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**CSX4166: File System Forensic**

**L-T-P-Cr: 2-0-2-3**

**Prerequisite:** Computer Architecture and Operating Systems

**Learning Objectives:**

1. Understand the basics of disk capturing and storing
2. Know how to clean a disk, and copy evidence.
3. Know how to recover the deleted files from the disk.

**Syllabus:**

Unit I

Digital Investigation Foundations: Digital Investigations and Evidence, Digital Crime Scene, Investigation Process, Data Analysis, Overview of Toolkits

Computer Foundations: Data Organization, Booting Process, Hard Disk Technology

Unit II

Hard Disk Data Acquisition: Introduction, Reading the Source Data, Writing the Output Data

Volume Analysis: Introduction, Background, Analysis Basics

PC-based Partitions: DOS Partitions, Analysis Considerations, Apple Partitions, Removable Media

Unit-III

File System Analysis: File System, File System Category, Content Category, Metadata Category, File Name Category, Application Category, Application-level Search Techniques, Specific File Systems

FAT Concepts and Analysis: Introduction, File System Category, Content Category, Metadata Category, File Name Category

## Unit–IV

FAT Data Structures: Boot Sector, FAT32 FSINFO, FAT, Directory Entries, Long File Name, Directory Entries

NTFS Concepts: Introduction, Everything is a File, MFT Concepts, MFT Entry Attribute, Concepts, Other Attribute Concepts, Indexes

## Unit–V

Ext2 and Ext3 Concepts and Analysis: Introduction, File System Category, Content Category, Metadata Category, File Name Category, Application Category

Ext2 and Ext3 Data Structures: Superblock, Group Descriptor Tables, Block Bitmap, Inodes, Extended Attributes, Directory Entry, Symbolic Link, Hash Trees, Journal Data Structures

The Sleuth Kit and Autopsy

### **Textbook:**

1. Brian Carrier, "File System Forensic Analysis", Addison Wesley Professional, 2005

### **REFERENCE BOOKS:**

1. Dan Farmer and Wietse Venema, "Forensic Discovery", Addison Wesley
2. Harlan Carvey, "Windows Forensic Analysis Toolkit", Syngress