

# Data Theft



Data Recovery

Safety  
Data Erasure

Forensic  
Investigation

Monitoring

Custody  
and Restoration  
of Backups

Information  
Security

Racks

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# Intro

**Is this a real problem?**

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# Intro

## Just a Glimpse of What Employees Steal

- 66% have taken or would take information they had been involved in creating
- 72% steal information they believe would be helpful in their job
- 18% of employees took product/service roadmaps
- 21% of employees took company proposals
- 46% of employees took presentations.
- 18% of employees took strategic plans



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48% of IT professionals responded that employees are dealing with more information than ever before.

66% of data breaches are due to employee and system error according to Ponemon's 2013 Data Breach Report.

55% of small businesses had a data breach and 53 percent of those businesses had multiple breaches per Ponemon Institute survey.

Theft cases rack-up an average cost of £30,000 in legal costs, let alone the value of the lost data.

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39% of IT professionals worldwide were more concerned about the threat from their own employees than the threat from outside hackers.



20% of IT professionals said disgruntled employees were their biggest concern in the insider threat.

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## 2014 IT Threat Predictions



Lower level malware will be seen as big danger, as small businesses are often not prepared and such attacks go unreported.



Data will not just be stolen, destruction of data could play its part in 2014 as well.

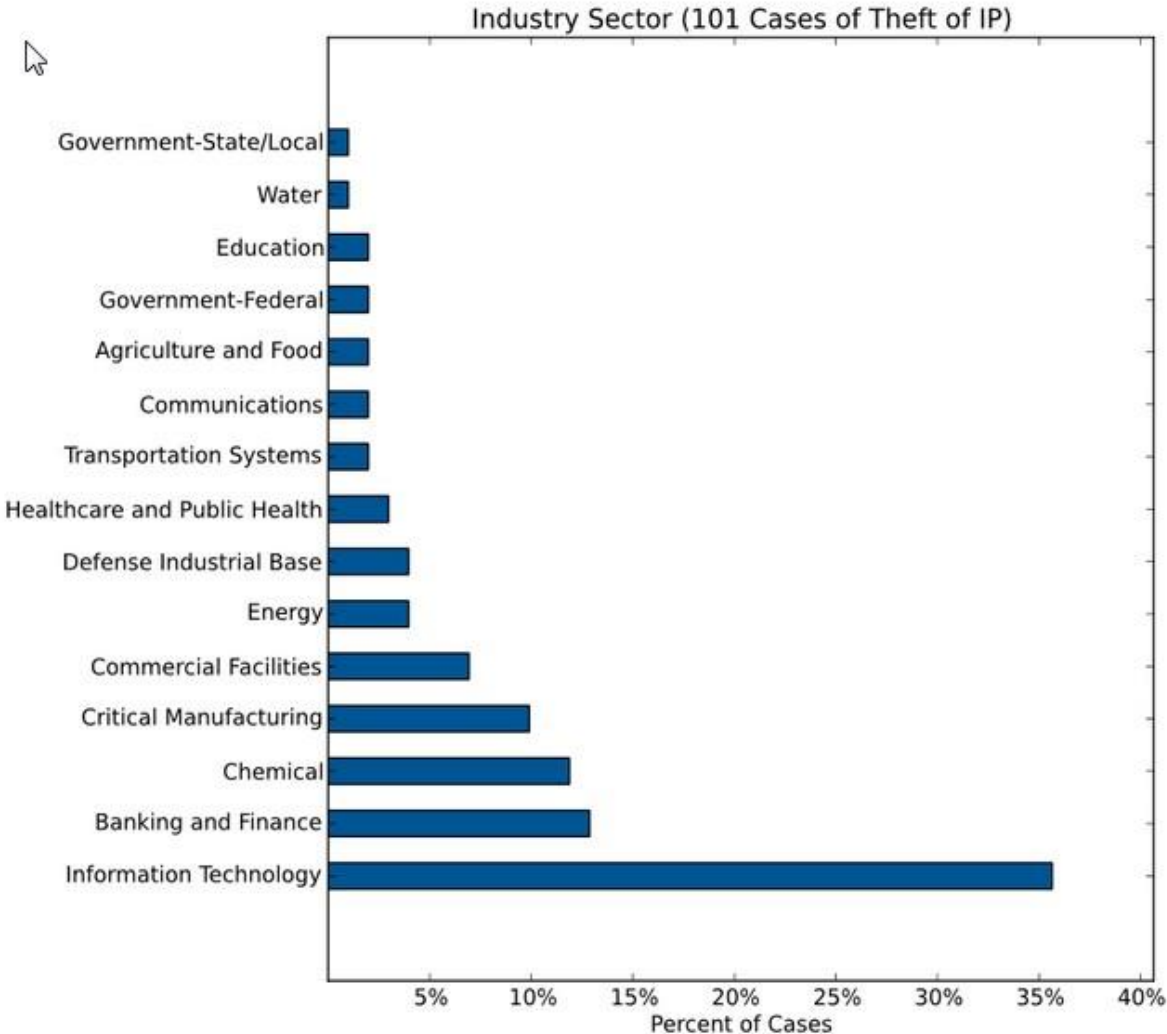


Cyber criminals in 2014 will find newer uses for tried-and-true attacks and will focus on your 'weakest' line of defense which is employees.



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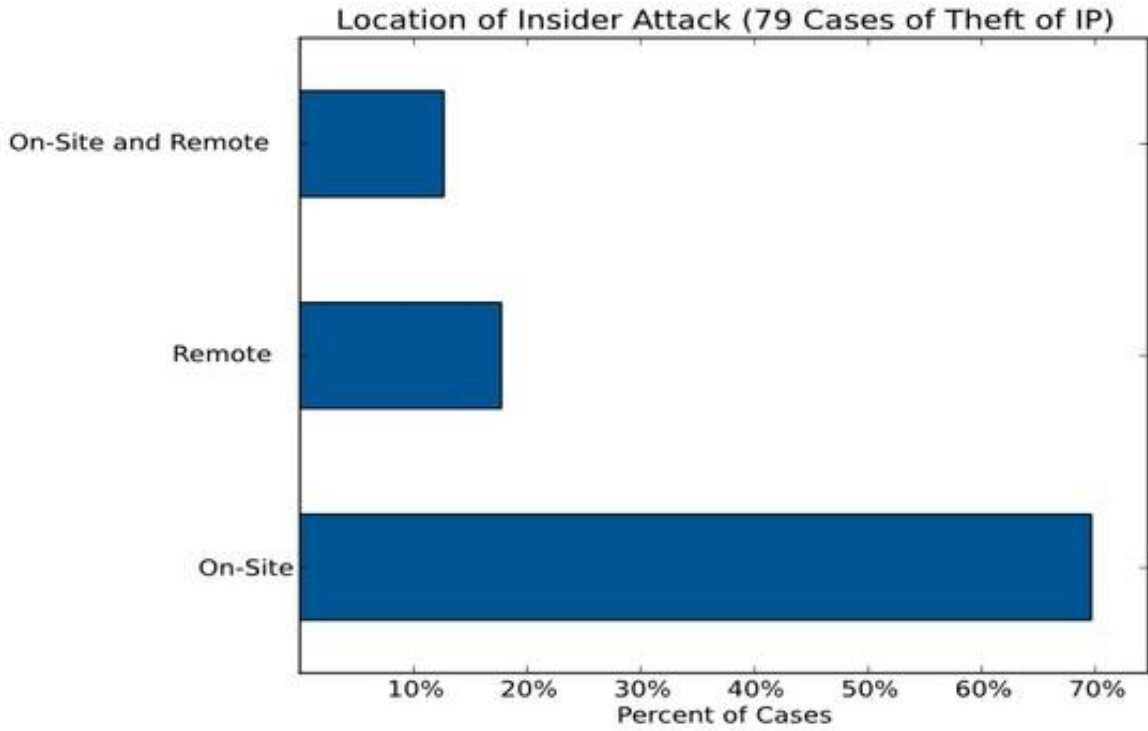
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- Trusted business partners accounted for over 17% of attackers (i.e., 98 of the 103 cases) and former employees accounted for 21%. (Employment status was known in 100 of the 103 cases)
- Over 30% of insider theft of IP cases were detected by non-technical means, while fewer than 6% cases were detected by a software solution.
- The financial impact of these attacks is substantial. The impact was over \$1,000,000 USD in 48% of cases and over \$100,000 in 71% of insider theft of IP cases. (Financial impact was known in 35 of the 103 cases)

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# Why?

- It's easy...
- Personal benefit...
- Disgruntled employees...
- Judicial System
- Lack of information classification...
- Misunderstood between what's Intellectual Property (Company Info vs Personal Info)

# Law

“Is this a Crime?”

Código do Trabalho: Artigo 128, nº1, alinea f)  
“Guardar lealdade ao empregador,  
nomeadamente não negociando por conta  
própria ou alheia em concorrência com ele,  
nem divulgando informações referentes à sua  
organização, métodos de produção ou  
negócios.”

# Law

## Lei do Cibercrime (Lei nº 109/2009)

### Artigo 4º

Quem, sem permissão legal ou sem para tanto estar autorizado pelo proprietário, por outro titular do direito do sistema ou de parte dele, apagar, alterar, destruir, no todo ou em parte, danificar, suprimir ou tornar não utilizáveis ou não acessíveis programas ou outros dados informáticos alheios ou por qualquer forma lhes afectar a capacidade de uso, é punido com pena de prisão até 3 anos ou pena de multa.

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# Law

## Lei do Cibercrime (Lei nº 109/2009)

### Artigo 5º

Quem, sem permissão legal ou sem para tanto estar autorizado pelo proprietário, por outro titular do direito do sistema ou de parte dele, entravar, impedir, interromper ou perturbar gravemente o funcionamento de um sistema informático, através da introdução, transmissão, deterioração, danificação, alteração, apagamento, impedimento do acesso ou supressão de programas ou outros dados informáticos ou de qualquer outra forma de interferência em sistema informático, é punido com pena de prisão até 5 anos ou com pena de multa até 600 dias.

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# Law

## Lei do Cibercrime (Lei nº 109/2009)

### Artigo 6º

Quem, sem permissão legal ou sem para tanto estar autorizado pelo proprietário, por outro titular do direito do sistema ou de parte dele, de qualquer modo aceder a um sistema informático, é punido com pena de prisão até 1 ano ou com pena de multa até 120 dias.

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# Law

## Código Penal (Crimes contra a propriedade) Artigo 203º (Furto)

Quem, com ilegítima intenção de apropriação para si ou para outra pessoa, subtrair coisa móvel alheia, é punido com pena de prisão até 3 anos ou com pena de multa.



# How?

Do you need to be a geek?



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# How?

Does not seem so...



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# Evidence (Areas)

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- Link Files
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- USBStor
- Event Logs
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- Stochastic Forensics

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# Registry

Windows Registry is a hierarchical database that stores configuration settings and options on Microsoft Windows operating systems. It contains settings for low-level operating system components and for applications running on the platform that have opted to use the Registry. The kernel, device drivers, services, SAM, user interface and third party applications can all make use of the Registry. The Registry also provides a means to access counters for profiling system performance.

# Registry

## Root Keys

- HKEY\_LOCAL\_MACHINE - stores settings that are specific to the local computer.
- HKEY\_CURRENT\_USER - stores settings that are specific to the currently logged-in user
- HKEY\_CLASSES\_ROOT - contains information about registered applications, such as file associations and OLE Object Class IDs, tying them to the applications used to handle these items.
- HKEY\_USERS - contains subkeys corresponding to the HKEY\_CURRENT\_USER keys for each user profile actively loaded on the machine

# Registry

## Files

Path – %SystemRoot%\System32\Config\

- Sam – HKEY\_LOCAL\_MACHINE\SAM
- Security – HKEY\_LOCAL\_MACHINE\SECURITY
- Software – HKEY\_LOCAL\_MACHINE\SOFTWARE
- System – HKEY\_LOCAL\_MACHINE\SYSTEM

Path – %USERPROFILE%\

- Ntuser.dat – HKEY\_USERS\

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# Registry

## Tools

### Open Source

- Forensic Registry EDitor (fred) - "Forensic Registry EDitor (fred) is a cross-platform M\$ registry hive editor" by Daniel Gillen
- libregfi - The regfi library is a read-only NT registry library which serves as the main engine behind the reglookup tool
- reglookup — "small command line utility for reading and querying Windows NT-based registries."
- regviewer — a tool for looking at the registry.
- RegRipper — "the fastest, easiest, and best tool for registry analysis in forensics examinations."
- Parse::Win32Registry Perl module.
- python-registry Python module.
- Registry Decoder offline analysis component, by Andrew Case
- RegDecoderLive live hive acquisition component, by Andrew Case
- libregf - Library and tools to access the Windows NT Registry File (REGF) format
- Registryasxml - Tool to import/export registry sections as XML
- kregedit - a KDE utility for viewing and editing registry files.
- ntreg a file system driver for linux, which understands the NT registry file format.

### Commercial

- Registry Manager
- Abexo Free Registry Cleaner
- Auslogics Registry Defrag
- Alien Registry Viewer
- NT Registry Optimizer
- iExpert Software-Free Registry Defrag
- Registry Recon
- Registry Undelete (russian)
- Windows Registry Recovery
- Registry Tool

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# Recent Files



(NTUSER.DAT) Gets user's Adobe Reader  
cRecentFiles values

Most recent PDF opened: Sat Dec 20 13:03:15  
2014 (UTC)

- c1 [/C/Data/04 - Courses/Security/02 - SSL.pdf](#)
- c10 [/E/\[O`Reilly\] - Beautiful Code - \[Oram, Wilson\].pdf](#)
- c11 [/E/eBooks/kyrylkov-ms-thesis.pdf](#)

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# Link Files

- Contains information about itself (names, dates)
- Contains information about the target file (names, dates)
  - Can be carved from unallocated space
    - Has a owner
- Contains information about volume name and path

# Prefetch Files

Each time you turn on your computer, Windows keeps track of the way your computer starts and which programs you commonly open. Windows saves this information as a number of small files in the prefetch folder. The next time you turn on your computer, Windows refers to these files to help speed the start process.

# Prefetch Files

Prefetch files contain the name of the executable, a Unicode list of DLLs used by that executable, a count of how many times the executable has been run, and a timestamp indicating the last time the program was run.

# USBStor

## 5 Keys to understand USB Devices

- ***SYSTEM\CurrentControlSet\Enum\USBSTOR***  
***Contains Vendor, Model and SN of the USB***

`\ControlSet001\Enum\USBSTOR\Disk&Ven_WD&Prod_Elements_10  
B8&Rev_1007\57583631454333594B4E3737&0\Properties\{a8b865  
dd-2e3d-4094-ad97-e593a70c75d6}\00000005`

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# USBStor

## 5 Keys to understand USB Devices

- *SYSTEM\MountedDevices*

*Match SN of USB device to drive letter*

# USBStor

## 5 Keys to understand USB Devices

- *NTUSER.dat\Software\Microsoft\Windows\CurrentVersion\Explorer\MountPoints2*
- *Which user was logged in and active when the usb device was connected*



# USBStor

## 5 Keys to understand USB Devices

- *ROOT\Windows\inf\setupapi.dev.log*
- *When the device was first connected  
(Local System Time, not UTC)*

# Event Logs

The value of Event Logs depends a lot on which Logs are enabled and if there's any retention of Logs.

- Logon / Logoff
- Object Access
- Account Management
- Application
- Etc

# E-Mail

Used to send IP files to personal email

- *E-mail clients (Outlook, etc)*
- *Rebuild internet pages from temp files (webmail)*

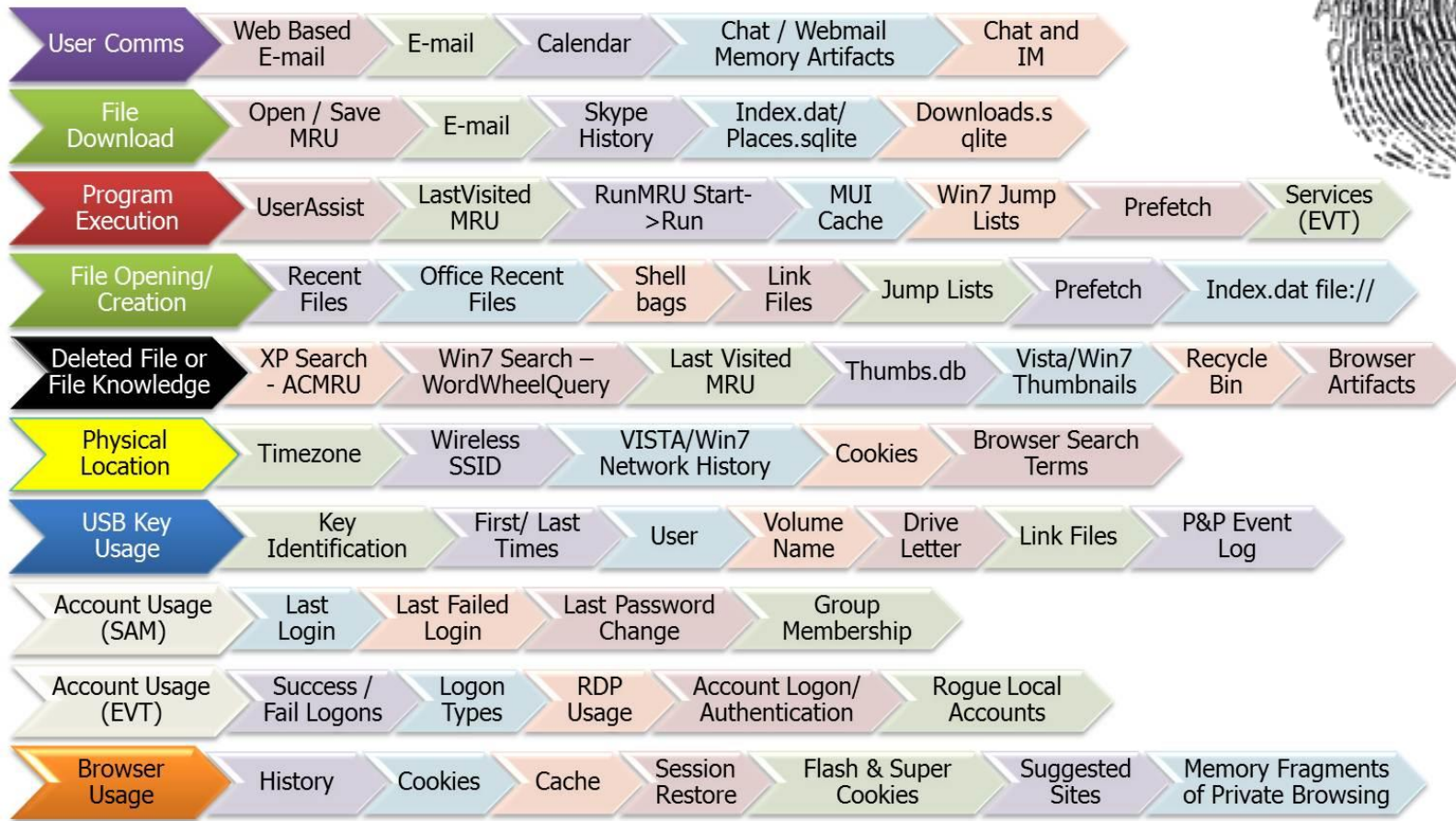
# Timeline

A timeline is a way of displaying a list of events in chronological order, sometimes described as a project artifact.



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# Timeline



# Timeline



date	time	MACB	sourcetype	type	short
39649	0.06115	MACB	Email PST	Email Read	Message 114: Attachment m57biz.xls Opened
7/20/2008	1:27:40	MACB	XP Prefetch	Last run	EXCEL.EXE-1C75F8D6.pf: EXCEL.EXE was executed
7/20/2008	1:27:40	.AC.	NTFS \$MFT	\$\$I [.AC.] time	C:/Program Files/Microsoft Office/Office/EXCEL.EXE
7/20/2008	1:27:40	.AC.	UserAssist key	Time of Launch	UEME_RUNPATH:C:/PROGRA~1/MICROS~2/Office/EXCEL.EXE
7/20/2008	1:28:03	..CB	Shortcut LNK	Created	C:/Documents and Settings/Jean/Desktop/m57biz.xls
7/20/2008	1:28:043	MACB	NTFS \$MFT	\$\$I [MACB] time	C:/Documents and Settings/Jean/Application Data/Microsoft/Office/Recent/Desktop.LNK
7/20/2008	1:28:03	MACB	FileExts key	Extension Change	File extension .xls opened by EXCEL.EXE
7/20/2008	1:28:03	MACB	NTFS \$MFT	\$\$I [MACB] time	C:/windows/system32/winsvchost.exe
7/20/2008	1:28:03		SOFTWARE key	Last Written	SOFTWARE\Microsoft\Windows\CurrentVersion\Run
7/20/2008	1:27:40		Memory Process	Process Started	winsvchost.exe  1556 1032   0x02476768
7/20/2008	1:27:40		Memory Socket	Socket Opened	4 134.182.111.82:443  Protocol: 6 (TCP)  0x8162de98
7/20/2008	1:27:40		XP Prefetch	Last run	WINSVCHOST.EXE-1C75F8D6.pf: EXCEL.EXE was executed
7/20/2008	1:28:03	..CB	Shortcut LNK	Created	C:/Documents and Settings/Jean/Desktop/m57biz.xls
7/20/2008	1:28:03	.A..	Shortcut LNK	Access	C:/Documents and Settings/Jean/Desktop/m57biz.xls
7/20/2008	1:28:04	MAC.	NTFS \$MFT	\$\$I [MAC.] time	C:/Documents and Settings/Jean/Application Data/Microsoft/Office/Recent/m57biz.LNK
7/20/2008	1:28:04	..C.	NTFS \$MFT	\$\$I [..C.] time	C:/Documents and Settings/Jean/Local Settings/History/History.IE5/MSHist01200807202008
7/20/2008	1:28:04	..C.	NTFS \$MFT	\$\$I [..C.] time	C:/Documents and Settings/Jean/Local Settings/History/History.IE5/MSHist01200807202008
7/20/2008	1:28:04	MACB	RecentDocs key	File opened	Recently opened file of extension: .xls - value: m57biz.xls

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# Stochastic Forensics

**Stochastic forensics** is a method to forensically reconstruct digital activity lacking artifacts, by analyzing emergent properties resulting from the stochastic nature of modern computers.



# Stochastic Forensics

The statistical distribution of file systems metadata is affected by such large scale copying. By analyzing this distribution, stochastic forensics is able to identify and examine such data theft. Typical file systems have a heavy tailed distribution of file access. Copying in bulk disturbs this pattern, and is consequently detectable.





# Countermeasures

- **Human Resources Motivation**
- **DLP (Data Loss Prevention)**
  - **Logs**
  - **Security Policies**
  - **Audits**

# Q & A

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