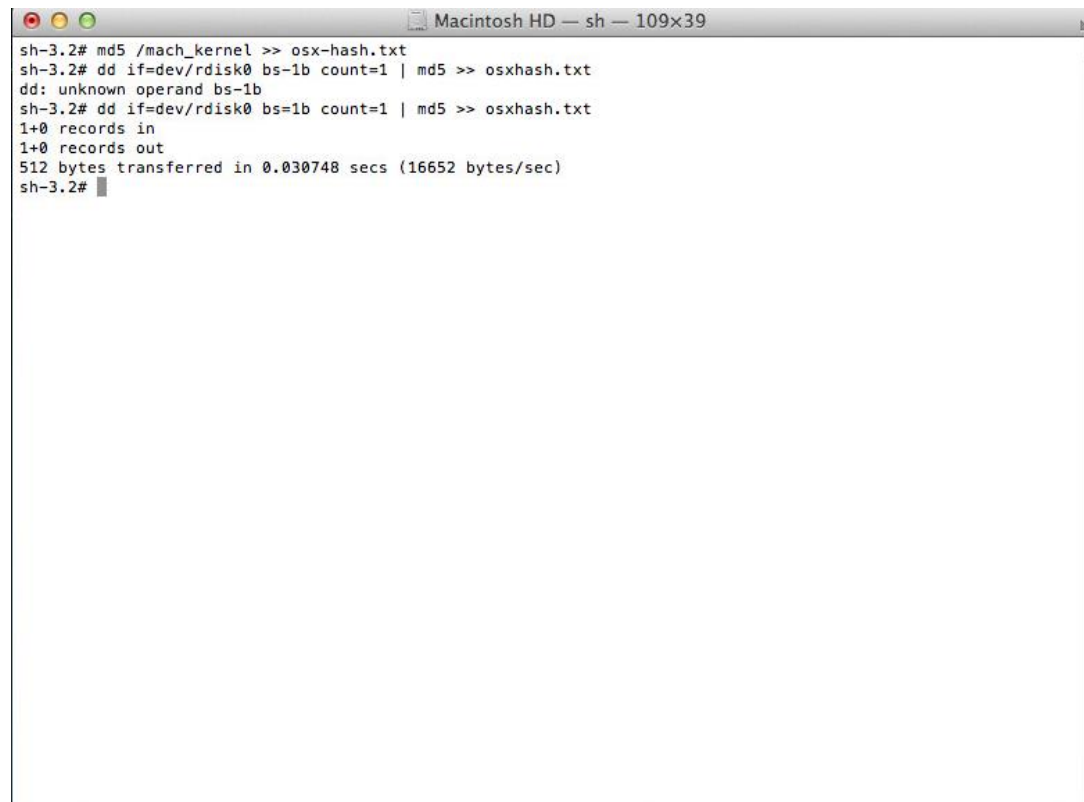
Total Size:            500.1 GB (500107862016 Bytes) (exactly 976773168 512-Byte-Blocks)
Volume Free Space:     Not applicable (no file system)
Device Block Size:     512 Bytes

Read-Only Media:       No
Read-Only Volume:     Not applicable (no file system)
Ejectable:             No

Whole:                 Yes
Internal:              Yes
Solid State:           No
OS 9 Drivers:          No
Low Level Format:      Not supported
Device Location:       "Lower"

apple-intel:~ frestest$
```

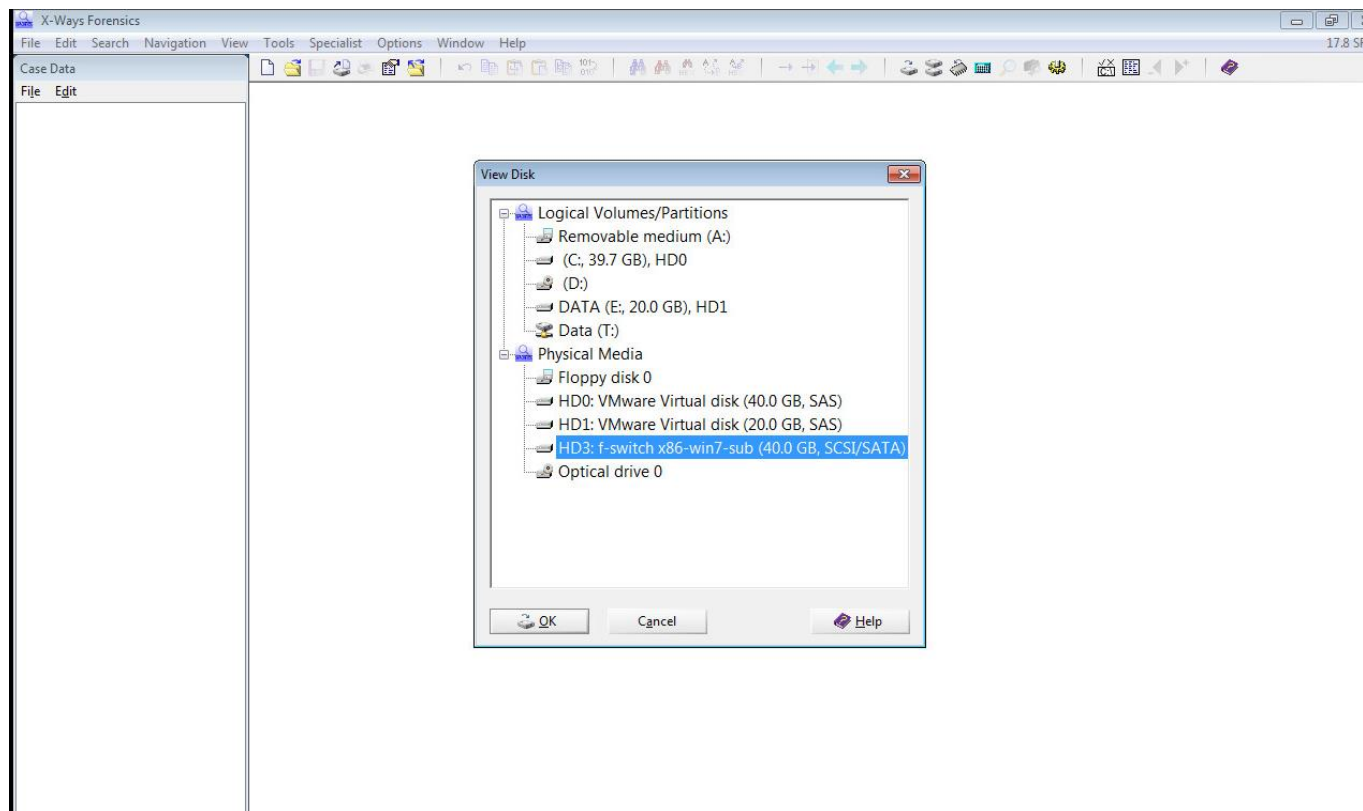
Step 2, Open a Terminal window in Apple OS X and use the following commands to obtain file and data hashes “md5 <path/to/file>” and “dd if=/dev/rdisk0 bs=1b count=1 | md5”.

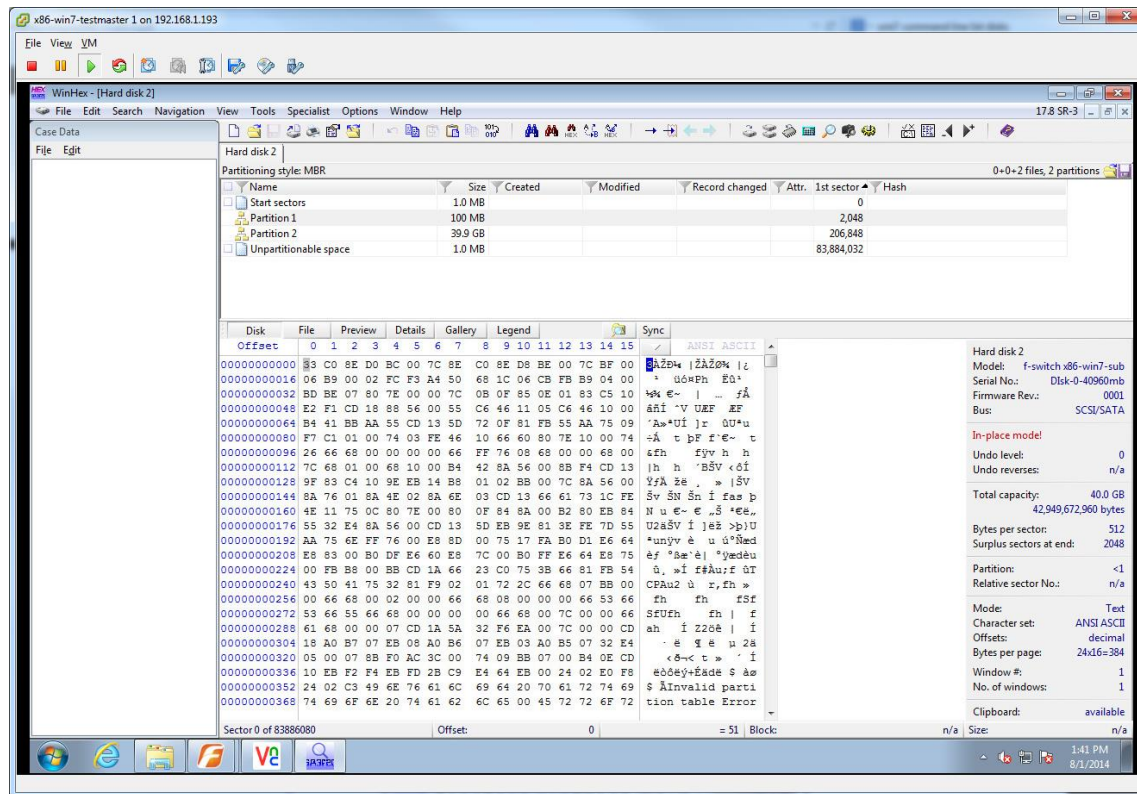


```
Macintosh HD — sh — 109x39
sh-3.2# md5 /mach_kernel >> osx-hash.txt
sh-3.2# dd if=/dev/rdisk0 bs=1b count=1 | md5 >> osxhash.txt
dd: unknown operand bs=1b
sh-3.2# dd if=/dev/rdisk0 bs=1b count=1 | md5 >> osxhash.txt
1+0 records in
1+0 records out
512 bytes transferred in 0.030748 secs (16652 bytes/sec)
sh-3.2#
```

## DISK VALIDITY TESTING – WINHEX

Step 1: Open X-Ways Forensics go to Tools -> Open Disk and select the F-Response Now/Universal presented physical resource.



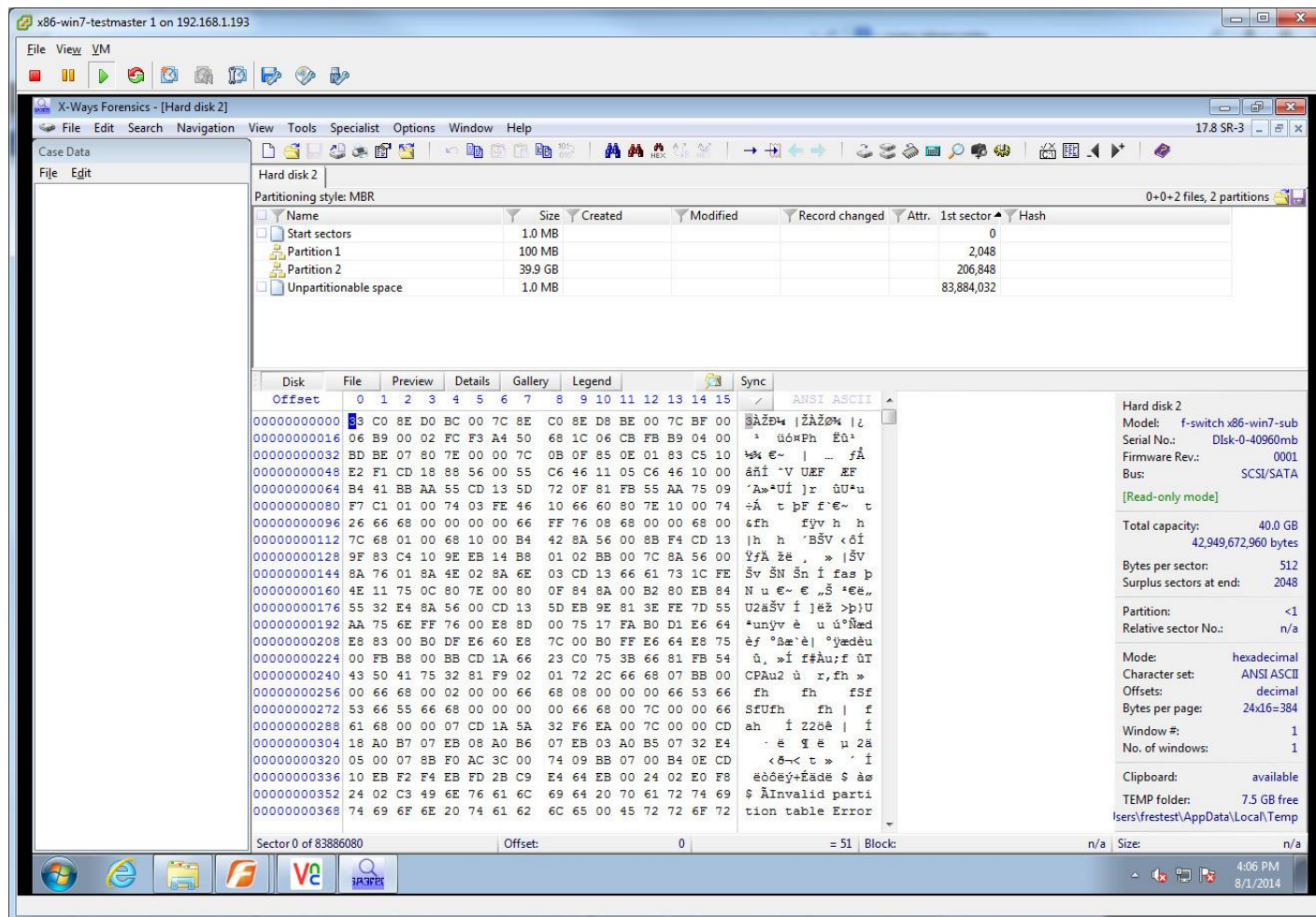


Step 2, Note Total capacity. Divide total number of bytes by number of bytes per sector to obtain total sector count



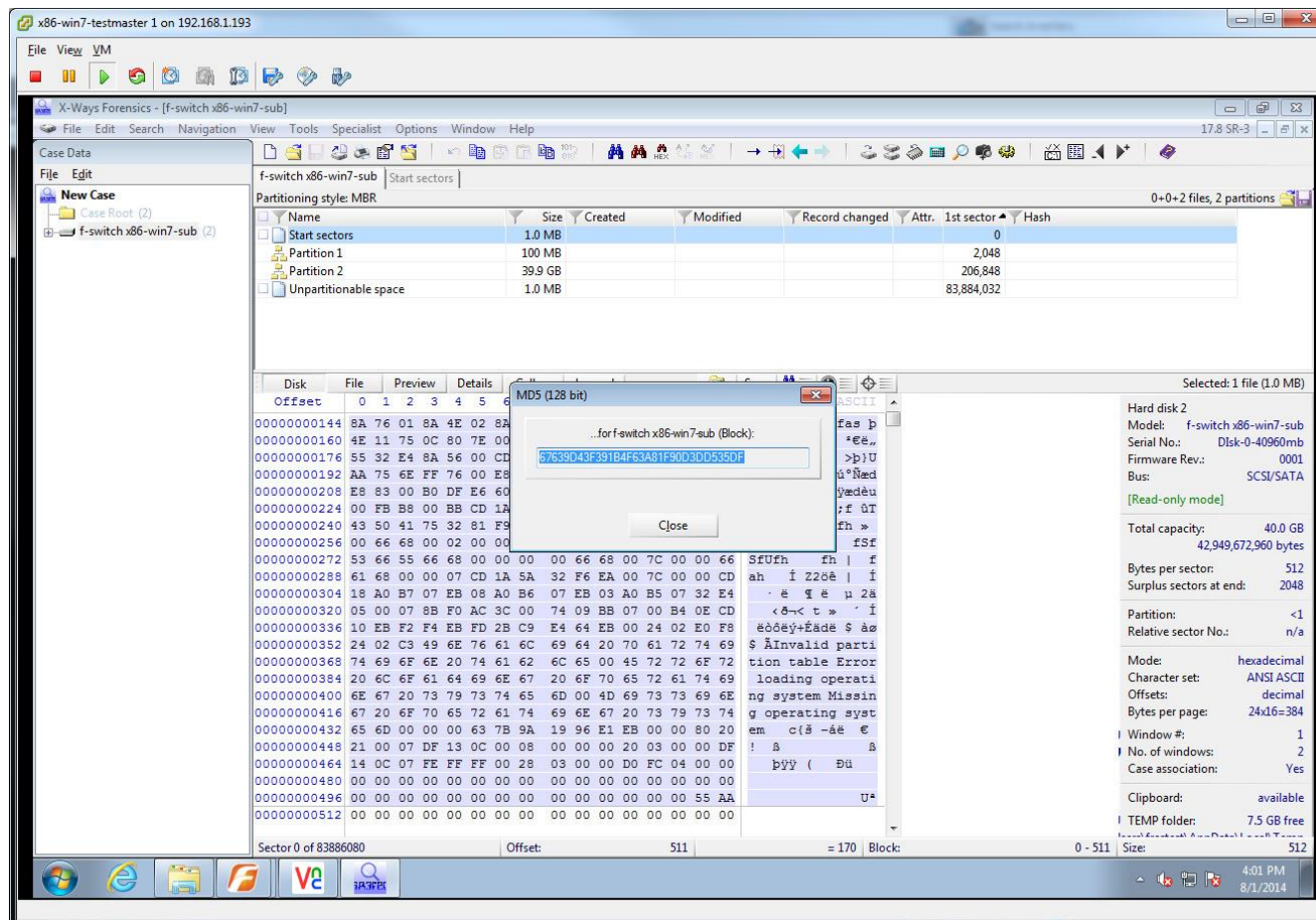
## READ ACCURACY TESTING – WINHEX, X-WAYS

Step 1, Open F-Response Now/Universal presented disk/share in X-Ways. Note total number of bytes and bytes per sector and compare to baseline.

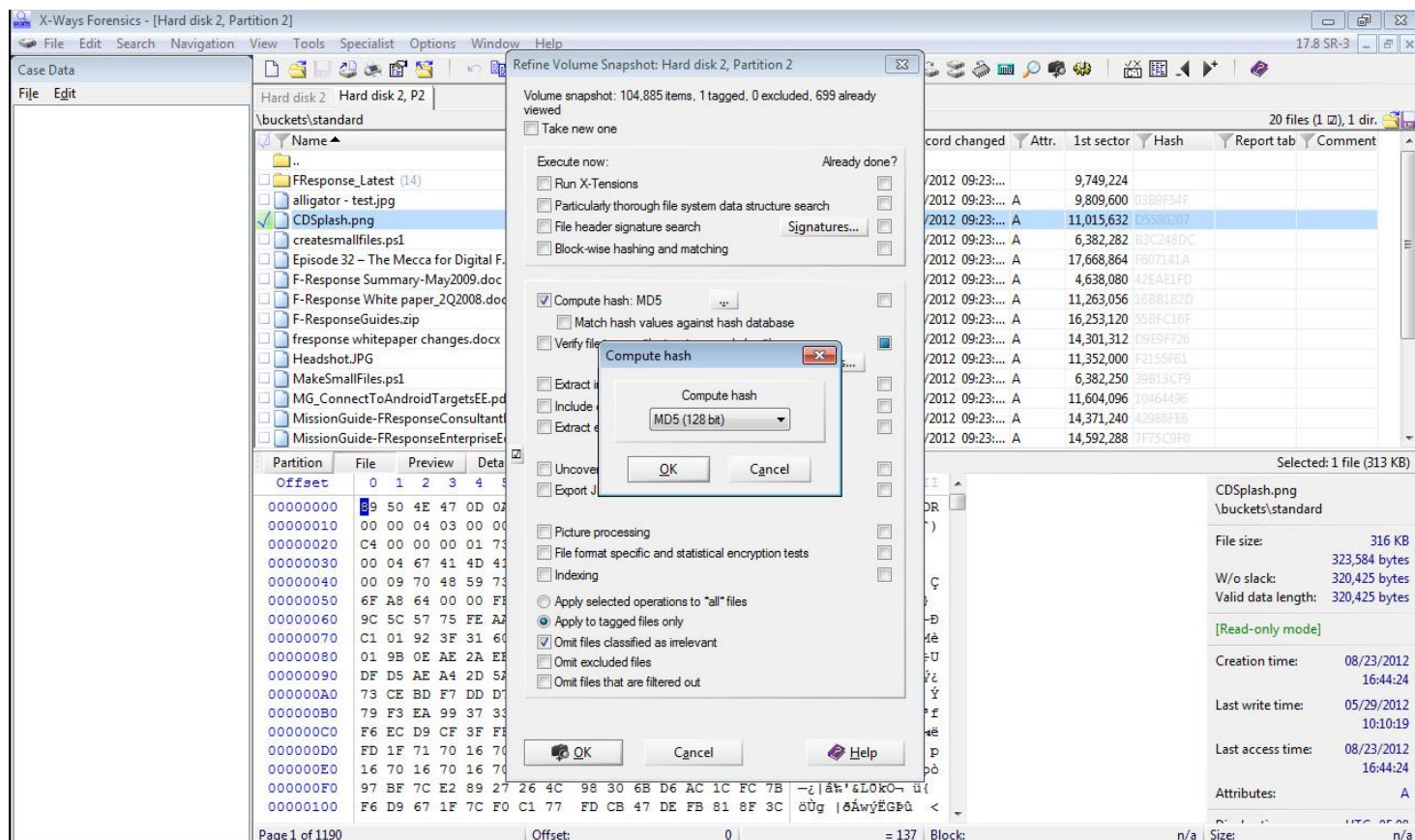




Step 2, Select the sector of disk hashed previously during the baseline gathering phase. Press Ctrl-F2 to bring up the hashing dialog. Select MD5 as the hashing type and press Ok, record and compare resulting hash with hash obtained during baseline operation.



Step 3, Browse and select file. Choose Specialist->Refine Volume Snapshot->Compute hash\_MD5(128 bit)->Option button for 'Apply to tagged files only'->OK button to calculate Hash value.

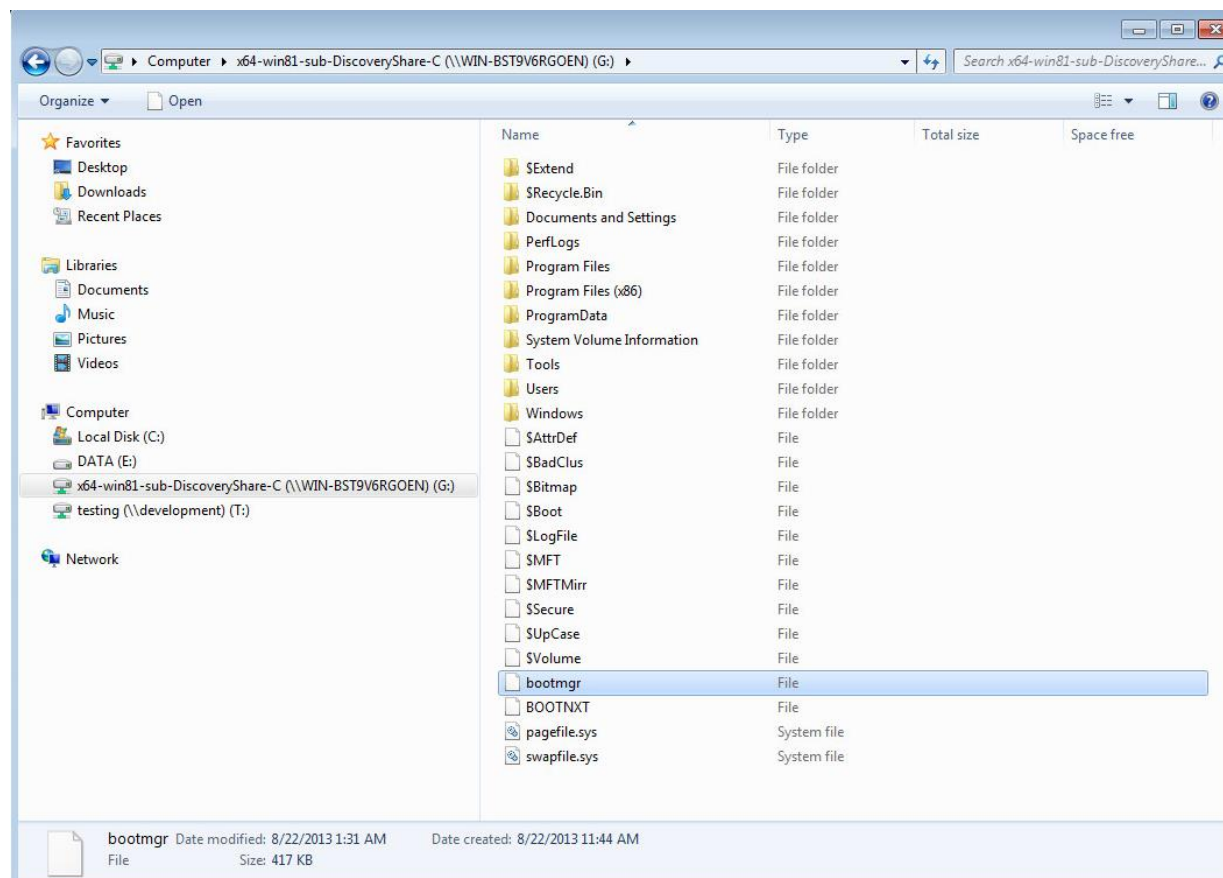


The screenshot displays the X-Tools Forensics application window. The top menu bar includes File, Edit, Search, Navigation, View, Tools, Specialist, Options, Window, and Help. The main window is titled 'Hard disk 2, P2' and shows a file list for the path '\buckets\standard'. The file list includes various files such as 'FResponse\_Latest', 'alligator - test.jpg', 'CD splash.png', 'createsmallfiles.ps1', 'Episode 32 - The Mecca for Digital F...', 'F-Response Summary-May2009.doc', 'F-Response White paper\_Q2008.doc', 'F-ResponseGuides.zip', 'fresponse whitepaper changes.docx', 'Headshot.JPG', 'MakeSmallFiles.ps1', 'MG\_ConnectToAndroidTargetsEE.pdf', and 'MissionGuide-FResponseConsultantEd...'. The file 'CD splash.png' is selected, and its details are shown in the right pane, including file size (316 KB), creation time (08/23/2012 16:44:24), last write time (05/29/2012 10:10:19), last access time (08/23/2012 16:44:24), and attributes (A).

The bottom pane shows a hex view of the selected file 'CD splash.png'. The hex view displays the file's structure, including the PNG IHDR chunk. The hex data is shown in a table with columns for Offset, File, Preview, Details, Gallery, Calendar, Legend, Sync, and Selected. The hex data is displayed in a grid format, with the first row showing the offset 00000000 and the file 'CD splash.png'.

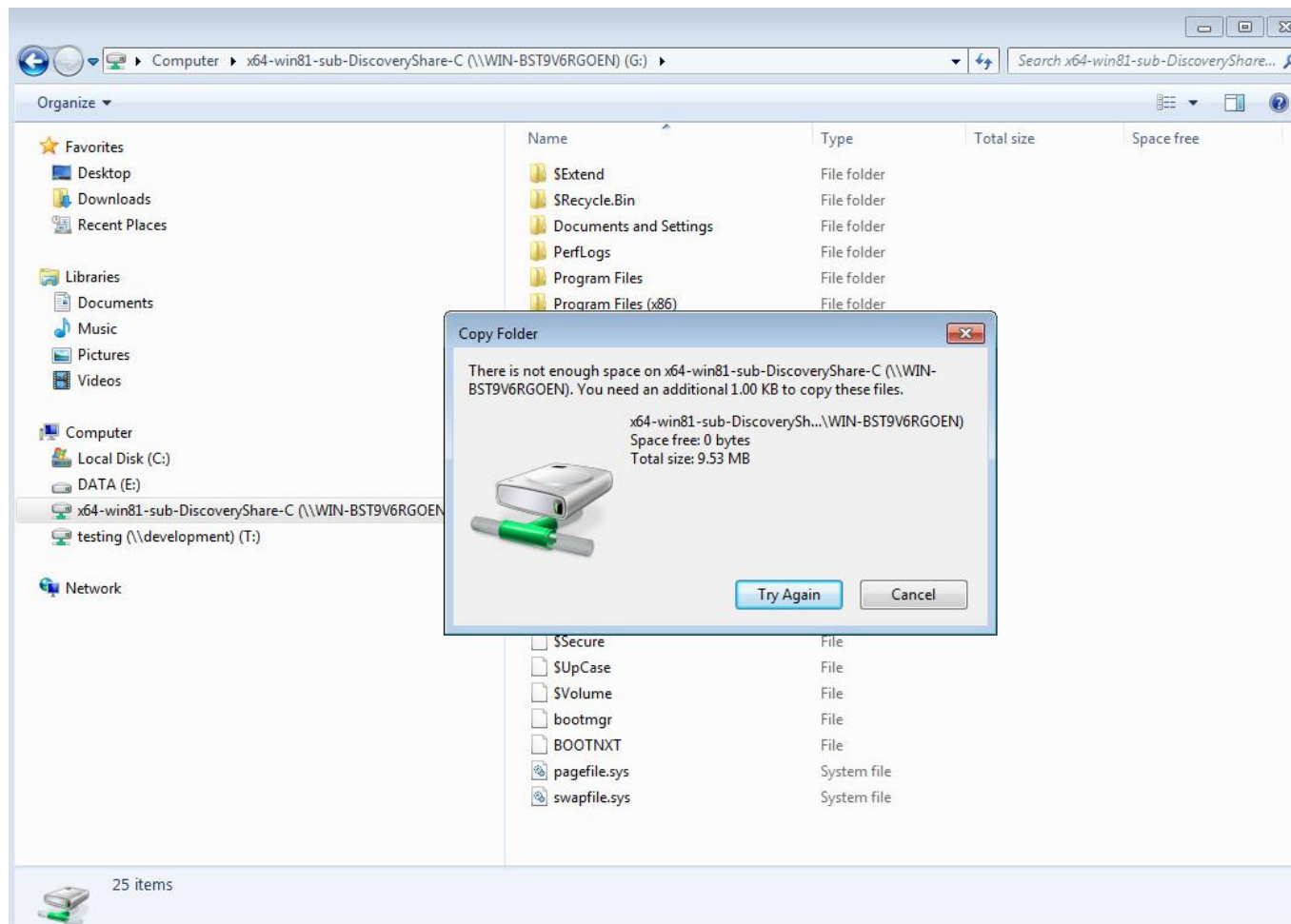
Step 4, Record and review the resulting hash value.

## WRITE PREVENTION TESTING – WINDOWS



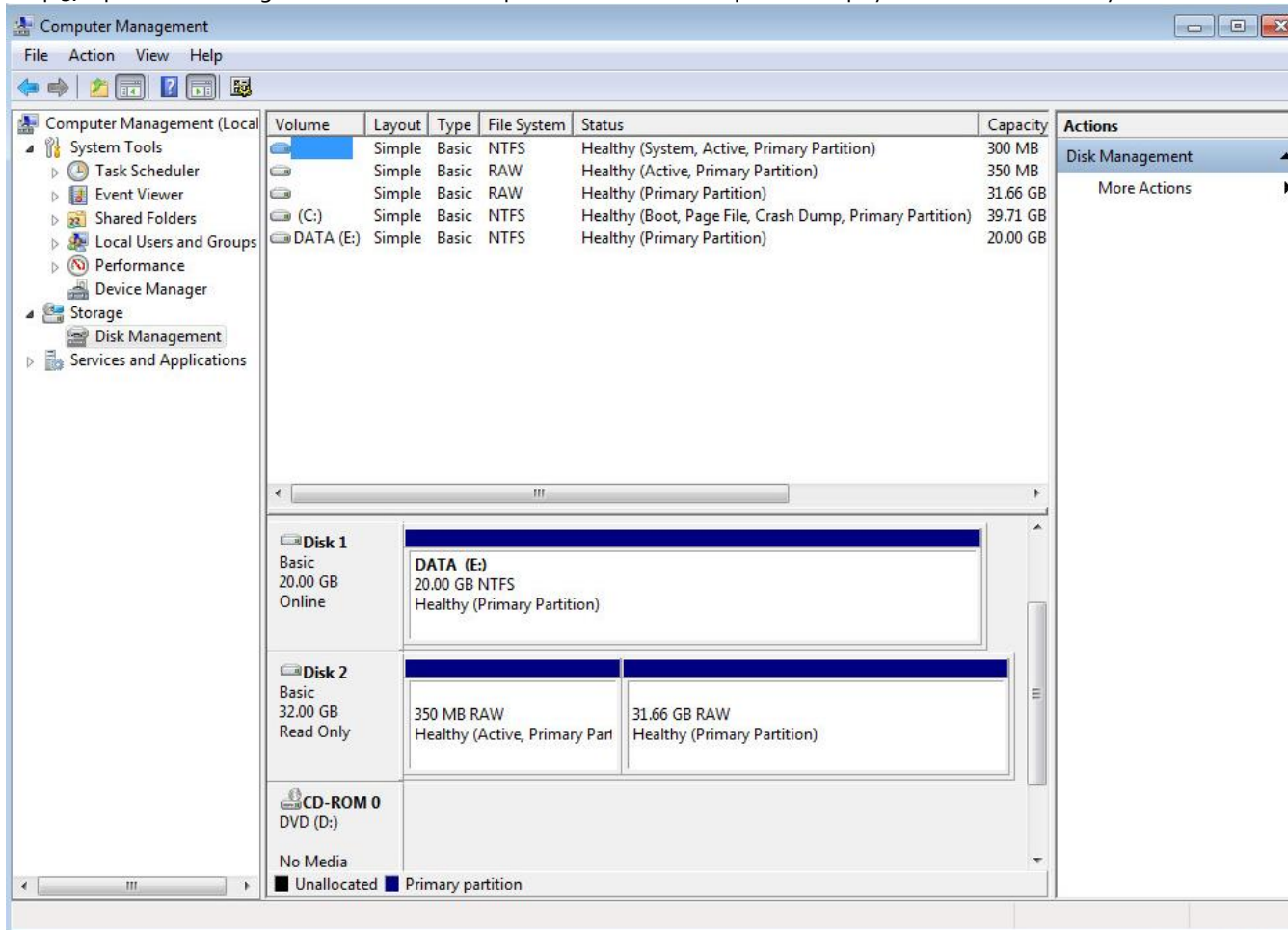
Step 1, Open newly mounted F-Response Now/Universal Discovery Share, select a file, type Delete or Shift+Delete to attempt to delete the file-- Option does not exist.



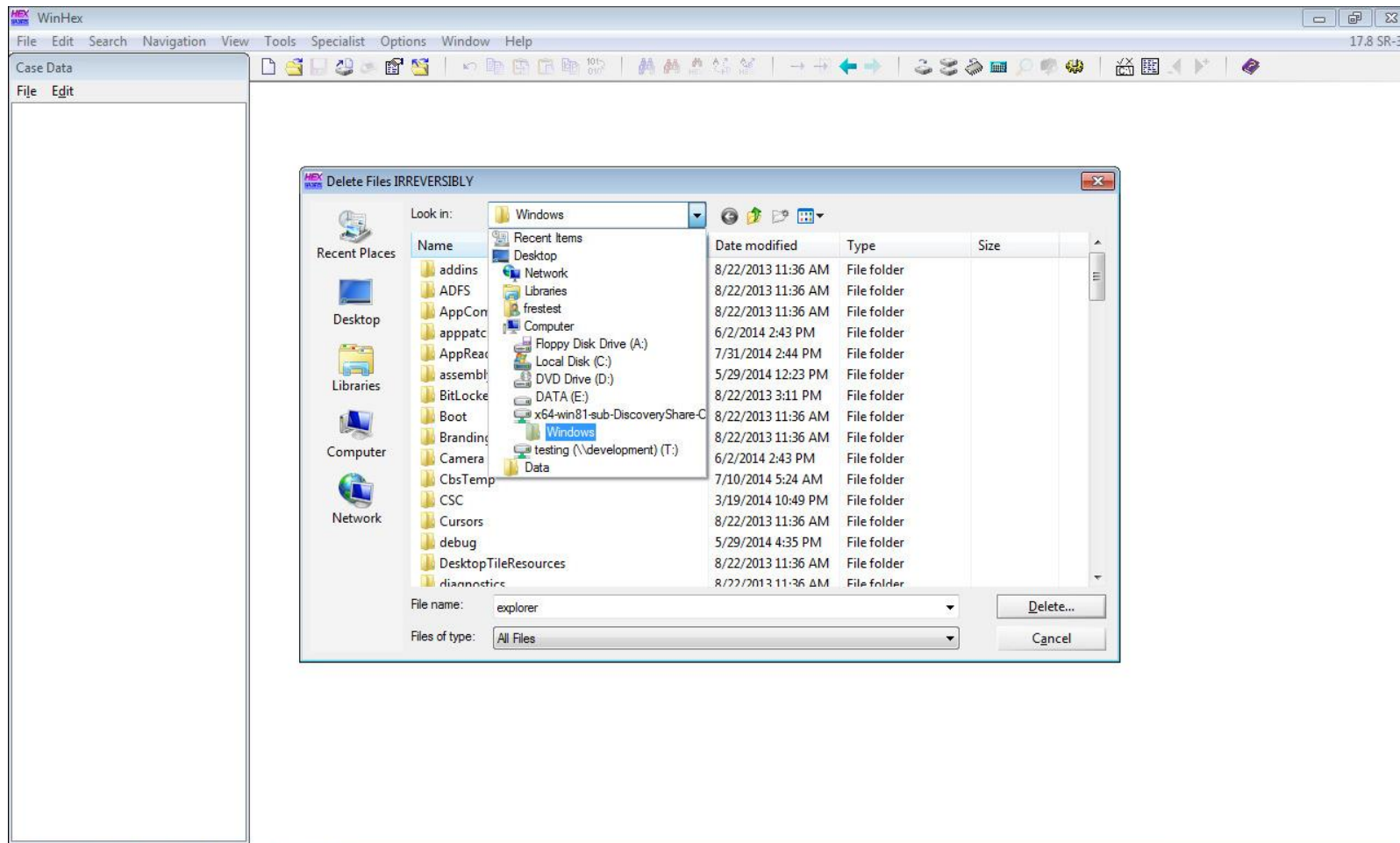


Step 2, Select a file from the local disk and attempt to copy and paste it to the F-Response Now/Universal Discovery Share.

Step 3, Open Disk Manager to review the F-Response Now/Universal presented physical disk. Note the system sees the disk as Read Only.



Step 4, Open WinHex and navigate to Tools ->File Tools->Wipe Securely->Choose a file from the F-Response Now/Universal presented source(s)



Step 5, ->Click Delete->OK->OK

The screenshot shows the WinHex application window with the title 'WinHex - [Hard disk 2, Partition 2]'. The main pane displays a file list for 'Hard disk 2, P2' with columns: Name, Size, Created, Modified, Record changed, Attr, 1st sector, and Hash. The file list includes files like explorer.exe, HelpPane.exe, hh.exe, mib.bin, notepad.exe, PFRO.log, Professional.xml, regedit.exe, setupact.log, setuperr.log, splwow64.exe, Starter.xml, system.ini, twain\_32.dll, and vmgcoinstall.log. A modal error dialog is displayed in the foreground with the title 'WinHex - [Hard disk 2, Partition 2]: xwforensics.exe - Write Protect Error'. The message in the dialog reads: 'The disk cannot be written to because it is write protected. Please remove the write protection from the volume in drive \Device\0000017b.' The dialog has three buttons: 'Cancel', 'Try Again', and 'Continue'. The background file list is partially obscured by the dialog.

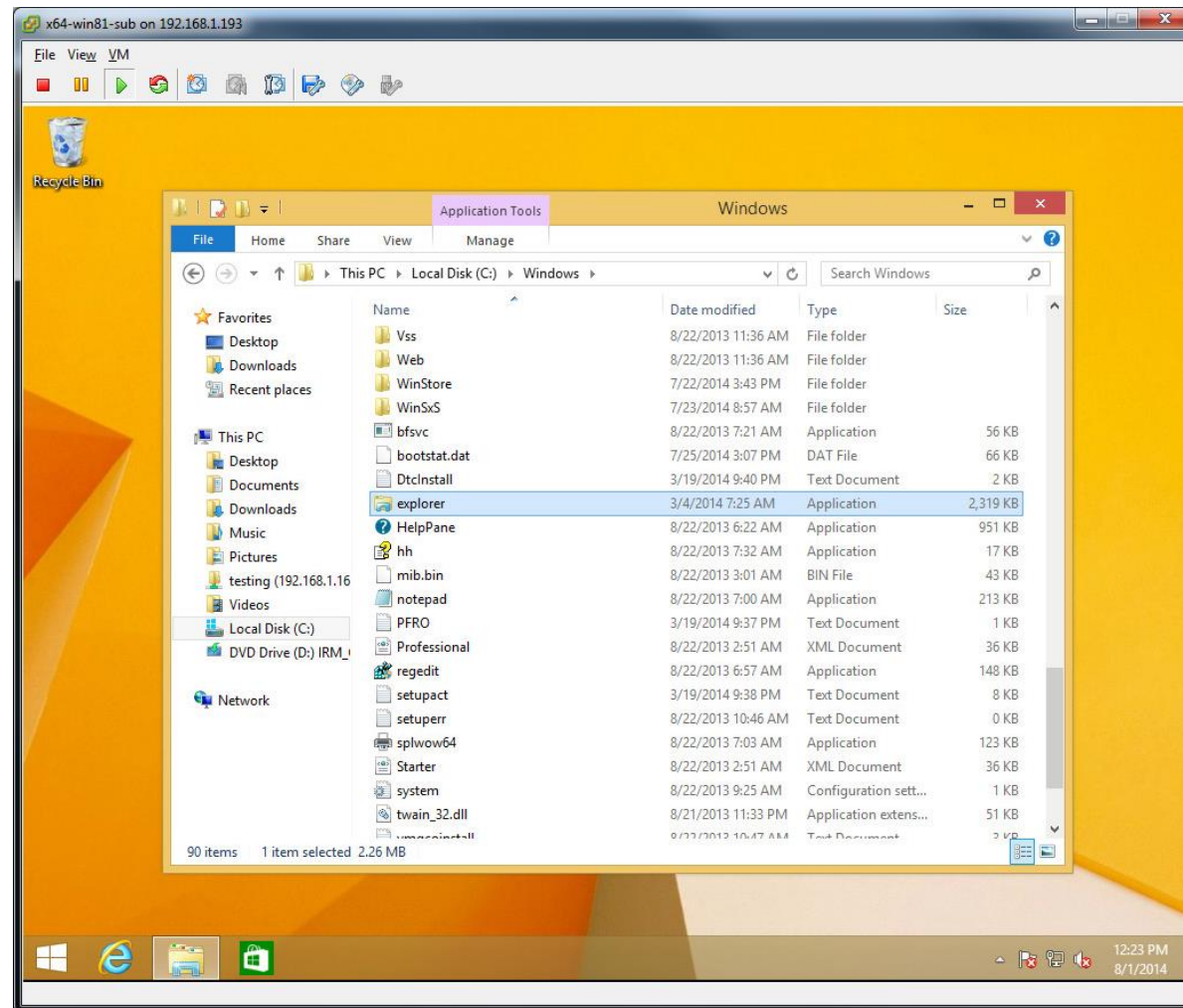
Name	Size	Created	Modified	Record changed	Attr	1st sector	Hash
explorer.exe	2.3 MB	05/29/2014 16:27:...	03/04/2014 07:25:...	06/02/2014 13:45:...	A (SEA)	1,478,552	
HelpPane.exe	951 KB	08/22/2013 05:23:...	08/22/2013 05:22:...	03/19/2014 21:25:...	A	6,690,976	
hh.exe	17.0 KB	08/22/2013 06:33:...	08/22/2013 06:32:...	03/19/2014 21:25:...	A	8,134,256	
mib.bin	42.1 KB	08/22/2013 02:01:...	08/22/2013 02:01:...	03/19/2014 21:25:...	A	8,335,800	
notepad.exe	213 KB	08/22/2013 06:00:...	08/22/2013 06:00:...	03/19/2014 21:25:...	A	1,416,072	
PFRO.log	402 B	03/19/2014 20:37:...	03/19/2014 20:37:...	03/19/2014 20:37:...	A	6,370,410	
Professional.xml	35.4 KB	08/22/2013 14:11:...	08/22/2013 01:51:...	03/19/2014 21:25:...	A	8,302,048	
regedit.exe	148 KB	08/22/2013 05:57:...	08/22/2013 05:57:...	03/19/2014 21:25:...	A	142,696	
setupact.log	7.1 KB	08/22/2013 09:46:...	03/19/2014 20:38:...	03/19/2014 20:38:...	A	8,633,808	
setuperr.log	0 B	08/22/2013 09:46:...	08/22/2013 09:46:...	03/19/2014 21:36:...	A		
splwow64.exe	122 KB	08/22/2013 06:00:...	08/22/2013 06:00:...	03/19/2014 21:25:...	A	6,277,912	
Starter.xml						8,298,800	
system.ini						6,350,066	
twain_32.dll						9,139,640	
vmgcoinstall.log						5,547,776	

Selected: 1 file (2.3 MB)

explorer.exe  
 \Windows  
 File size: 2.3 MB  
 2,375,680 bytes  
 W/o slack: 2,373,784 bytes  
 Valid data length: 2,373,784 bytes  
 In-place model:  
 Undo level: 0  
 Undo reverses: n/a  
 Creation time: 05/29/2014 16:27:28  
 Last write time: 03/04/2014 07:25:49  
 Last access time: 05/29/2014 16:27:28

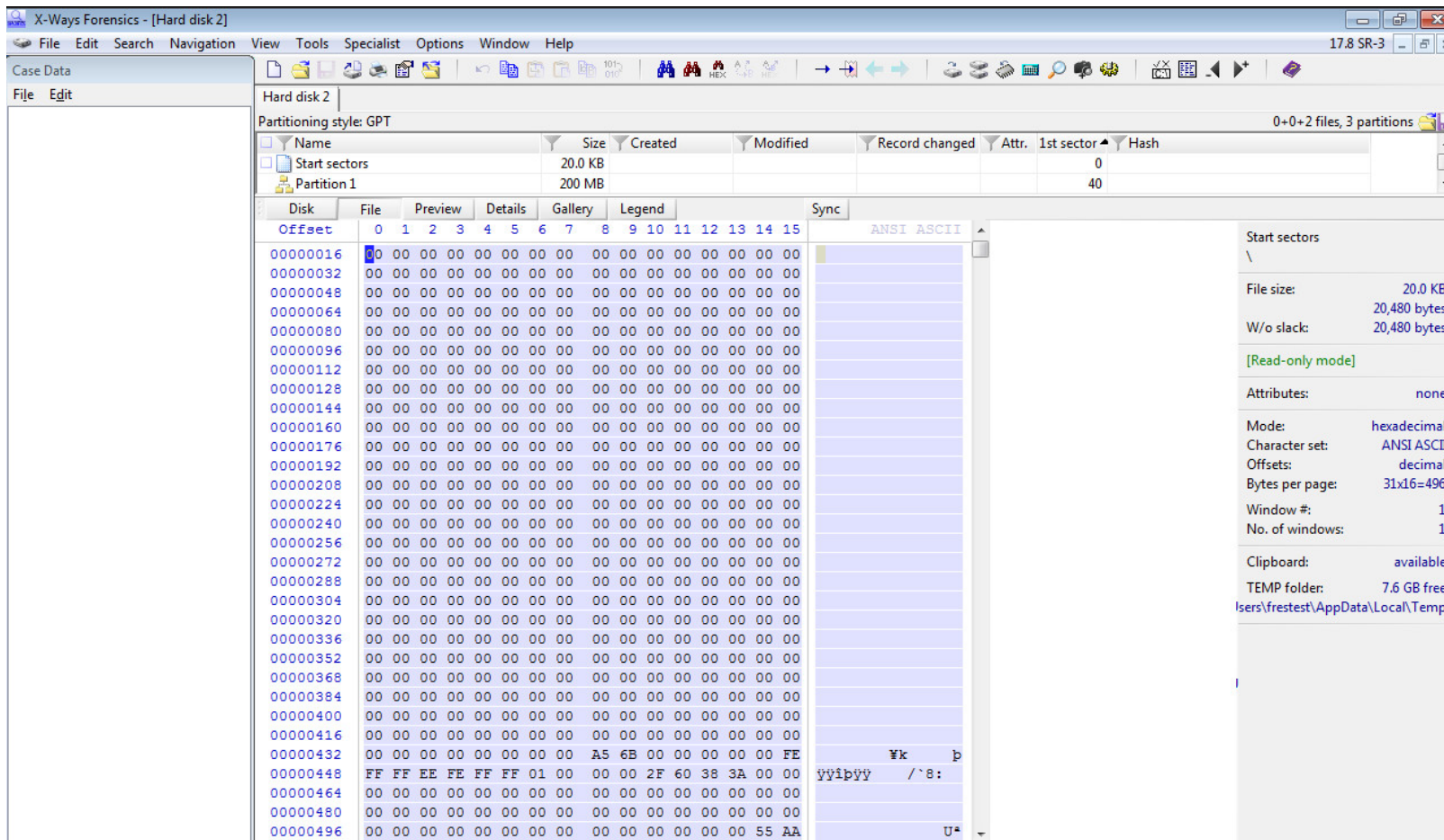


Step 6, Return to F-Response Now/Universal testing computer, confirm no data changes have occurred.

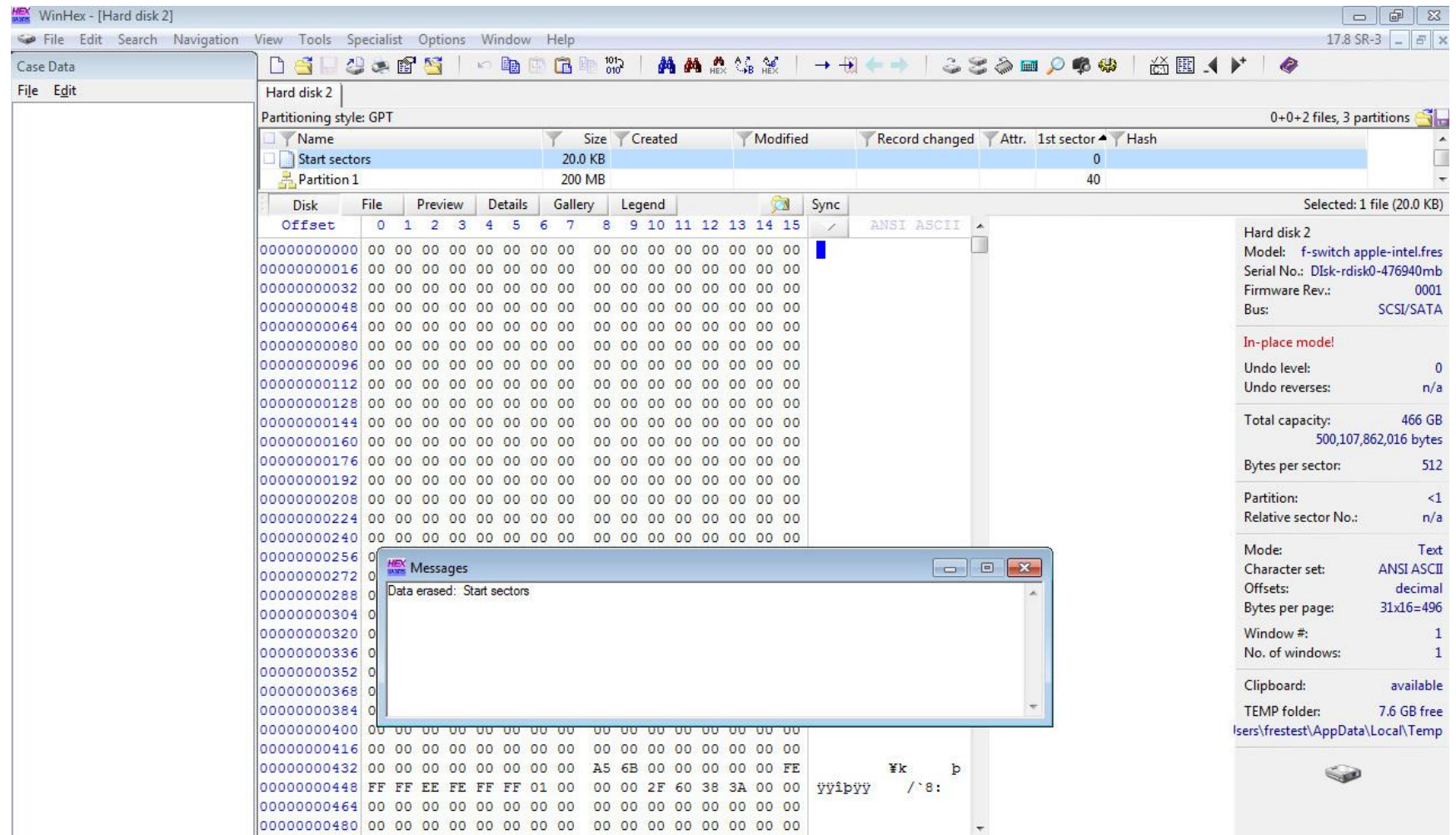


## WRITE PREVENTION TESTING – LINUX, APPLE OS X

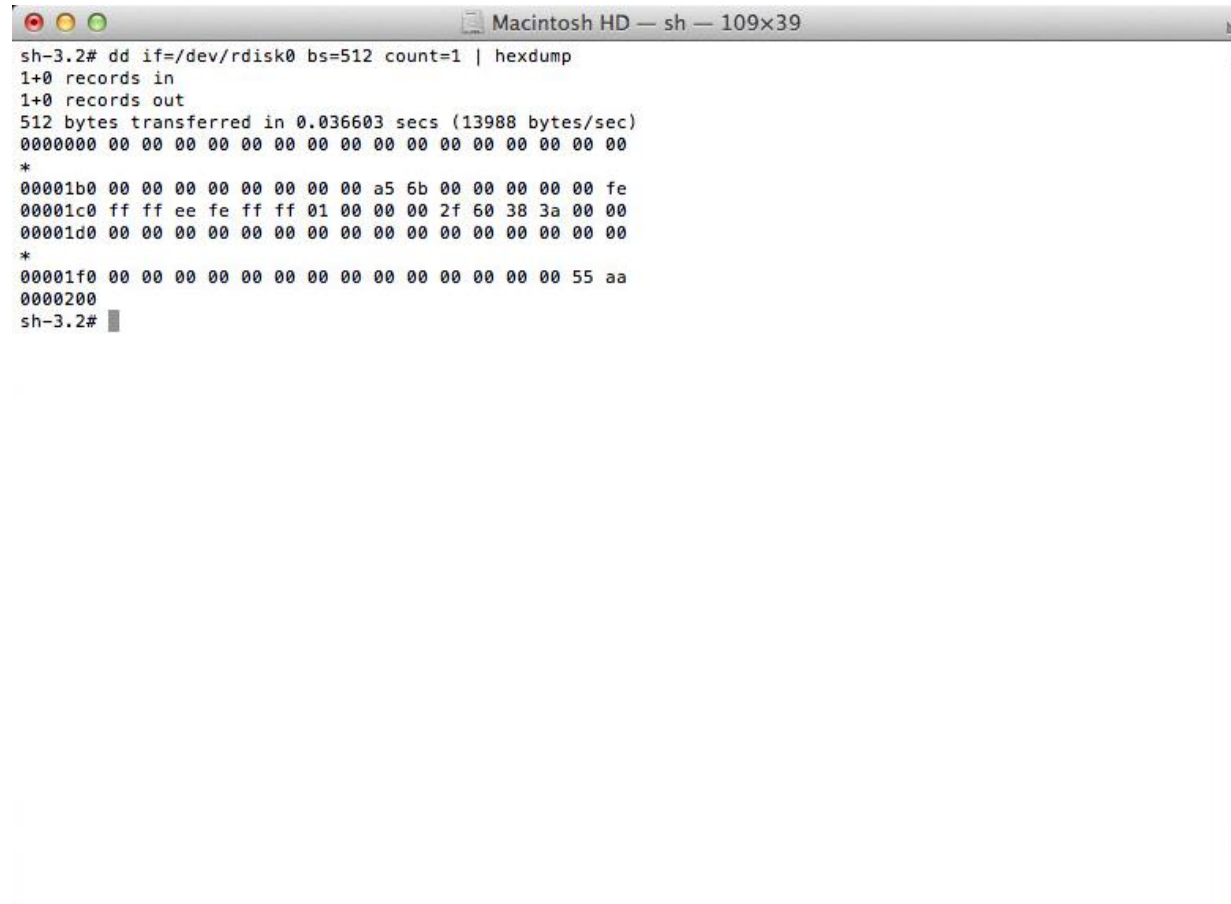
Step 1, Open the attached disk using X-Ways Forensics, record the value of sector zero.



Step 2, Use Winhex to Wipe Start Sectors securely.



Step 3, On the original disk, dump the sector in question using dd and hexdump, compare the resulting values to confirm no writes have taken place.

A screenshot of a terminal window titled "Macintosh HD — sh — 109x39". The terminal shows the execution of the command "dd if=/dev/rdisk0 bs=512 count=1 | hexdump". The output indicates that 1+0 records were read and 1+0 records were written, with 512 bytes transferred in 0.036603 seconds at a rate of 13988 bytes/sec. The hexdump output shows a series of zero bytes, followed by a line of asterisks, and then several lines of hexadecimal data: "00001b0 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 a5 6b 00 00 00 00 00 fe", "00001c0 ff ff ee fe ff ff 01 00 00 00 2f 60 38 3a 00 00", "00001d0 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00", another line of asterisks, "00001f0 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 55 aa", and "0000200". The prompt "sh-3.2#" is visible at the bottom.

```
sh-3.2# dd if=/dev/rdisk0 bs=512 count=1 | hexdump
1+0 records in
1+0 records out
512 bytes transferred in 0.036603 secs (13988 bytes/sec)
00000000 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00
*
00001b0 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 a5 6b 00 00 00 00 00 fe
00001c0 ff ff ee fe ff ff 01 00 00 00 2f 60 38 3a 00 00
00001d0 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00
*
00001f0 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 55 aa
0000200
sh-3.2#
```

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