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	Linux 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
WINDOWS 7 X86 (DISCOVERYSHARE™)	8B88EBBB05A0E56B7DCC708498C02B3E	N/A	8B88EBBB05A0E56B7DCC708498C02B3E	N/A	Pass	Pass
WINDOWS 8.1 X64 (DISCOVERYSHARE™)	ACDBE1ED38167C8B01B8F63161BB2CEA	N/A	ACDBE1ED38167C8B01B8F63161BB2CEA	N/A	Pass	Pass
WINDOWS SERVER 2012 X64 (DISCOVERYSHARE™)	928791755FDDEA721B053535EF84FA17	N/A	928791755FDDEA721B053535EF84FA17	N/A	Pass	Pass
LINUX 3.1 KERNEL X86 (DISCOVERYSHARE™)	835F8651D266F285C96F5AD2E4066243	N/A	835F8651D266F285C96F5AD2E4066243	N/A	Pass	Pass
LINUX 3.1 KERNEL X64 (DISCOVERYSHARE™)	A66ED71FF10AECA7C7DA78751F49D2AC	N/A	A66ED71FF10AECA7C7DA78751F49D2AC	N/A	Pass	Pass
APPLE OSX 10.8 (DISCOVERYSHARE™)	565140D56B9893751A53B12A190CEE6C	N/A	565140D56B9893751A53B12A190CEE6C	N/A	Pass	Pass
WINDOWS 7 X86	8B88EBBB05A0E56B7DCC708498C02B3E	C9A5A6878D97B48CC965C1E41859F034	8B88EBBB05A0E56B7DCC708498C02B3E	C9A5A6878D97B48CC965C1E41859F034	Pass	Pass
WINDOWS 8.1 X64	ACDBE1ED38167C8B01B8F63161BB2CEA	C9A5A6878D97B48CC965C1E41859F034	ACDBE1ED38167C8B01B8F63161BB2CEA	C9A5A6878D97B48CC965C1E41859F034	Pass	Pass
WINDOWS SERVER 2012 X64	928791755FDDEA721B053535EF84FA17	C9A5A6878D97B48CC965C1E41859F034	928791755FDDEA721B053535EF84FA17	C9A5A6878D97B48CC965C1E41859F034	Pass	Pass
LINUX 3.1 KERNEL X86	835F8651D266F285C96F5AD2E4066243	C9A5A6878D97B48CC965C1E41859F034	835F8651D266F285C96F5AD2E4066243	C9A5A6878D97B48CC965C1E41859F034	Pass	Pass

LINUX 3.1 KERNEL X64	A66ED71FF10AECA7C7DA78751F49D2AC	C9A5A6878D97B48CC965C1E41859F034	A66ED71FF10AECA7C7DA78751F49D2AC	C9A5A6878D97B48CC965C1E41859F034	Pass	Pass
APPLE OSX 10.8	565140D56B9893751A53B12A190CEE6C	C9A5A6878D97B48CC965C1E41859F034	565140D56B9893751A53B12A190CEE6C	C9A5A6878D97B48CC965C1E41859F034	Pass	Pass

WRITE PREVENTION

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

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

[1] 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.

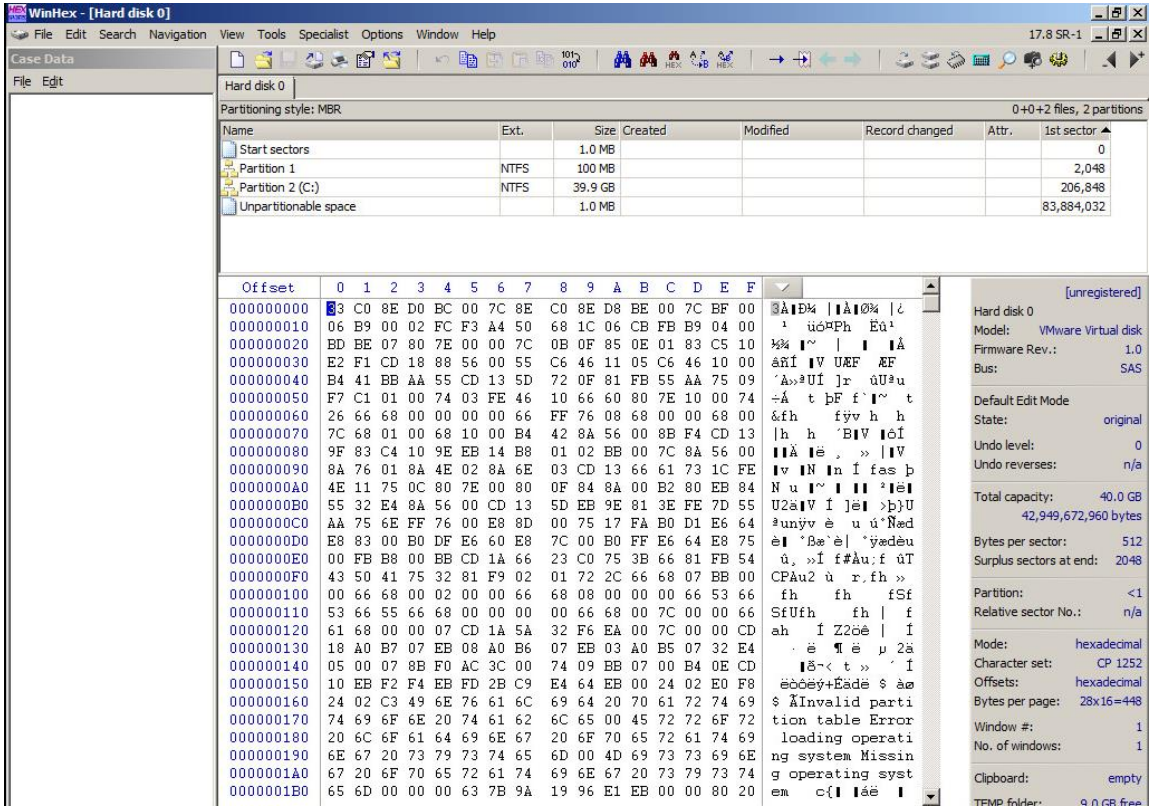
Application	Version	Company	Used for	Platform
F-Response Now/Universal™	1.0.74.5	F-Response	Providing remote forensically sound disk access.	Multiple (See Scope Section)
GNU Tools (md5, dd, dmesg)	2.3.5+ (glibc)	Linux	Baseline data collection on the Linux/OS X target platform.	Linux (See Scope Section)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

[2] X-Ways permission granted for use of demonstration licensed version.

TEST RESULT DETAILS[3]

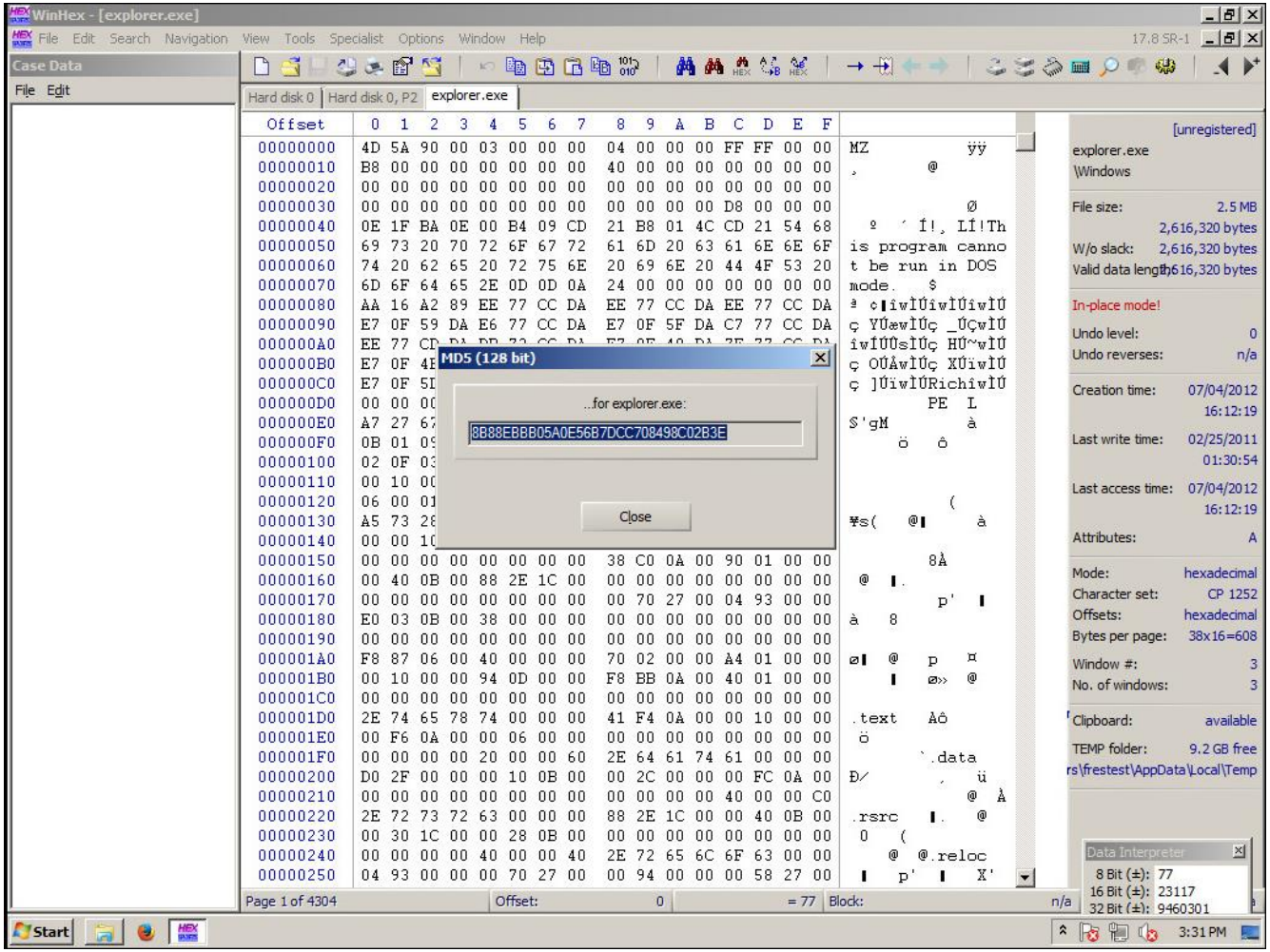
OBTAIN BASELINE (WINDOWS)

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.

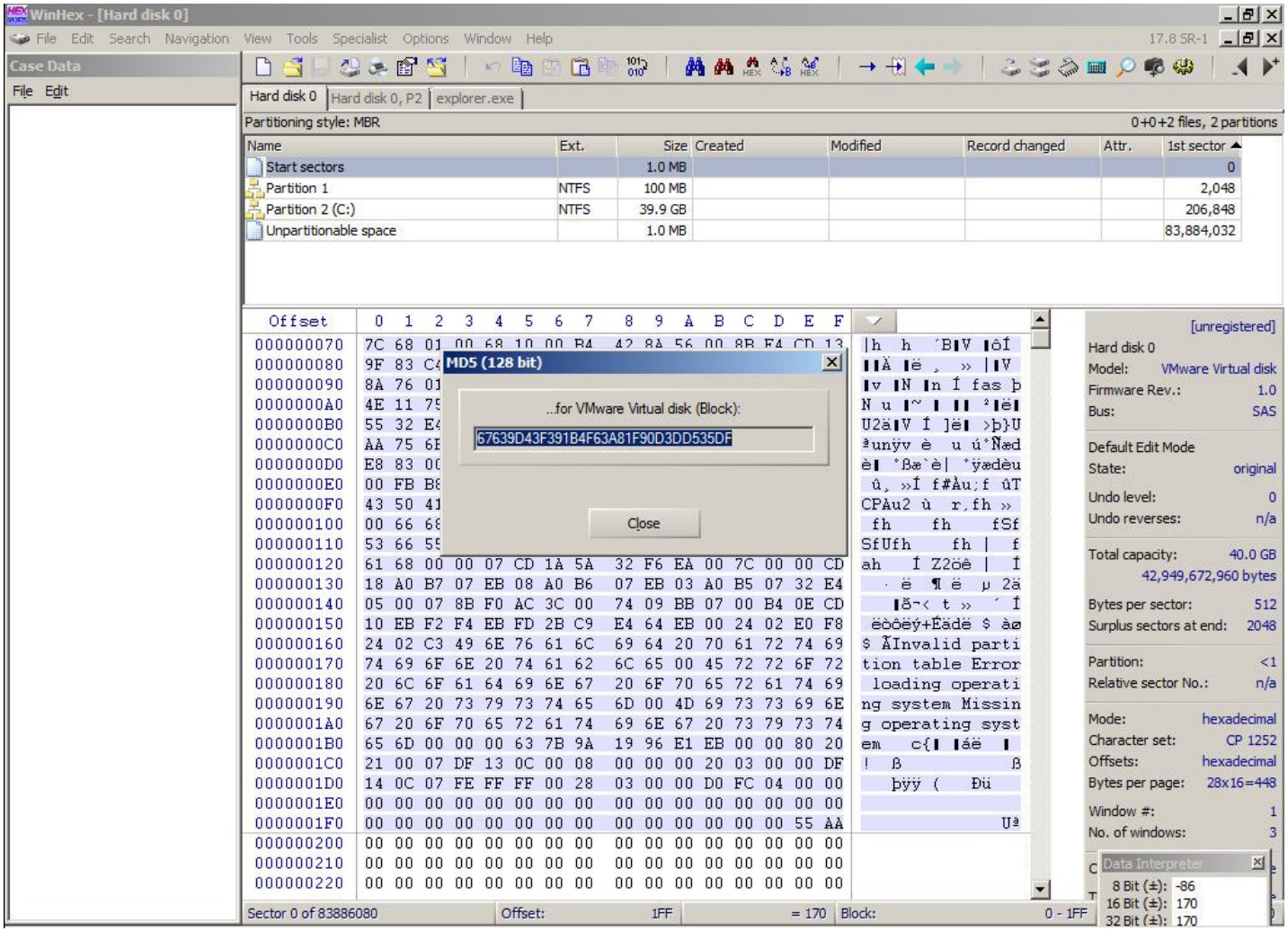


[3] All testing details assume the F-Response Now/Universal Resource has been properly connected using one of the many editions of F-Response Now/Universal software products, as this process is detailed in numerous training manuals and quick start guides available on the F-Response Now/Universal website (www.F-Response Now/Universal.com) 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.



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



OBTAIN BASELINE (LINUX)

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

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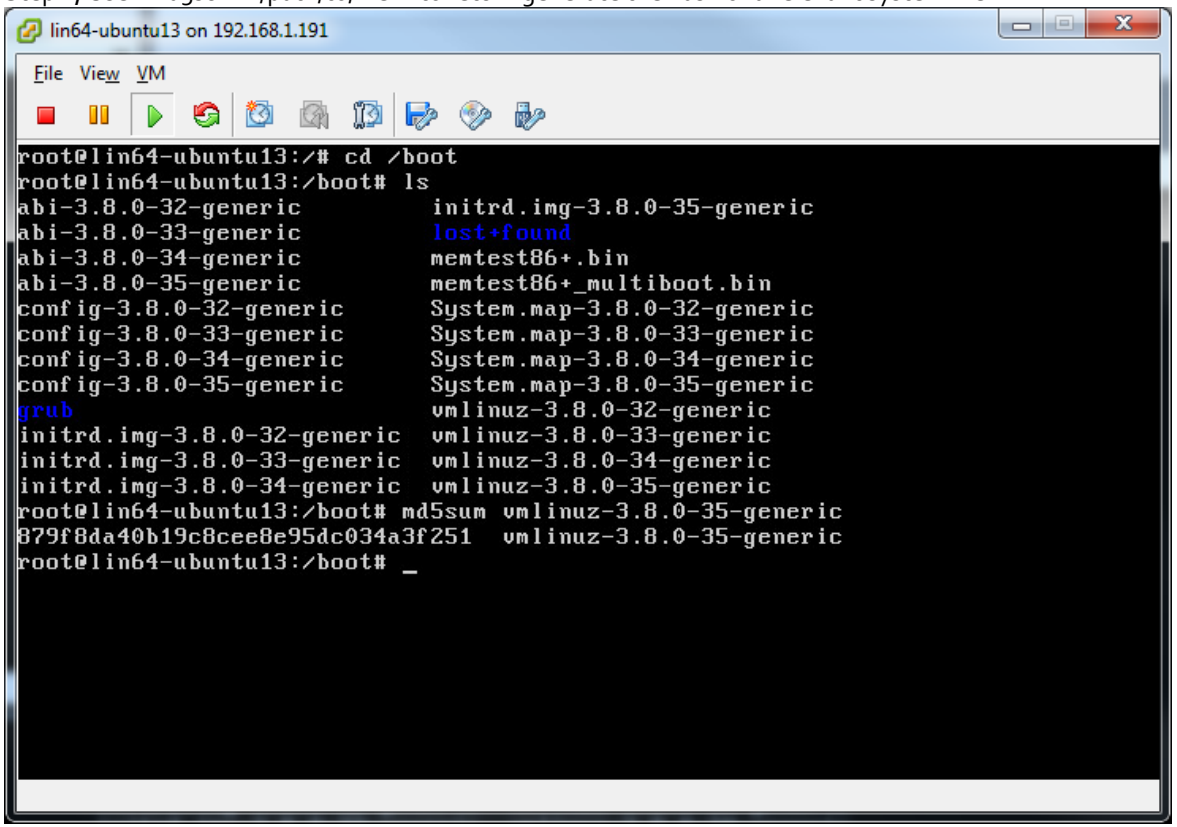
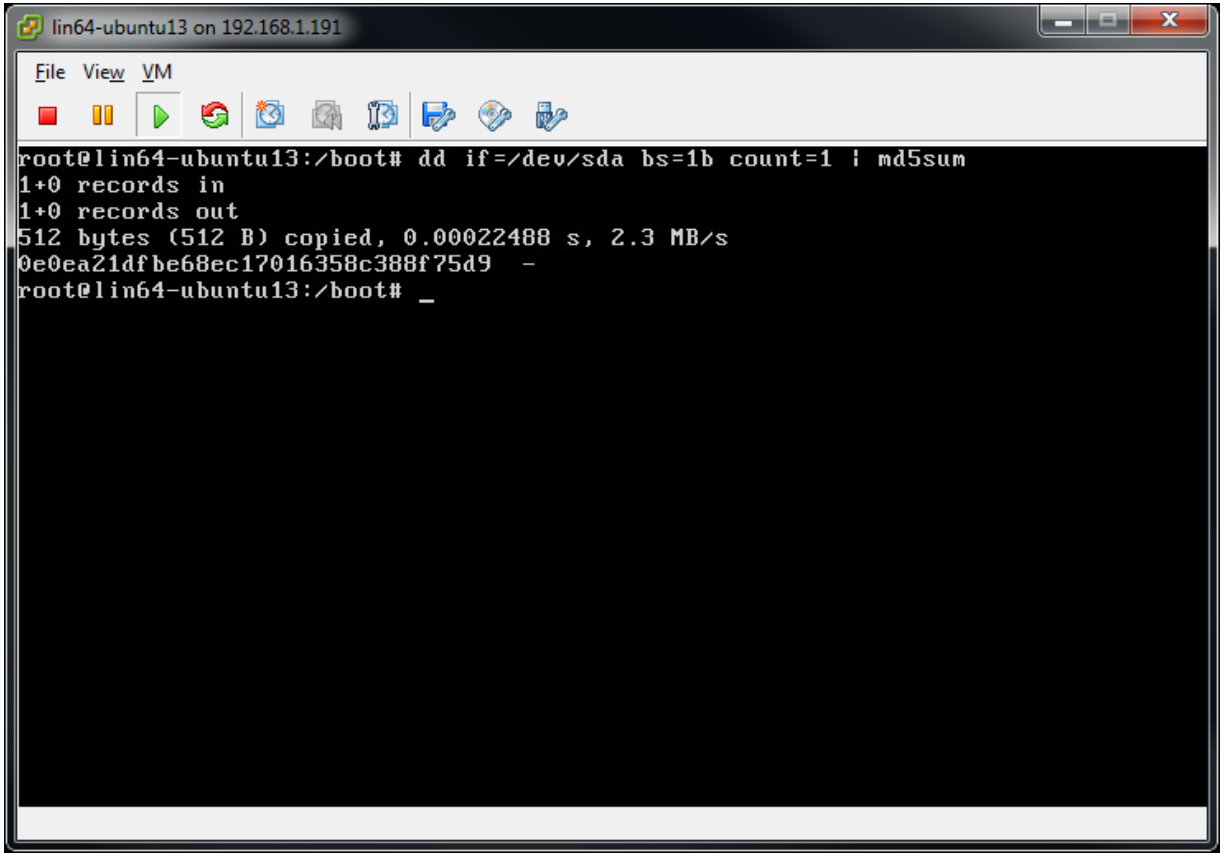
Step 2, Use "md5sum </path/to/file>" to return generate the hash of a relevant system file.

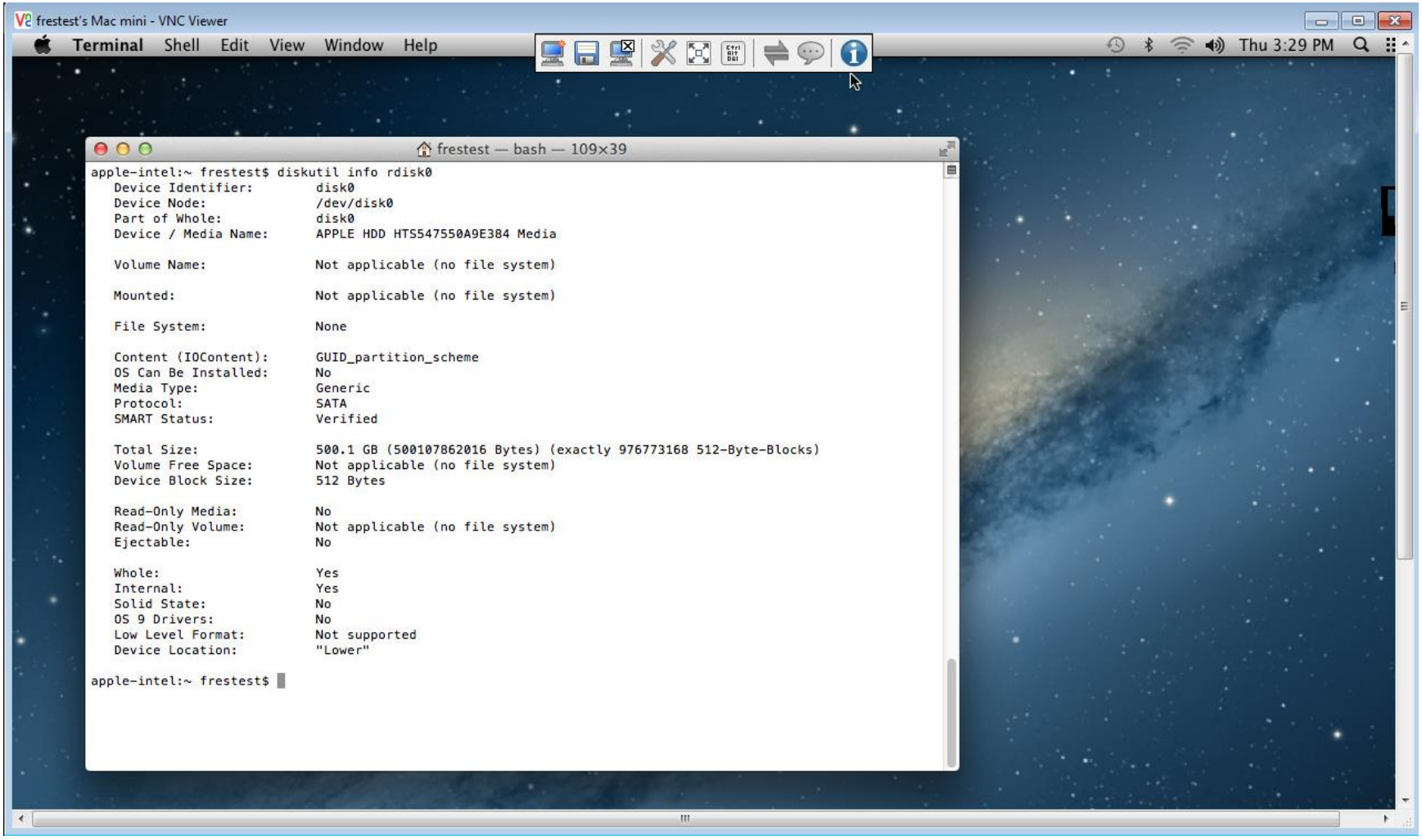


Step 3, Use "dd if=/dev/<disk> bs=1b count=1 | md5sum" to generate the hash of a single sector on the disk.

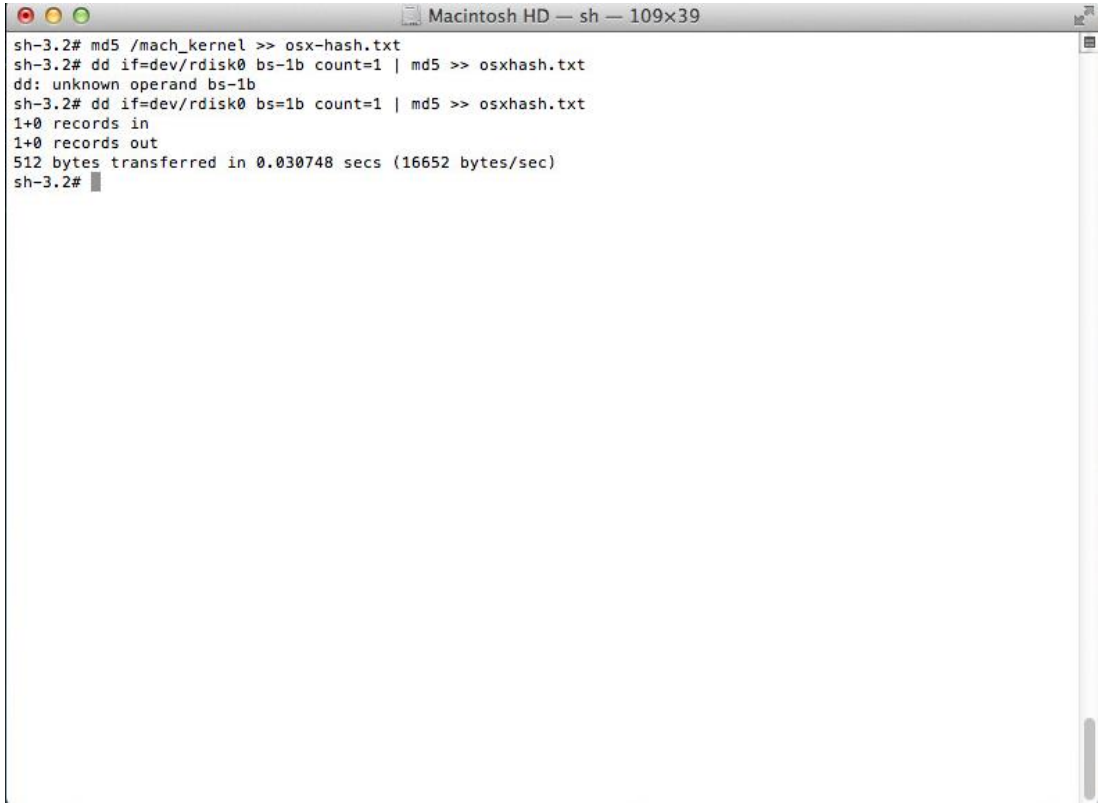


OBTAIN BASELINE (APPLE OS X)

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

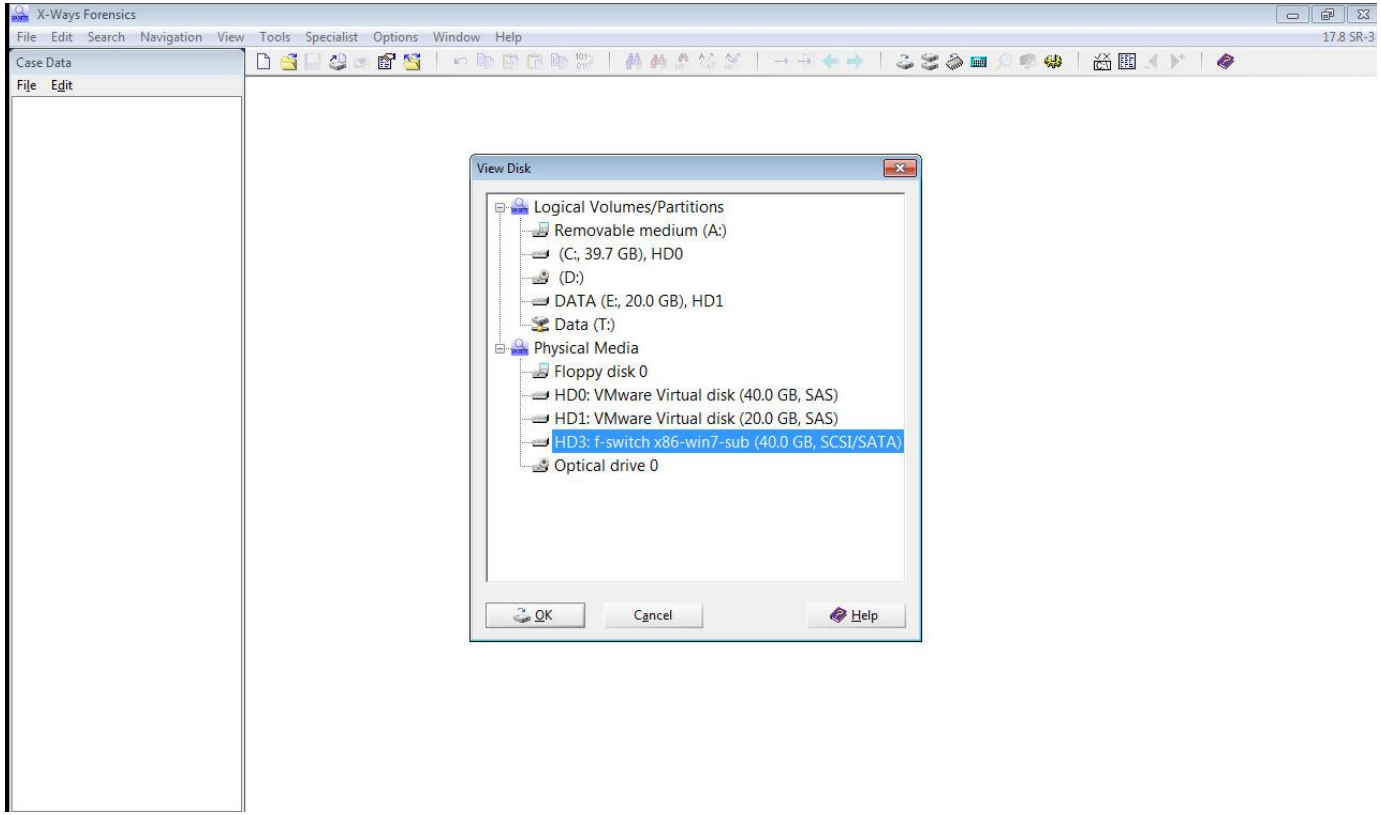


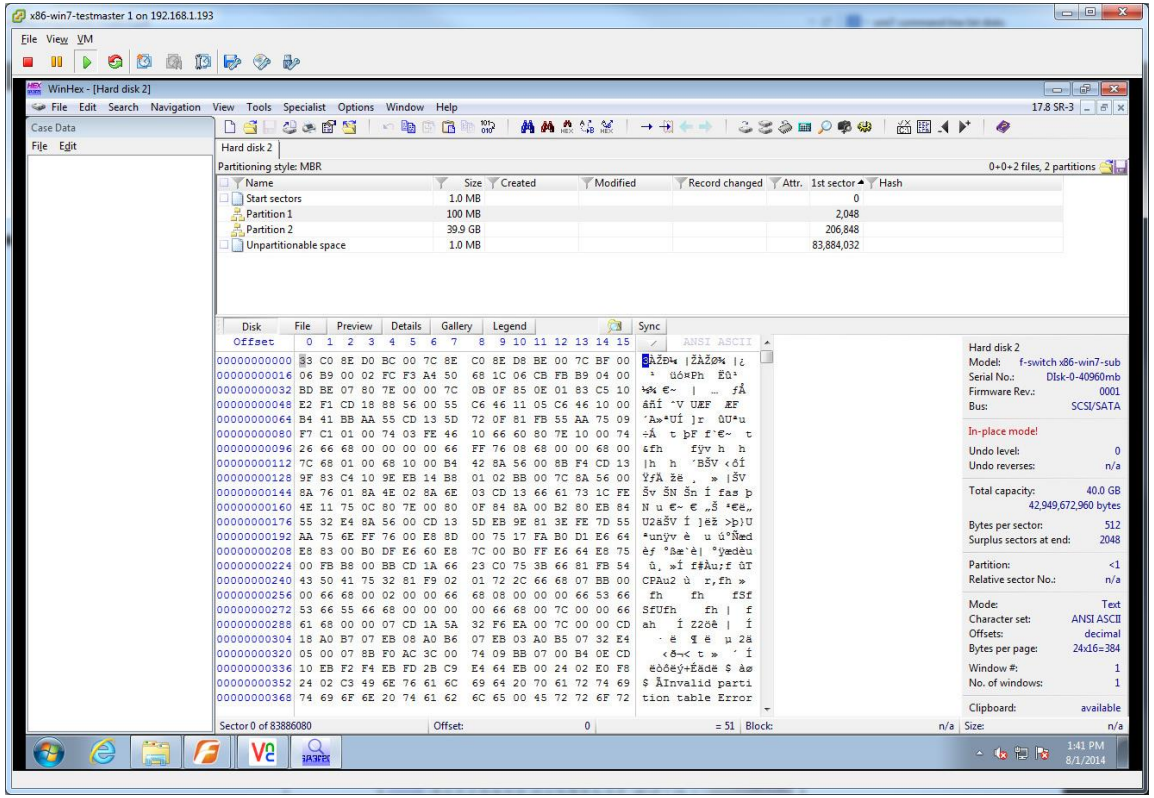
Step 2, Open a Terminal window in Apple OS X and use the following commands to obtain file and data hashes "md5 <path/to/file>" and "dd if=/dev/rdisko bs=1b count=1 | md5".



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.

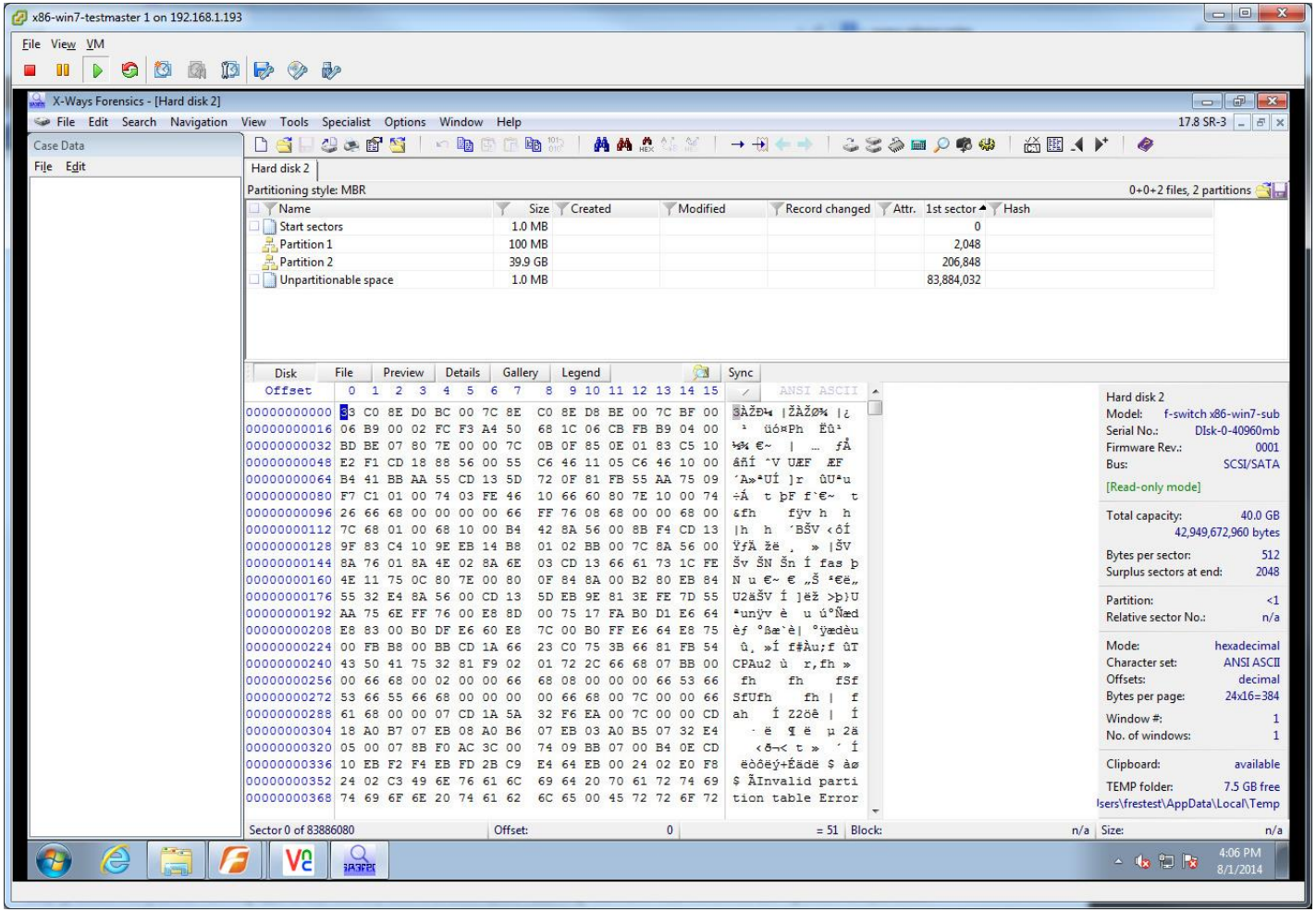




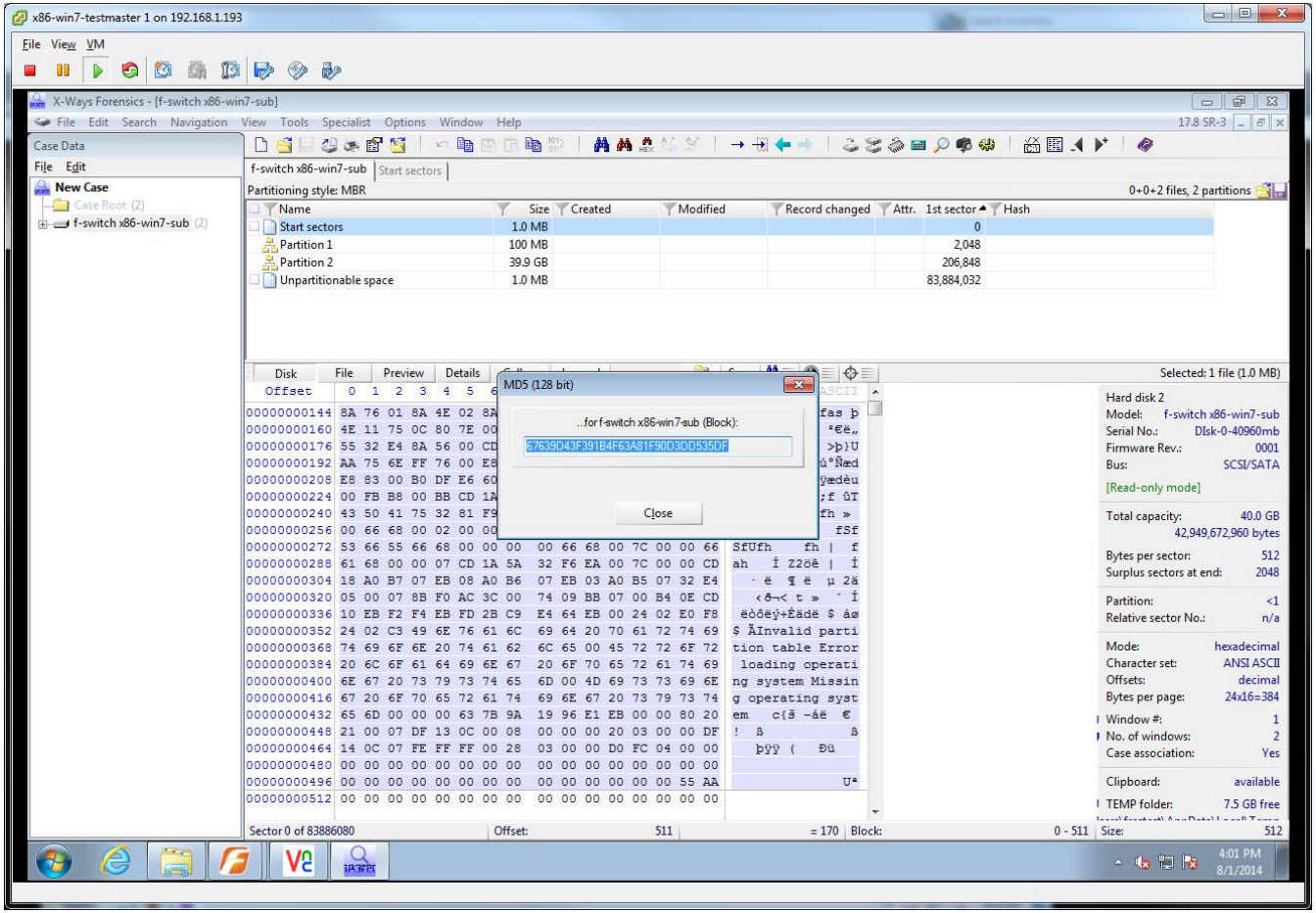
Step 2, Note Total capacity. Divide total number of bytes by number of bytes per sector to obtain total sector count

READ ACCURACY TESTING – WINHEX, X-WAYS

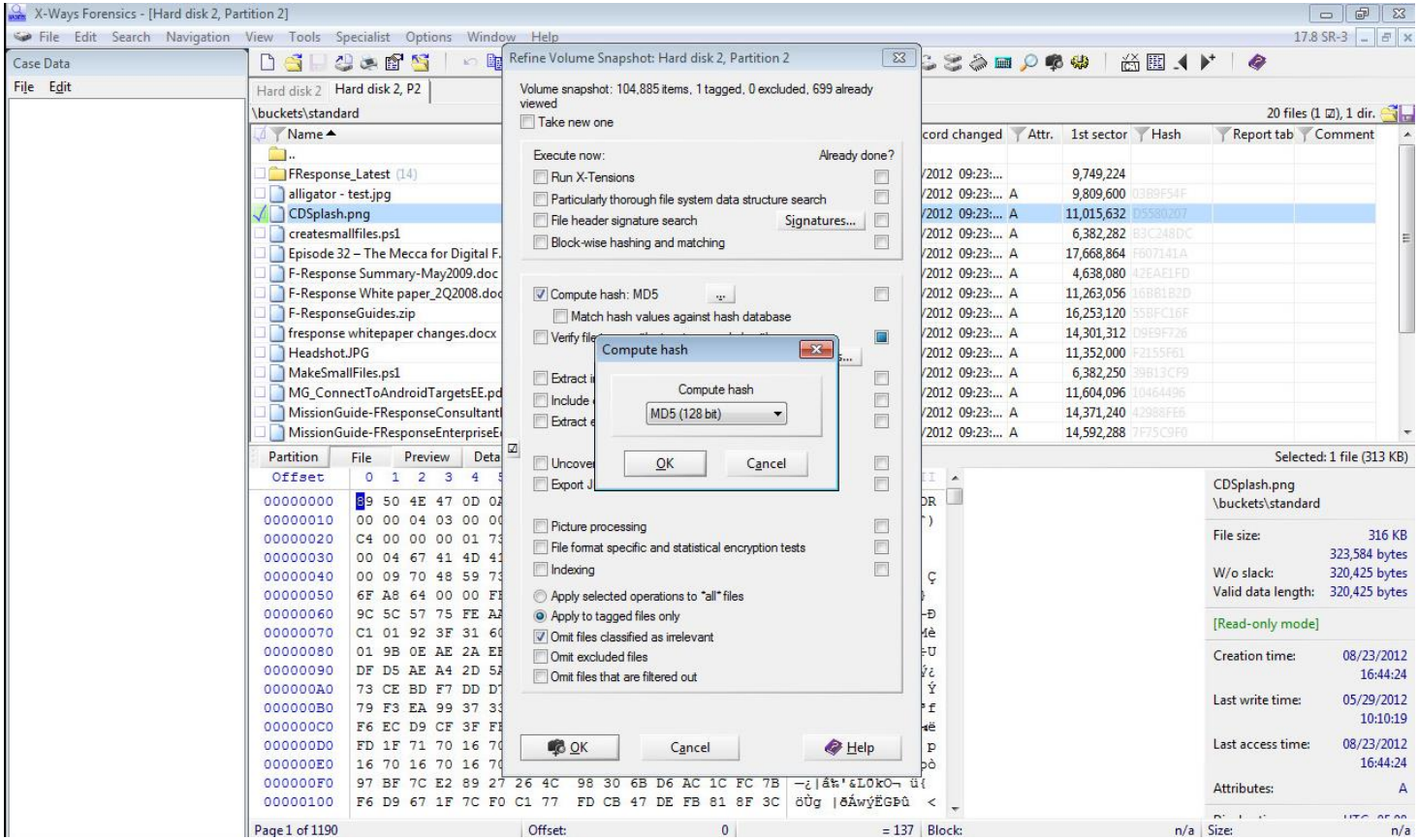
Step 1, Open F-Response Now/Universal presented disk/share in X-Ways. Note total number of bytes and bytes per sector and compare to baseline.

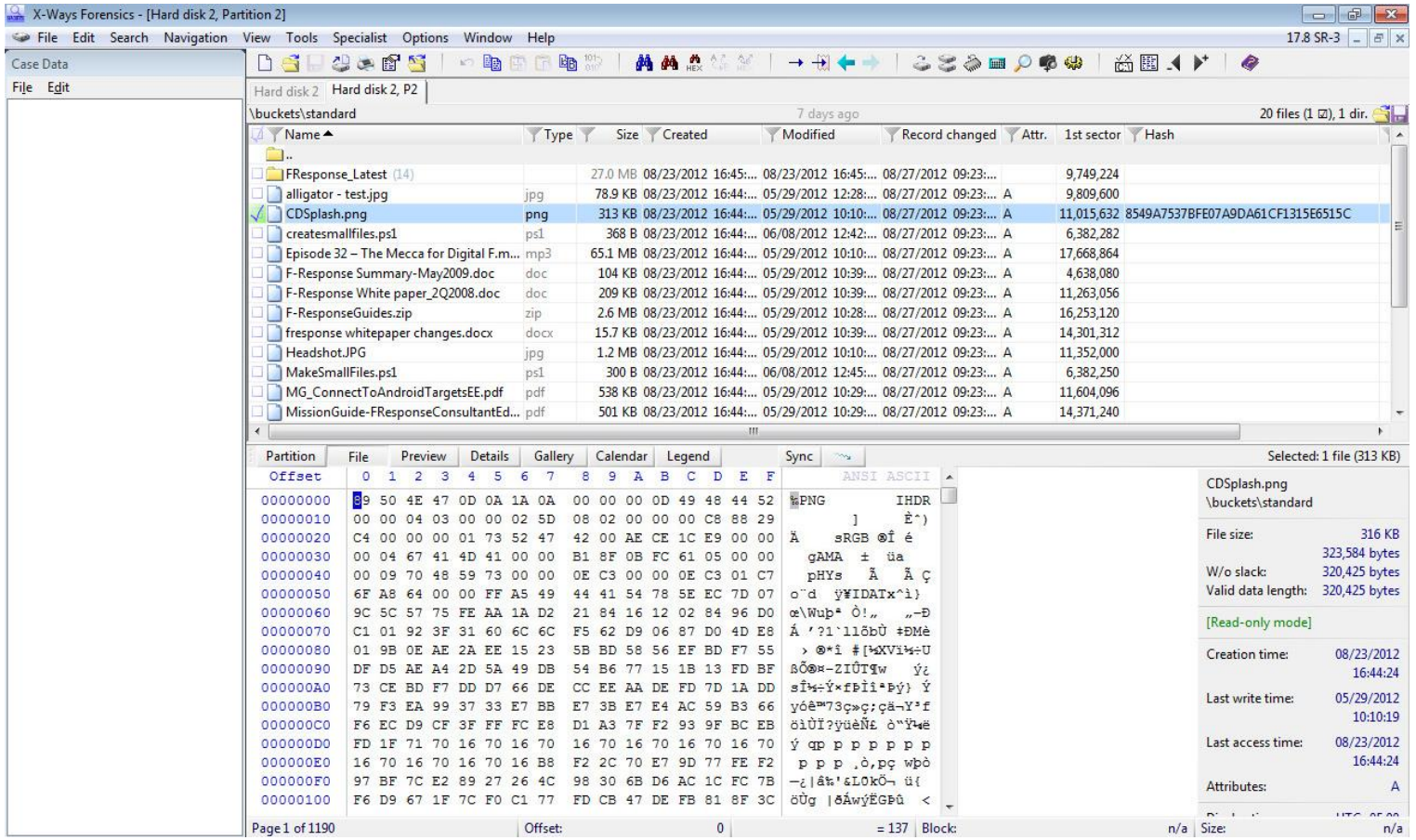


Step 2,Select the sector of disk hashed previously during the baseline gathering phase. Press Ctrl-F2 to bring up the hashing dialog. Select MD5 as the hashing type and press Ok, record and compare resulting hash with hash obtained during baseline operation.



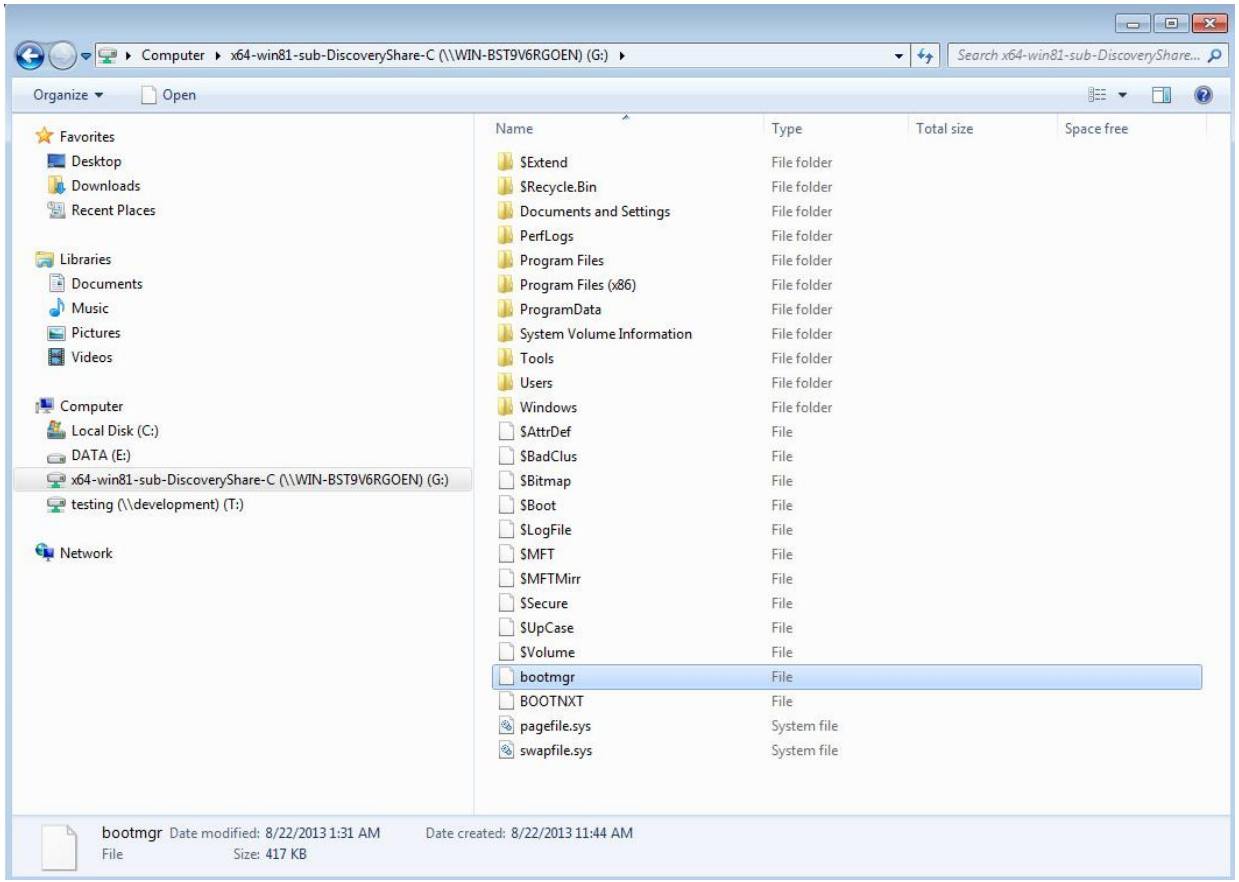
Step 3, Browse and select file. Choose Specialist->Refine Volume Snapshot->Compute hash_MD5(128 bit)->Option button for 'Apply to tagged files only'->OK button to calculate Hash value.



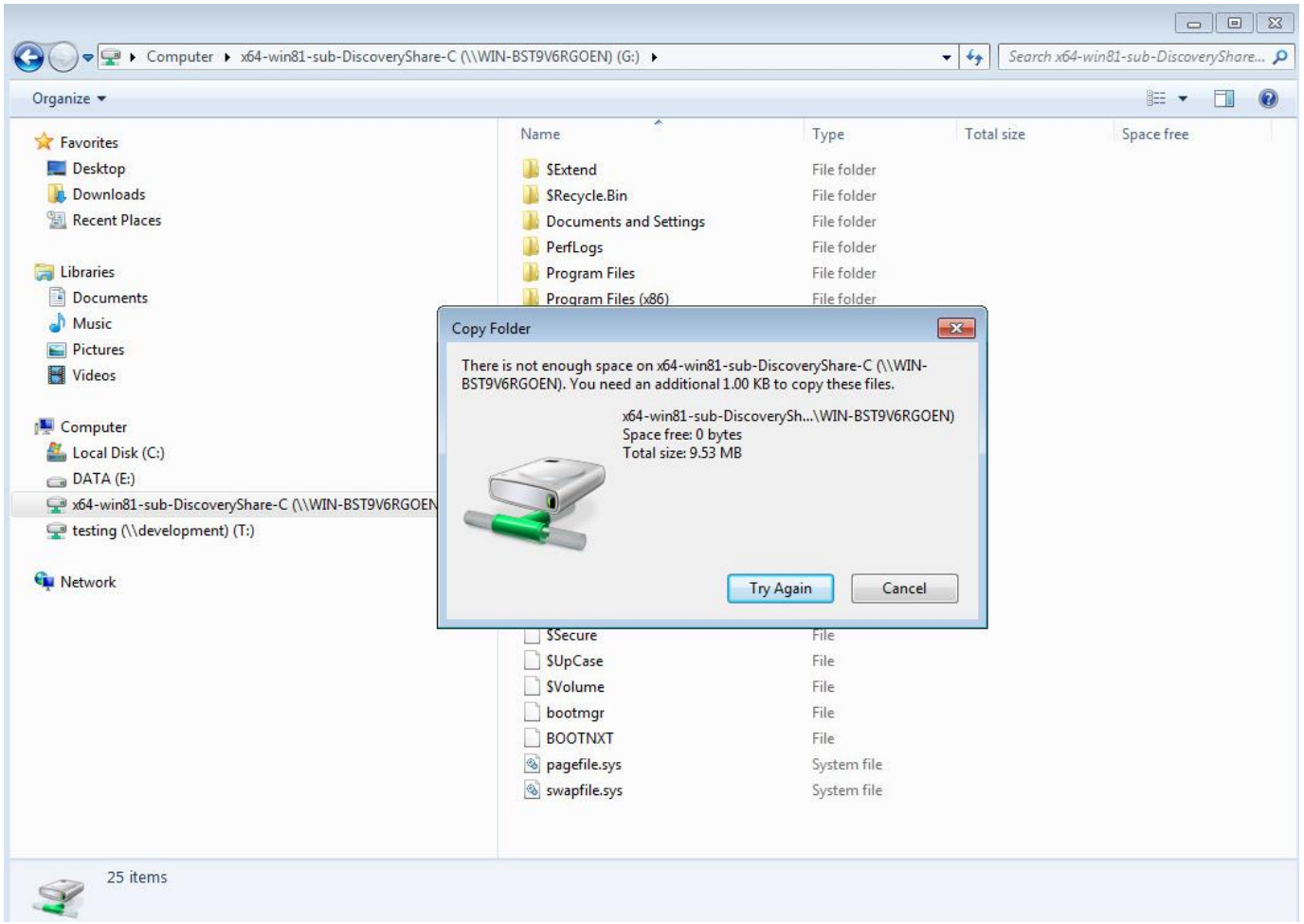


Step 4, Record and review the resulting hash value.

WRITE PREVENTION TESTING – WINDOWS

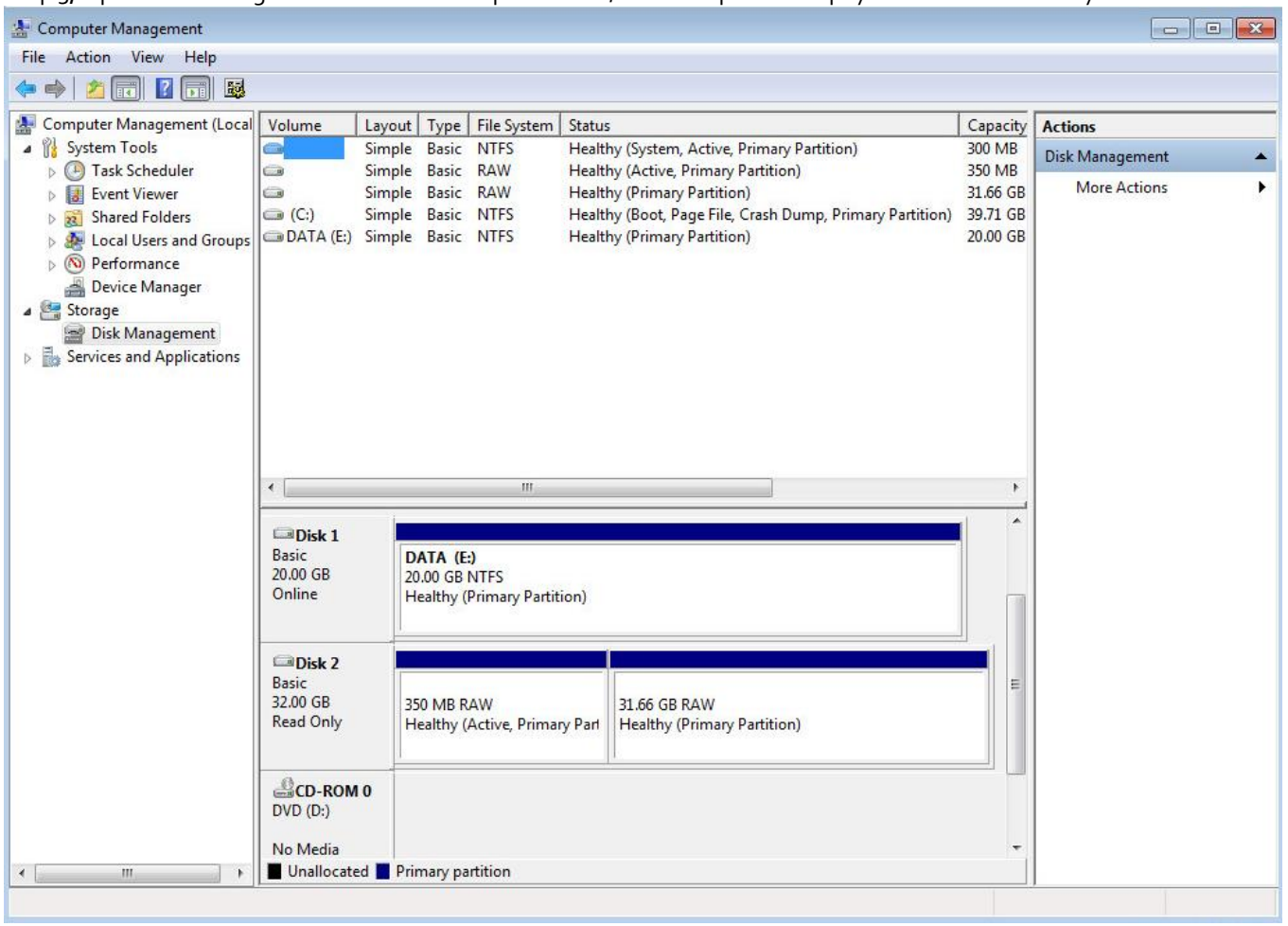


Step 1, Open newly mounted F-Response Now/Universal Discovery Share, select a file, type Delete or Shift+Delete to attempt to delete the file-- Option does not exist.

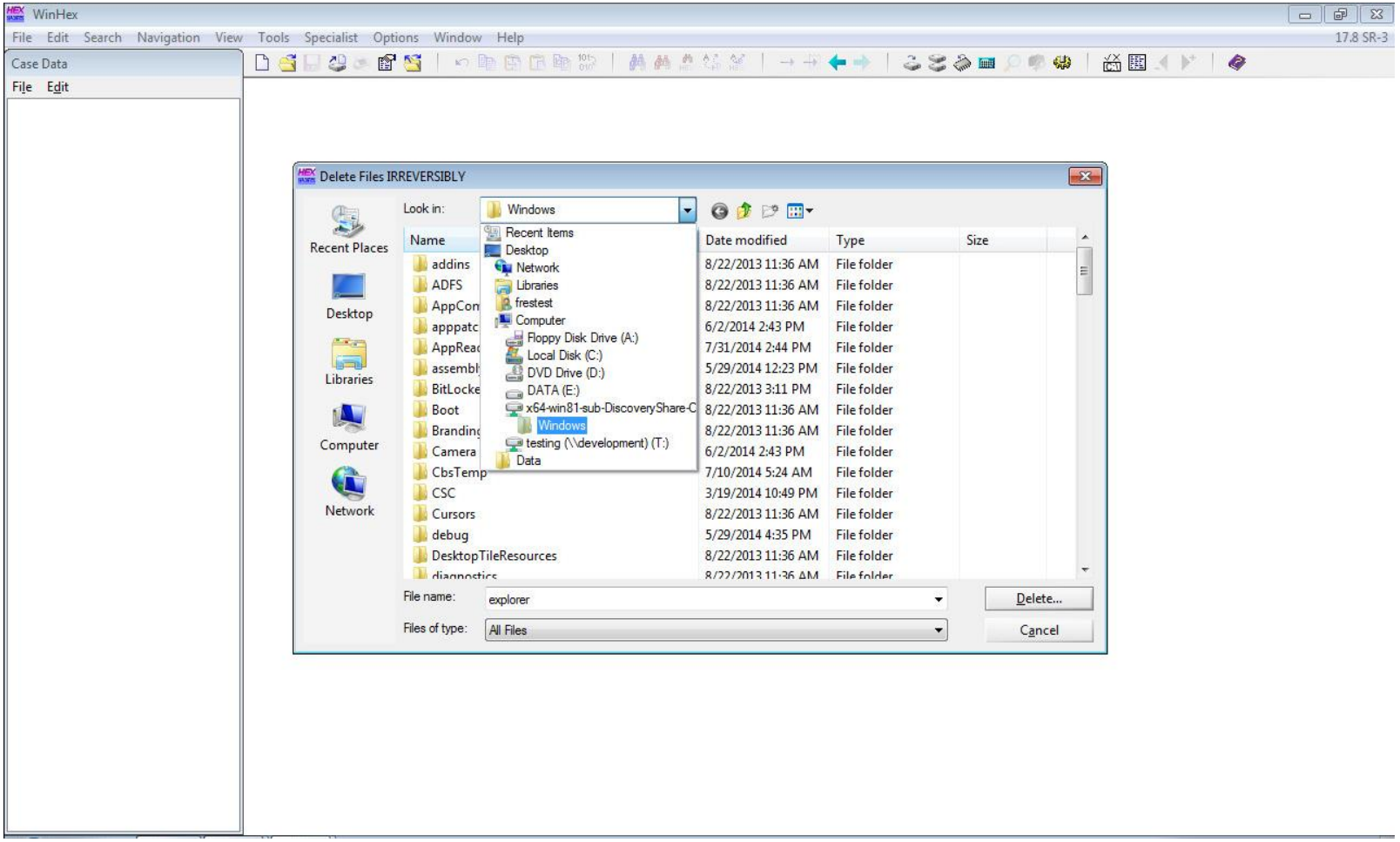


Step 2, Select a file from the local disk and attempt to copy and paste it to the F-Response Now/Universal Discovery Share.

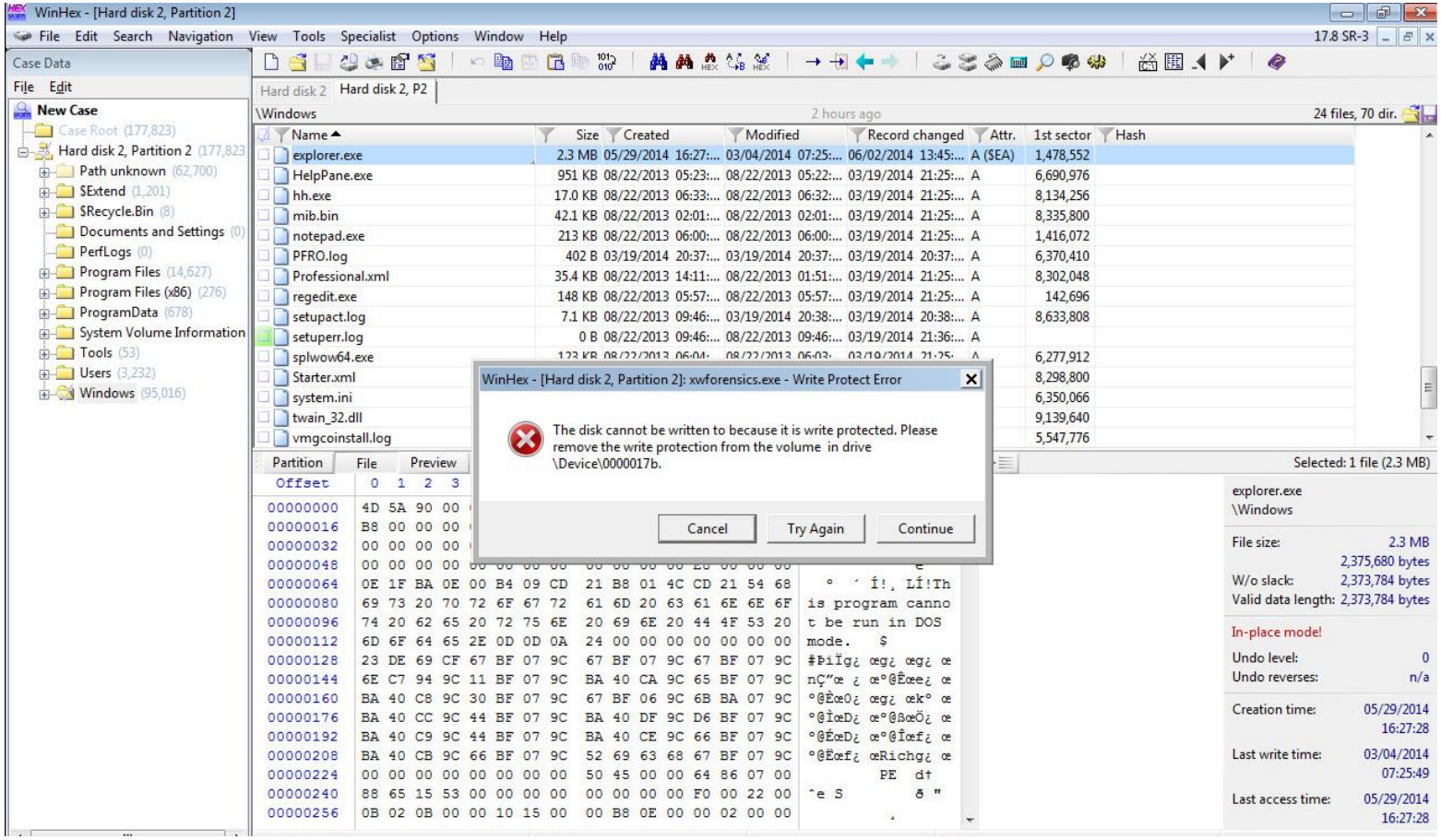
Step 3, Open Disk Manager to review the F-Response Now/Universal presented physical disk. Note the system sees the disk as Read Only.



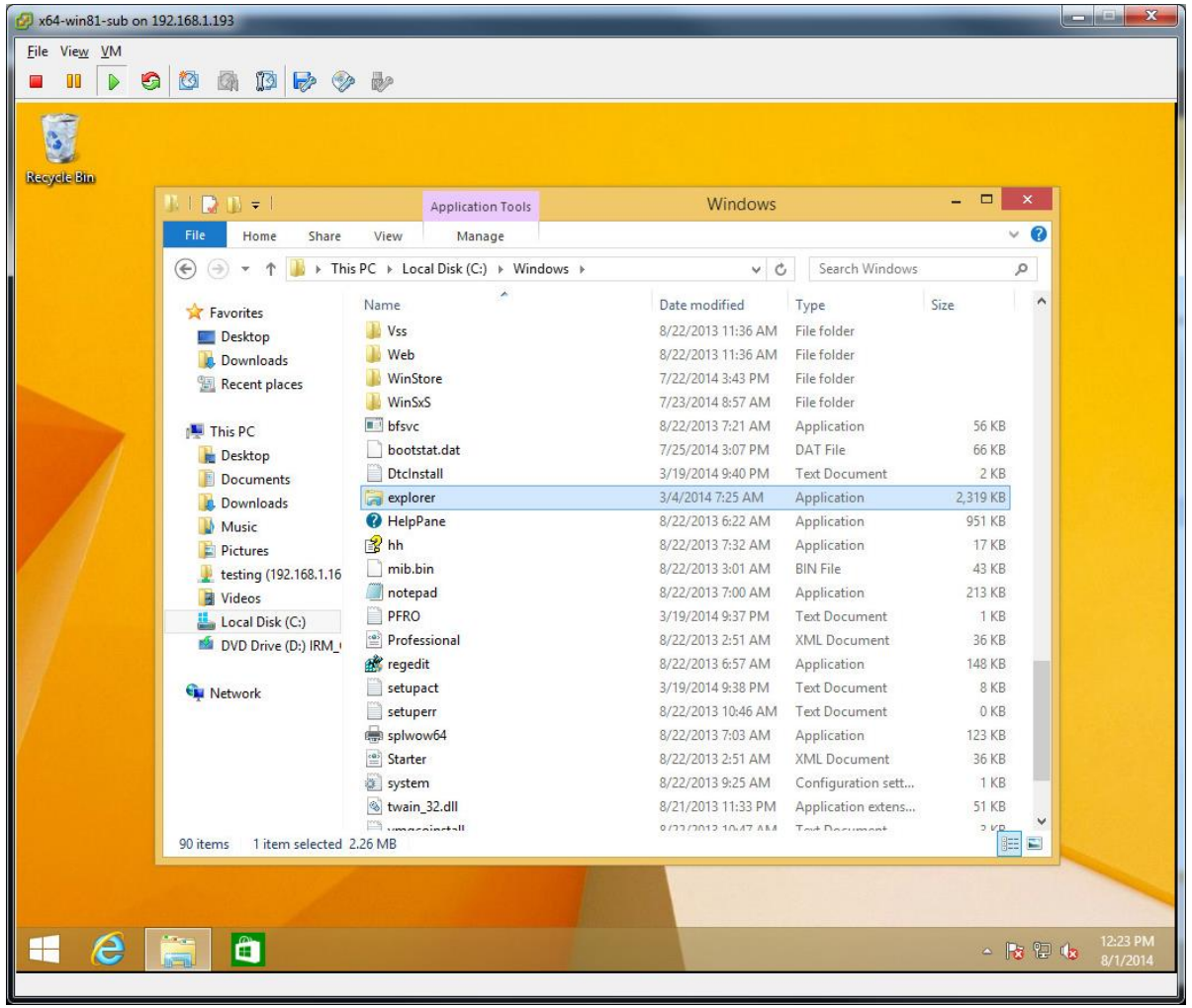
Step 4, Open WinHex and navigate to Tools ->File Tools->Wipe Securely->Choose a file from the F-Response Now/Universal presented source(s)



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

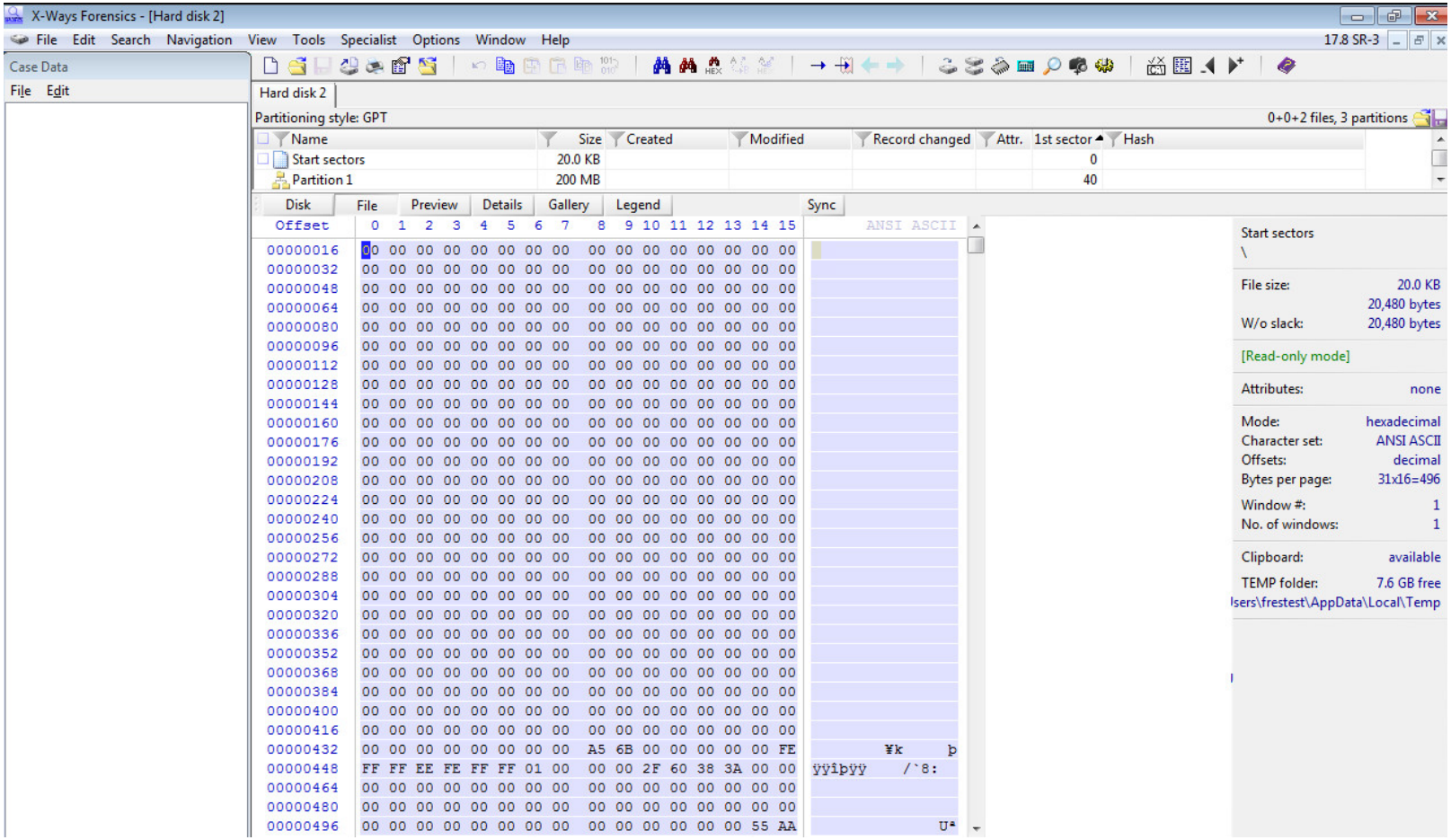


Step 6, Return to F-Response Now/Universal testing computer, confirm no data changes have occurred.

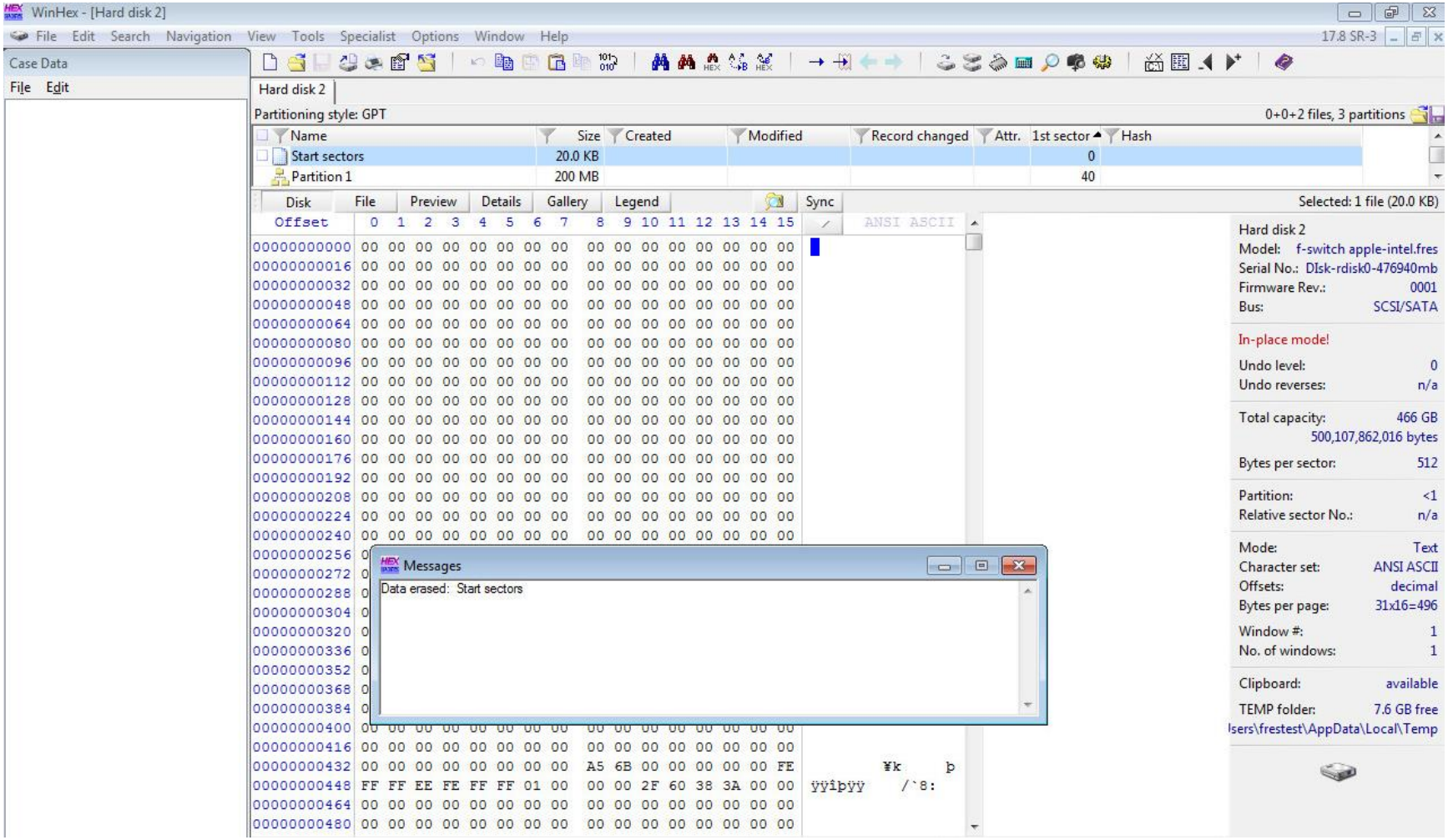


WRITE PREVENTION TESTING – LINUX, APPLE OS X

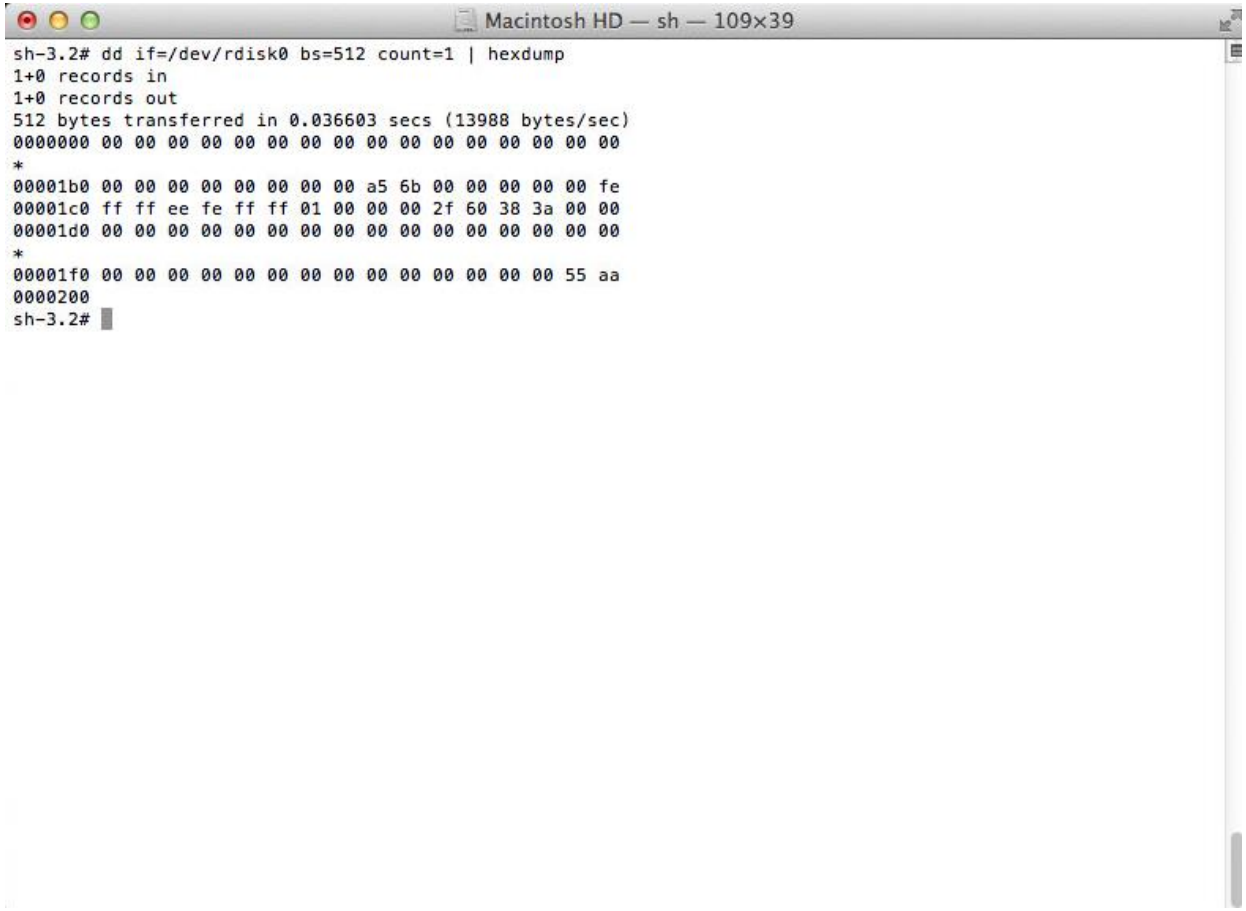
Step 1, Open the attached disk using X-Ways Forensics, record the value of sector zero.



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.



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