

# Welcome to EnCase Seminar !!

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# Windows Operating System Artifacts

## Date and Times

- Dates and times are ubiquitous on any modern operating system
- Their uses are countless, and their storage formats vary
- *local time* vs. *Greenwich mean time(GMT)*



# Windows Operating System Artifacts

## Date and Times - Time Zone

- The world is divided into *time zones* and computers must keep track of time relative to those time zones
- The various OS must implement *methods differences*
- In order that accurately interpret date and time stamps
  - ➔ understanding OS and EnCase resolve these differences
- For Windows, file attributes *dates and times (MAC)*
- The File system in use determines whether the date and time is stored in *local time or in GMT*



# Windows Operating System Artifacts

## Date and Times - Time Zone

- FAT file system are stored in the *32-byte DOS directory entry in local time*
- This time zone for which computer configured
- NTFS, stored for file creation, last written, last accessed, and last entry modified are stored *in GMT using a 64-bit Windows date and time stamp*
- *The OS displays the user based on the local time zone offset*



# Windows Operating System Artifacts

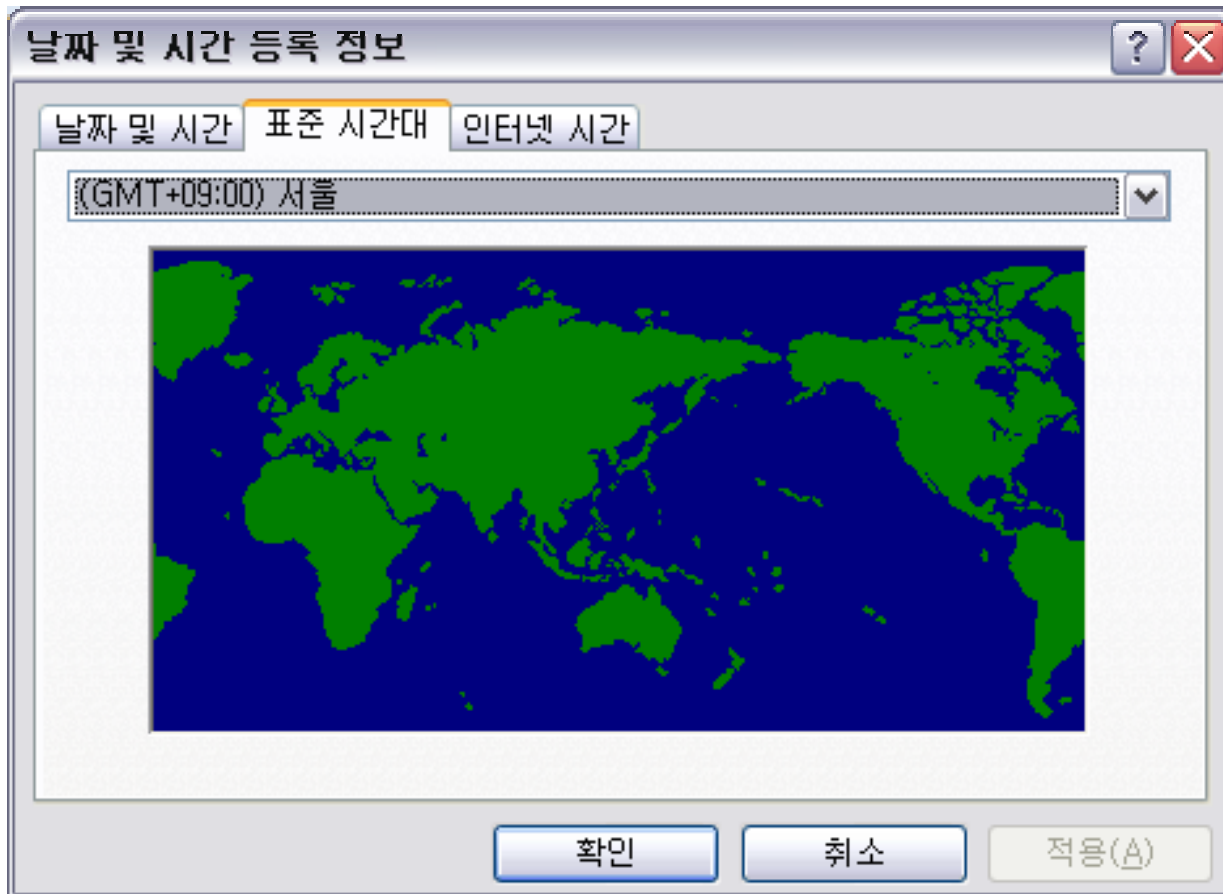
## Date and Times - Time Zone

- Computers can be moved from one zone to another, *incorrectly configure..*
- The time and time zone offset may not be accurate
- *To resolve these issues, need to know the machine's BIOS time*
  - ➔ apply the correct time zone offset



# Windows Operating System Artifacts

## Date and Times - Time Zone





# Windows Operating System Artifacts

## Date and Times – Unix Time Stamp

- uses a label Unix, do not think this date format is *limited to Unix machines*
- 32-bit integer value that represents the number of seconds
- Starting on January 1, 1970, 00:00:00 GMT ~
- $2^{32}$  : 4,294,967,296
- *Monday, December, 2, 2030, at 19:42:58 GMT seconds will have lapsed*



# Windows Operating System Artifacts

## Date and Times – Windows 64-Bit Time Stamp

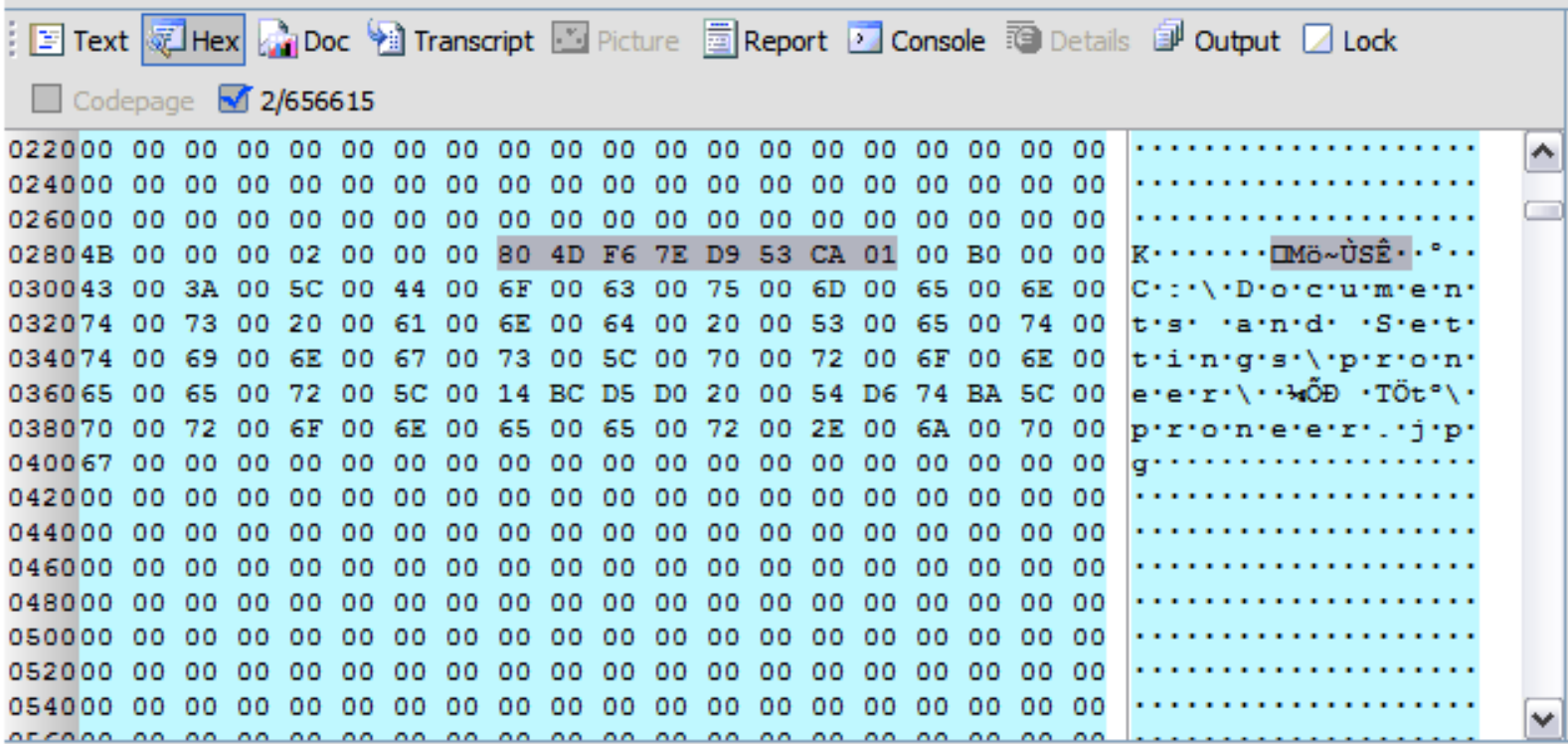
- 64-bit integer
- Windows tracks the number of 100-nanosecond intervals
- Starting on January 1, 1601, at 00:00:00 GMT
- $2^{64}$  : 18,446,744,073,709,500,000
- This time stamp can address a date range of 58,000 plus years



# Windows Operating System Artifacts

## Date and Times – Windows 64-Bit Time Stamp

- 8 byte string (64 bits), *most significant value is 01h*

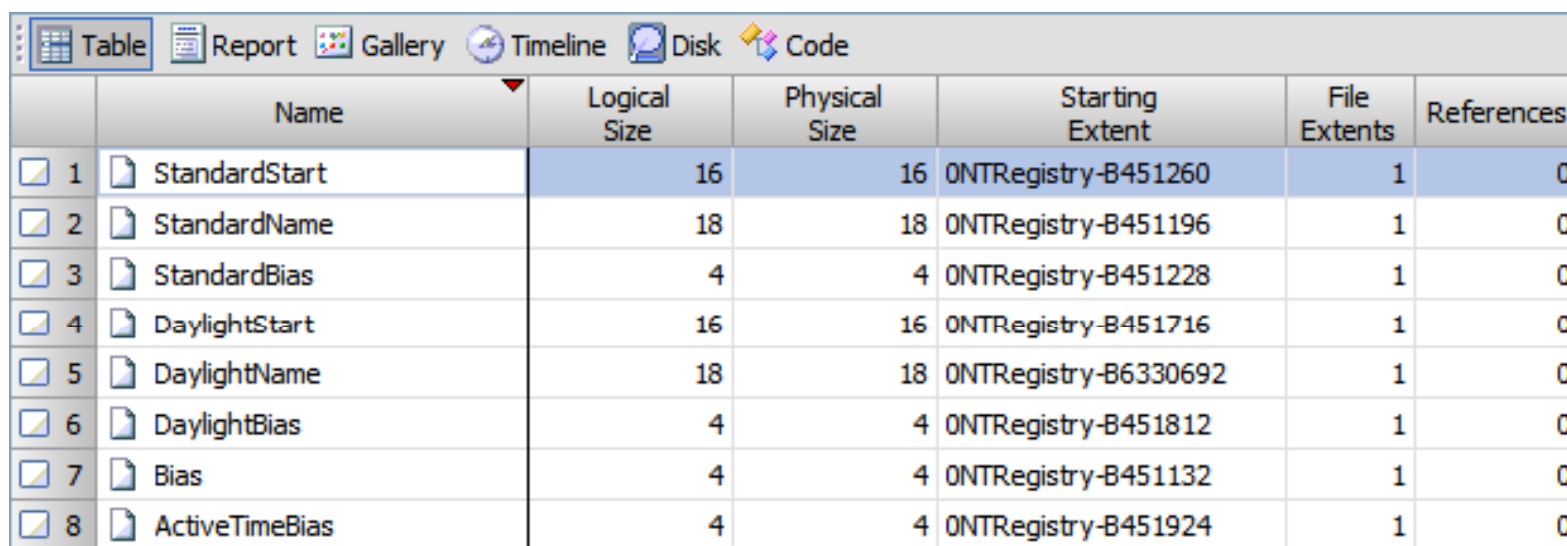


# Windows Operating System Artifacts

## Date and Times – Adjusting for Time Zone Offsets

- The time zone offset is stored in the registry
- System registry file as you would View File Structure
- Navigate to

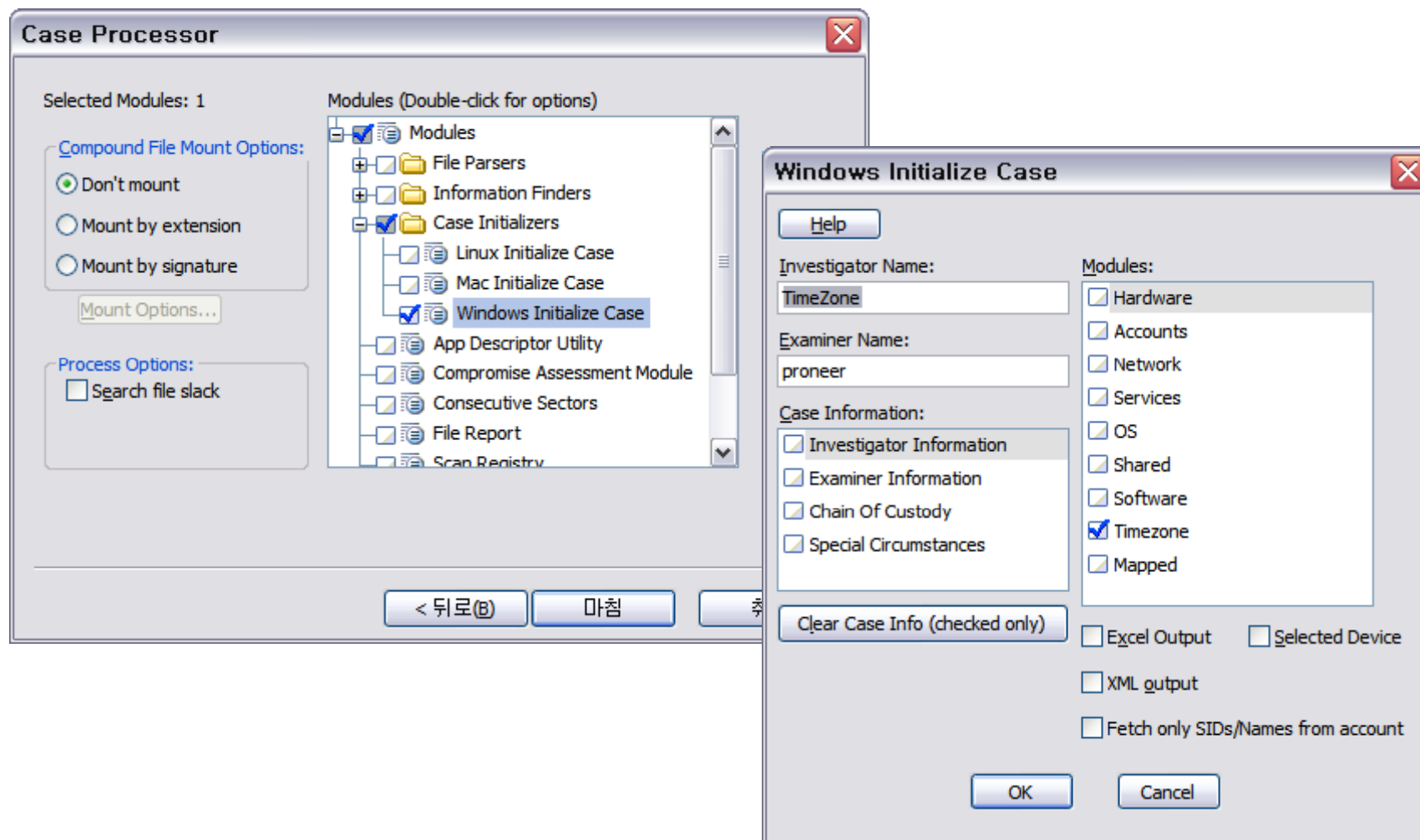
*System\NTRegistry\ControlSet00n\Control\TimeZoneInformation*



	Name	Logical Size	Physical Size	Starting Extent	File Extents	References
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1	StandardStart	16	16	0NTRegistry-B451260	1	0
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 2	StandardName	18	18	0NTRegistry-B451196	1	0
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 3	StandardBias	4	4	0NTRegistry-B451228	1	0
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 4	DaylightStart	16	16	0NTRegistry-B451716	1	0
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 5	DaylightName	18	18	0NTRegistry-B6330692	1	0
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 6	DaylightBias	4	4	0NTRegistry-B451812	1	0
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 7	Bias	4	4	0NTRegistry-B451132	1	0
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 8	ActiveTimeBias	4	4	0NTRegistry-B451924	1	0

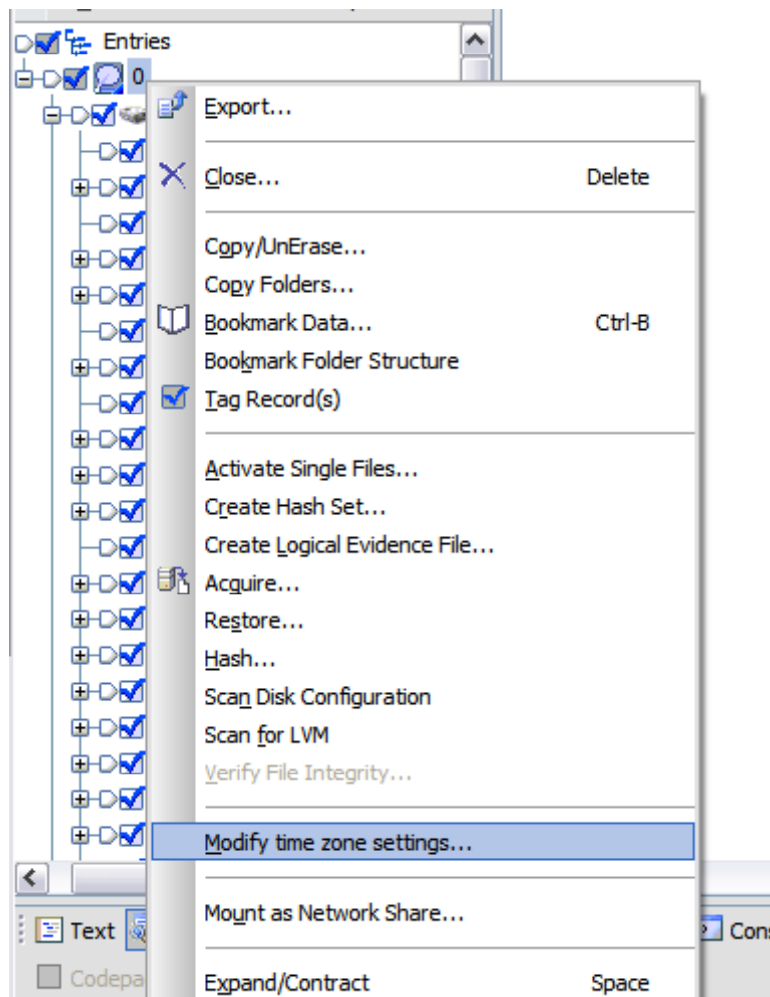
# Windows Operating System Artifacts

## Date and Times – Adjusting for Time Zone Offsets



# Windows Operating System Artifacts

## Date and Times – Adjusting for Time Zone Offsets



# Windows Operating System Artifacts

## Recycle Bin

- By default when a user deletes a file in Windows → Recycle Bin
- When a file is deleted...
  - a directory entry or MFT entry is deleted.
  - a directory entry or MFT entry is made for the file in the Recycle Bin.
- The new file name bears no resemblance to the original file name.



# Windows Operating System Artifacts

## Recycle Bin

- The new file naming rule :
  - *D [original drive letter of file] [index number] . [original file extension]*
  - For example,
    - C:\My Files\letter.doc were deleted and sent to the Recycle Bin.
    - its new file name in the Recycle Bin would be **DC1.doc** (if first file sent)





# Windows Operating System Artifacts

## Recycle Bin – The INFO2 File

- The deleted file no longer bears its original file name, location, and so on..
- The **INFO2** file is a database containing information about the files in the Recycle Bin.

	Name	File Ext	File Category
<input type="checkbox"/> 4	Dc18		
<input type="checkbox"/> 5	Dc58.txt	txt	Document
<input type="checkbox"/> 6	Dc66.pdf	pdf	Document
<input type="checkbox"/> 7	Dc32		
<input type="checkbox"/> 8	Dc72.txt	txt	Document
<input type="checkbox"/> 9	desktop.ini	ini	Windows
<input type="checkbox"/> 10	Dc68.txt	txt	Document
<input type="checkbox"/> 11	Dc20.php	php	
<input type="checkbox"/> 12	desktop.ini	ini	Windows
<input type="checkbox"/> 13	INFO2		



# Windows Operating System Artifacts

## Recycle Bin – The INFO2 File

Operating System	Recycle Bin Folder Name	INFO2 Record Length
Windows 9x/ME	Recycled	280 Bytes
Windows NT	Recycler	800 Bytes
Windows 2000	Recycler	800 Bytes
Windows XP/2003	Recycler	800 Bytes

- the contents of the INFO2 file :
  - The file's original file name and path (entered twice, ASCII and Unicode)
  - The date and time of deletion
  - The index number
- Additional information visit : <http://forensic-proof.com/>



# Windows Operating System Artifacts

## Recycle Bin – The INFO2 File

```
0000 ..... C:\APM_Setup\users\README.....
0120 .....
0240 ..... J ..... e·#°SÊ ..... C:\A·P·M·_·S·e·t·u·p·\·u·s·e·r·s·\·R·E·A·D·M·E·
0360 .....
0480 .....
0600 .....
0720 .....
0840 .....
0960 .....
1080 I ..... °KÚ·,SÊ ..... C:\i·d·s·u·i·t·e·_·r·u·n·.·b·a·t .....
1200 .....
1320 .....
```

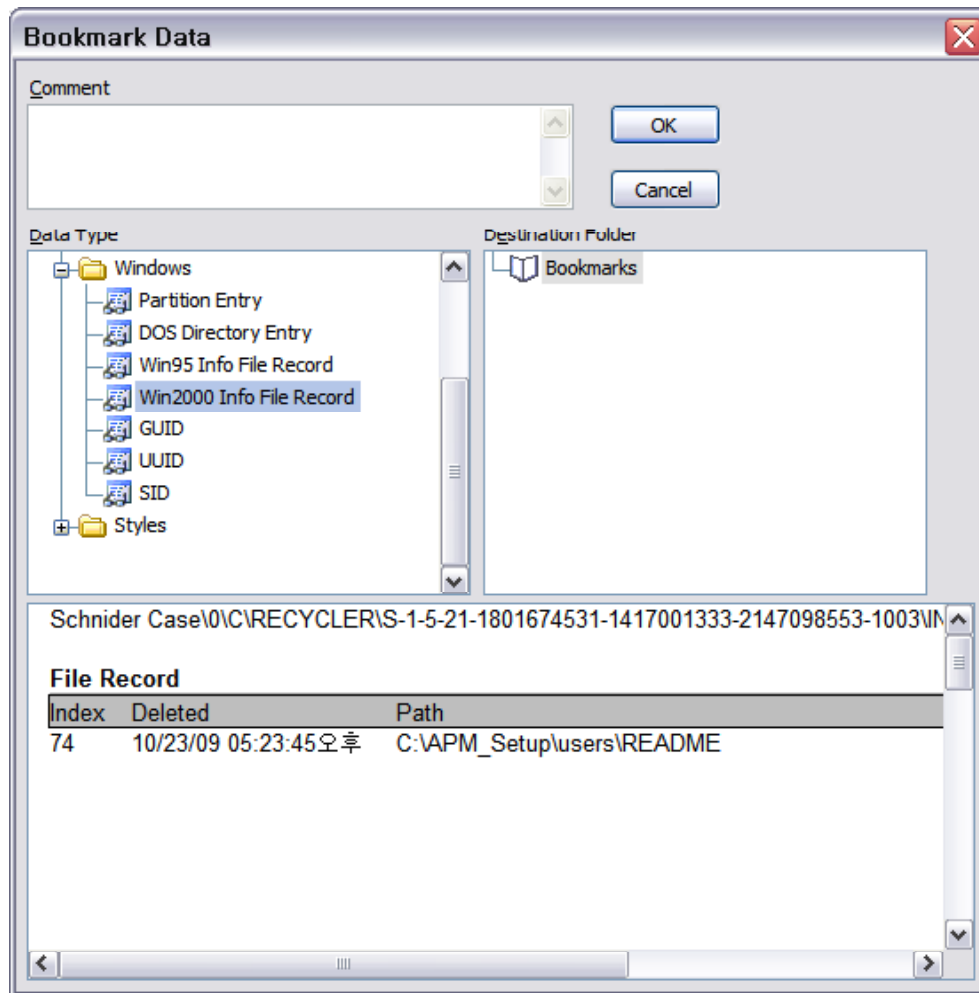
Schnider Case W0WC WRECYCLER WS-1-5-21-1801674531-1417001333-2147098553-1003 WINFO2 (PS 22062231 LS 22062168 CL 2757771 SO 000 FO 0 LE 820)

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0000 ..... C:\APM_Setup\users\README.....
0120 .....
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0480 .....
0600 .....
0720 .....
0840 .....
0960 .....
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1320 .....
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# Windows Operating System Artifacts

## Recycle Bin – The INFO2 File



# Windows Operating System Artifacts

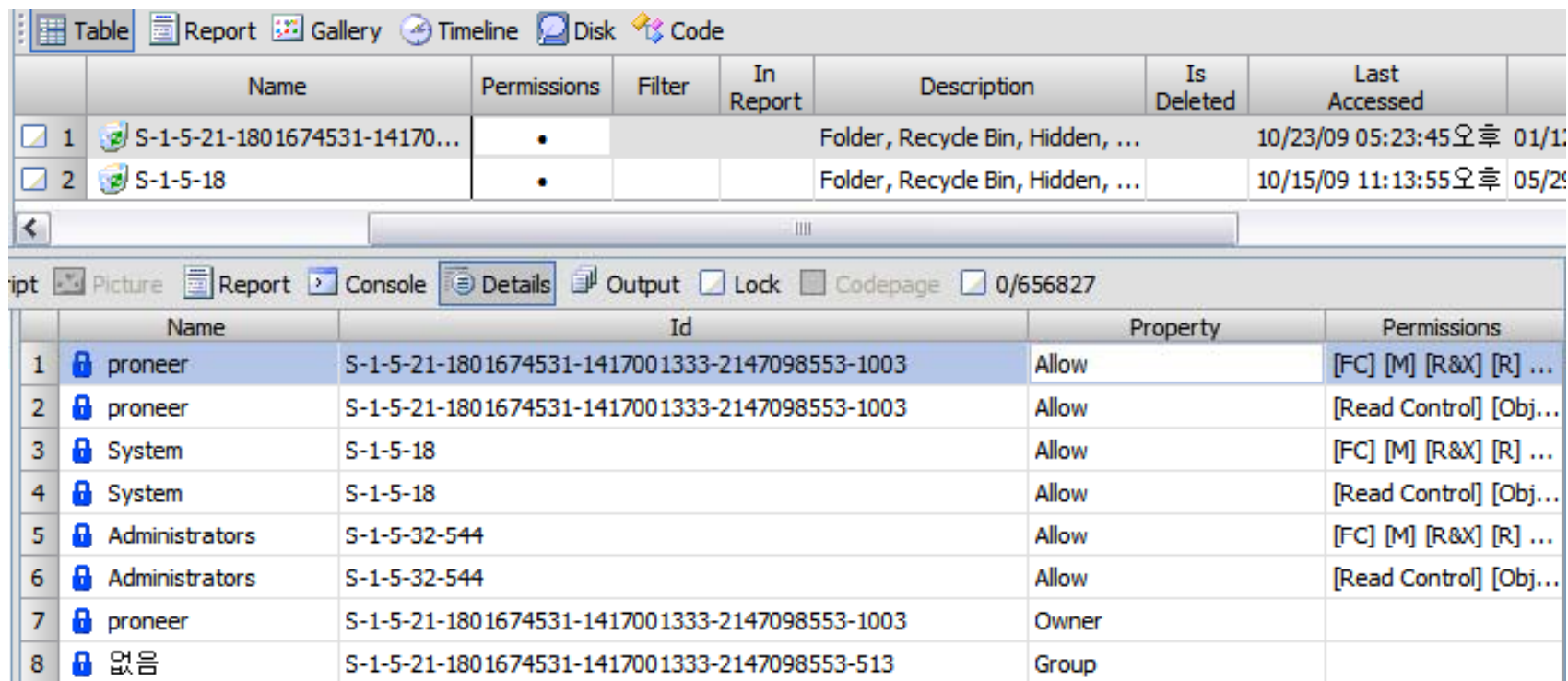
## Recycle Bin – Determining the Owner of Files

- Windows NT/2K/XP/2003,
  - a Recycle Bin folder bearing the user's security ID (SID) → uniquely name folder
- Deleted files can be traced back to their owner through the SID
- SID involves mounting the Security Account Manager (SAM) registry file



# Windows Operating System Artifacts

## Recycle Bin – Determining the Owner of Files



The screenshot displays a forensic tool interface with two main tables. The top table lists files in a Recycle Bin, and the bottom table shows the permissions for those files.

	Name	Permissions	Filter	In Report	Description	Is Deleted	Last Accessed
<input type="checkbox"/>	1 S-1-5-21-1801674531-14170...	•			Folder, Recycle Bin, Hidden, ...		10/23/09 05:23:45 오후 01/1/...
<input type="checkbox"/>	2 S-1-5-18	•			Folder, Recycle Bin, Hidden, ...		10/15/09 11:13:55 오후 05/2/...

	Name	Id	Property	Permissions
1	proneer	S-1-5-21-1801674531-1417001333-2147098553-1003	Allow	[FC] [M] [R&X] [R] ...
2	proneer	S-1-5-21-1801674531-1417001333-2147098553-1003	Allow	[Read Control] [Obj...
3	System	S-1-5-18	Allow	[FC] [M] [R&X] [R] ...
4	System	S-1-5-18	Allow	[Read Control] [Obj...
5	Administrators	S-1-5-32-544	Allow	[FC] [M] [R&X] [R] ...
6	Administrators	S-1-5-32-544	Allow	[Read Control] [Obj...
7	proneer	S-1-5-21-1801674531-1417001333-2147098553-1003	Owner	
8	없음	S-1-5-21-1801674531-1417001333-2147098553-513	Group	

# Windows Operating System Artifacts

## Recycle Bin – Determining the Owner of Files

- When the user empties the entire Recycle Bin,
  - directory or MFT entries for all files are marked as deleted
- The INFO2 database is adjusted to its default or empty size of 20 bytes (Windows XP/2003)
- So, you examine the file slack that immediately follows the 20-bytes header



# Windows Operating System Artifacts

## Recycle Bin – Determining the Owner of Files

```
0000 .....
0120 .....
0240 .....
0360 .....
0480 .....
0600 .....
0720 .....
0840 \E"EAÄI~1\ABOUT~1\ABOUTC~1\CIST, P~1\MAIN_M~1.FLA CISTÈ"EAÄIÄSÄÜ%+;ø»EAÄI\CIST, P~1\main_menu - "»ç"».fla
0960 .....
1080 R.....`X·ñOSÊ·à·D:·\·0·9·]·C·I·S·T·\·[·A·s·s·i·s·t·a·n·t·]·\·HÖÖtÇÄÉ·-(,B»·Á\·a·b·o·u·t· ··YÖÐEHÖÖtÇÄÉ\·s
1200 b·o·u·t· ·C·I·S·T·HÖÖtÇÄÉÇÄÄE%·Ó|Ç·C·I·S·T·T°t°\·m·a·i·n·_·m·e·n·u· ·-·õ·À%·.f·l·a·
1320 .....
1440 .....
1560 .....
1680 .....D:\09_CIS~1\_ASSIS~1\E"EAÄI~1\ABOUT~1\ABOUTC~1\CIST, P~1\MAI
1800 .....S.....`X·ñOSÊ·0·D:·\·0·9·]·C·I·S
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2040 C·I·S·T·T°t°\·m·a·i·n·_·m·e·n·u· ·-·õ·À%·.s·w·f·
2160 .....
2280 .....
2400 .....:\09_CIS~1\_ASSIS~1\E"EAÄI~1\ABOUT~1\ABOUTC~1\CIST, P~1\MAIN_M~2.FLA CISTÈ"EAÄIÄSÄÜ%+;ø»EAÄI\CIST
2520 ,P~1\main_menu fla
2640 .....T.....`X·ñOSÊ·Ð·D:·\·0·9·]·C·I·S·T·\·[·A·s·s·i·s·t·a·n·t·]·\·HÖÖtÇÄÉ
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2880 a.....
```



# Windows Operating System Artifacts

## Recycle Bin – Files Restored or Deleted from the Recycle Bin

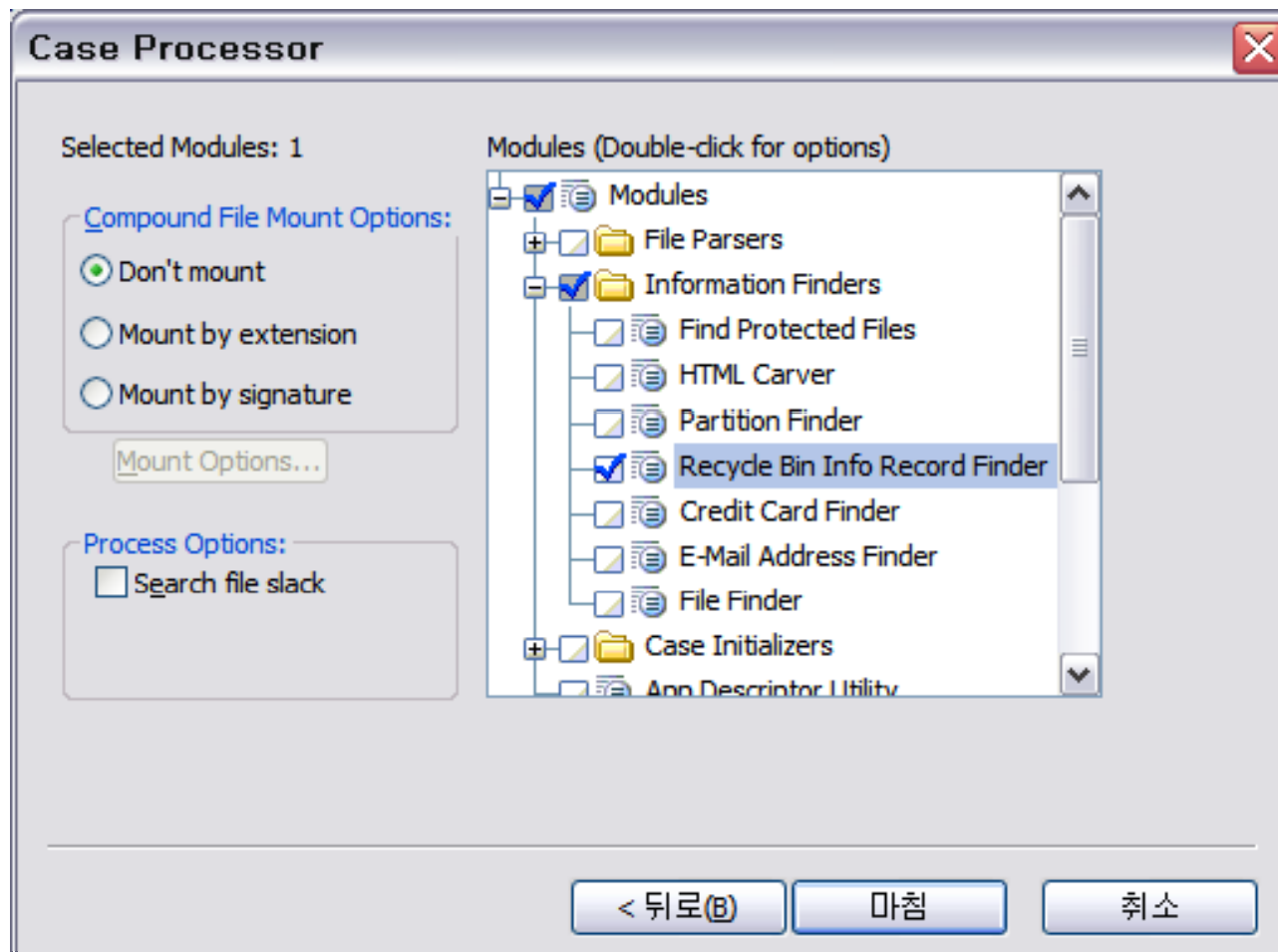
The image displays two screenshots of a hex editor interface, likely used for forensic analysis. Both screenshots show a hex dump of data with a corresponding ASCII view on the right. The top screenshot shows a file path for a restored file, and the bottom screenshot shows a file path for a deleted file.

**Restored File:** The hex dump shows the file path `..:\DOCUME~1\proneer\*\UAAE~1\proneer.jpg`. The hex values `00 3A 5C` are highlighted with a red box, corresponding to the characters `00 3A 5C` in the ASCII view. The ASCII view also shows the file name `proneer.jpg`.

**Deleted File:** The hex dump shows the file path `..C:\DOCUME~1\proneer\*\UAAE~1\people.xls`. The hex value `43` is highlighted with a red box, corresponding to the character `43` in the ASCII view. The ASCII view also shows the file name `people.xls`.

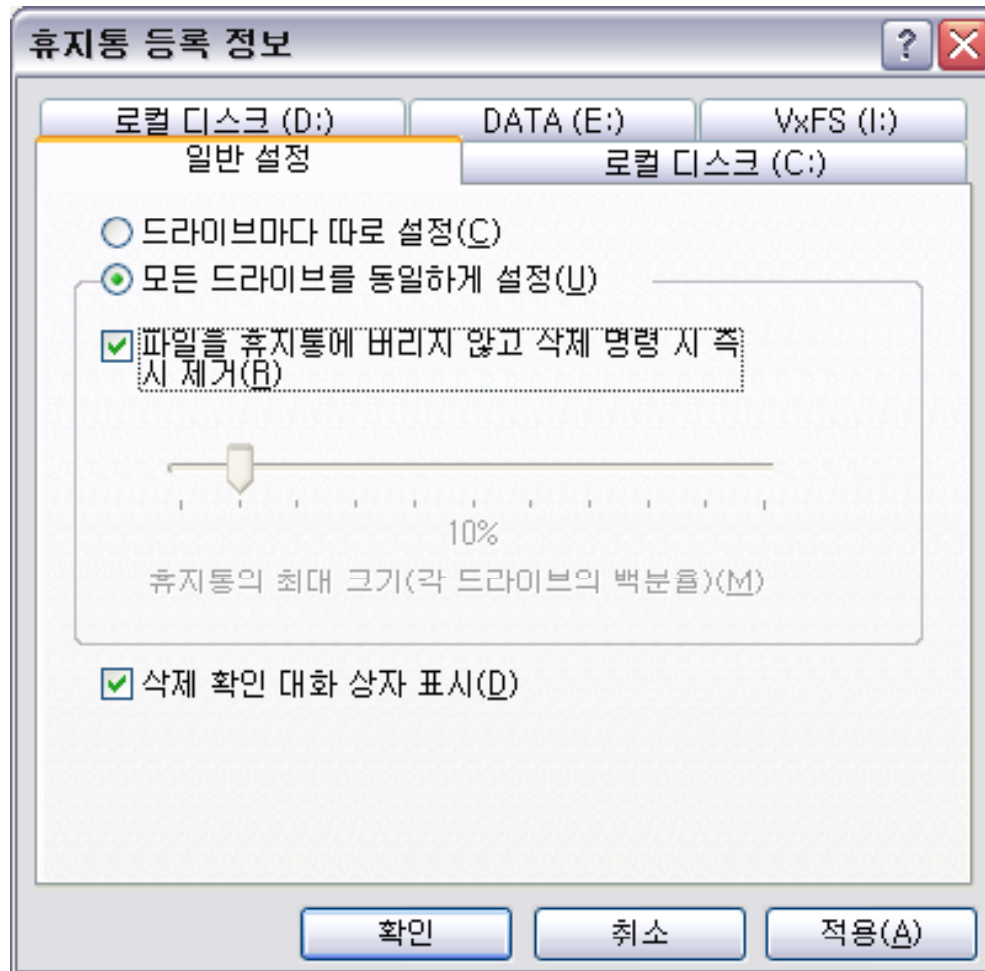
# Windows Operating System Artifacts

## Recycle Bin – Using an EnScript to Determine the Status of Recycle Bin Files



# Windows Operating System Artifacts

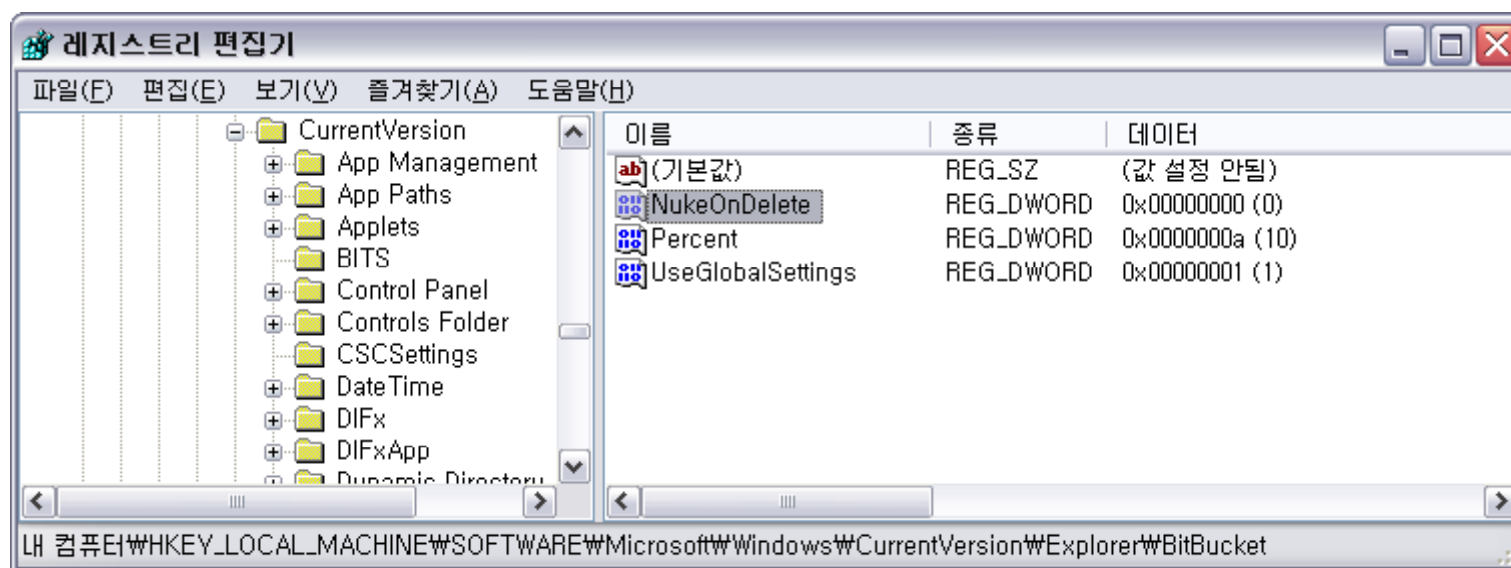
## Recycle Bin – Bypass



# Windows Operating System Artifacts

## Recycle Bin – Bypass

- HKEY\_LOCAL\_MACHINE\SOFTWARE\Microsoft\Windows\CurrentVersion\Explorer\BitBucket

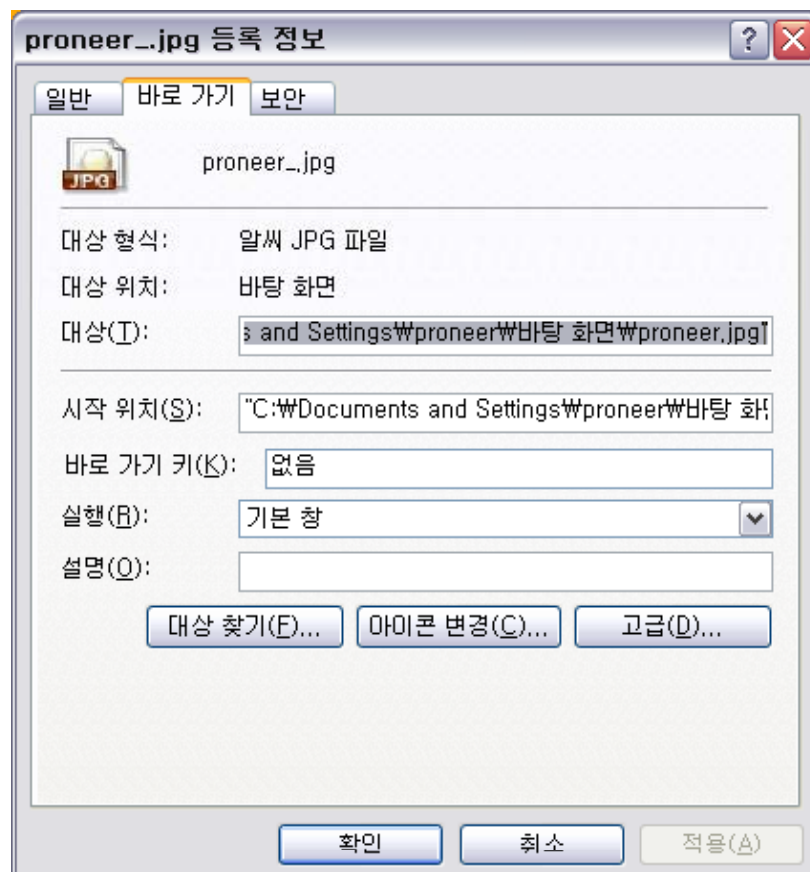


- 0x01h : Set

# Windows Operating System Artifacts

## Link Files

- *Link Files* are also known as shortcuts (.lnk)



# Windows Operating System Artifacts

## Link Files – Forensic Importance

- *Link files* are **ubiquitous**
- The operating system creates **many link files** by default
- **The Recycle Bin** is a typical default desktop *link file*
- when applications are installed, *link files* are placed in various locations
- *Link files* can be created on the **desktop** or on the **Quick Launch taskbar**
- Certain actions by the user **create link files** without their knowledge



# Windows Operating System Artifacts

## Link Files – Forensic Importance

- When a user opens a document, a link file is created in the Recent folder
- Link files, like any other file, have MAC time stamps
- Program was installed on one date and a link file was created later → reveal
- Each time a link file is “used”, knowingly or unknowingly,
- information about the target file is updated → modified each time



# Windows Operating System Artifacts

## Link Files – Forensic Importance

- Link file various attributes
  - The complete path
  - Volume serial number on which the target file or folder exist
  - File's size in bytes
  - MAC time stamps of the target file





# Windows Operating System Artifacts

## Link Files – Forensic Importance

The screenshot shows a Windows Explorer window with a list of files. The file list includes:

Name	File Ext
Desktop.ini	ini
Adobe CS3 DP Korea.iso.lnk	lnk
major_1.gif.lnk	lnk
원본 파일.JPG.lnk	lnk
IEEE754.sln.lnk	lnk
2009 proneer template.pptx.lnk	lnk
2009년 디지털 포렌식 연구...	lnk
FileTypeCheck.lnk	lnk
Broodwar.ISO (4).lnk	lnk

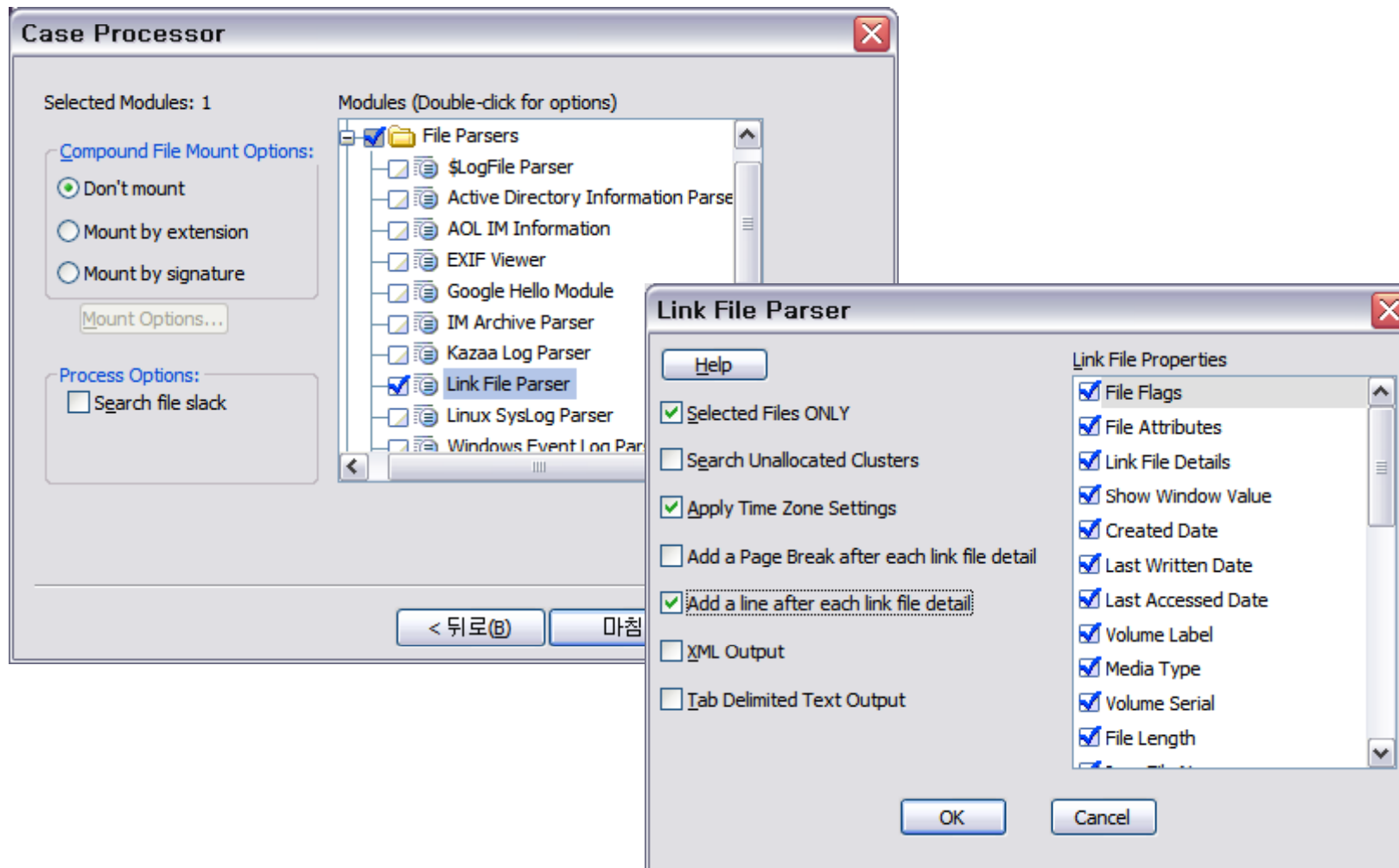
Below the file list, a hex editor view is shown with a context menu open. The hex data is as follows:

```
0000 4C 00 00 00 01 14 02 00 00 00 00 00 C0 00 00 00 00 00 00 46 L.....À.....F
0020 83 00 00 00 10 00 00 00 38 0C B0 E0 CA 76 C9 01 F4 B9 C5 7C □.....8.°àËvÉ·ð¹Ä|
0040 D2 76 C9 01 CA 9B 48 6C CB 76 C9 01 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 OvÉ·Ë□HlËvÉ.....
0060 01 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 .....m...
0080 1F 50 E0 4F D0 20 EA 3A 69 10 A2 D0 00 00 00 00 00 00 .....PàOÐ ê:i·eØ··+00|..
0100 2F 44 3A 5C 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 ...../D:\.....
0120 00 00 00 36 00 31 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 .....6·1.....(:'@··STU
```

The context menu is open over the hex data, showing options: Bookmark Data... (Ctrl-B), Export..., and Copy (Ctrl-C).

# Windows Operating System Artifacts

## Link Files – Using the Link File Parser EnScript



# Windows Operating System Artifacts

## Link Files – Using the Link File Parser EnScript

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INFO2\_LinkParser1\Link File Parser\0

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File Object GUID: {E10A57AC-DEFE-4B33-A964-E5331CC30342}  
File Object GUID (16 Byte Sequence): 3EA8DB84C6C1DD11B37B005056C00008  
Target Volume GUID:  
Target Volume GUID (16 Byte Sequence):  
Target File GUID:  
Target File GUID (16 Byte Sequence):

```
L.....À.....F.....n.....<=É·6·firtÉ·ÊgfÉŽ=É·x,x.....7.....PàOè ê:i·c0··+0  
0·/D:\.....<·1·.....,=-·UTILITY·g.....i%è8'·-:Üb···U·T·I·L·I·T·Y····1·1····c  
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ápF3K@dâ3·Ä·B>·Ü,·EÁÝ·³{·PVÀ··-W  
ápF3K@dâ3·Ä·B>·Ü,·EÁÝ·³{·PVÀ····
```

4) Schnider Case\0\C\Documents and Settings\proneer\Recent\major\_1.gif.lnk  
Link File: major\_1.gif.lnk  
Full Path: Schnider Case\0\C\Documents and Settings\proneer\Recent\major\_1.gif.lnk  
Offset: 0  
Size: 989  
File Flags: HASITEMID | ISFILEORFOLDER | HASWORKINGDIRECTORY  
File Attributes: ARCHIVE  
Show Window Value: SW\_NORMAL\_WT  
Created Date: 02/05/09 01:07:00 오후  
Last Written Date: 02/05/09 01:10:29 오후  
Last Accessed Date: 02/05/09 01:12:42 오후  
Volume Label: D  
Media Type: Fixed  
Volume Serial: 88 B7 81 D6  
File Length: 1772  
Icon File Name:  
Command Line:  
Base Path: D:\CIST\ [ ASSISTANT ]\É·ÆaÀiÀö°ü·Ä·@%·\ [2008.09.16] IME\_www\_backup\img\entrance\major\_1.gif  
Application Path:  
Working Directory: D:\CIST\ [ ASSISTANT ]\홈페이지관련문서\ [2008.09.16] IME\_www\_backup\img\entrance



# Windows Operating System Artifacts

## Windows 2000, XP, and Vista Folders

Operating System	User Profile Folders	Default System Folder
Windows 9x/ME	No Documents and Settings Folder	C:\Windows
Windows NT	No Documents and Settings Folder C:\WINNT\Profiles	C:\WINNT
Windows 2000	C:\Documents and Settings	C:\WINNT
Windows XP/2003	C:\Documents and Settings	C:\Windows
Windows Vista	C:\Users	C:\Windows



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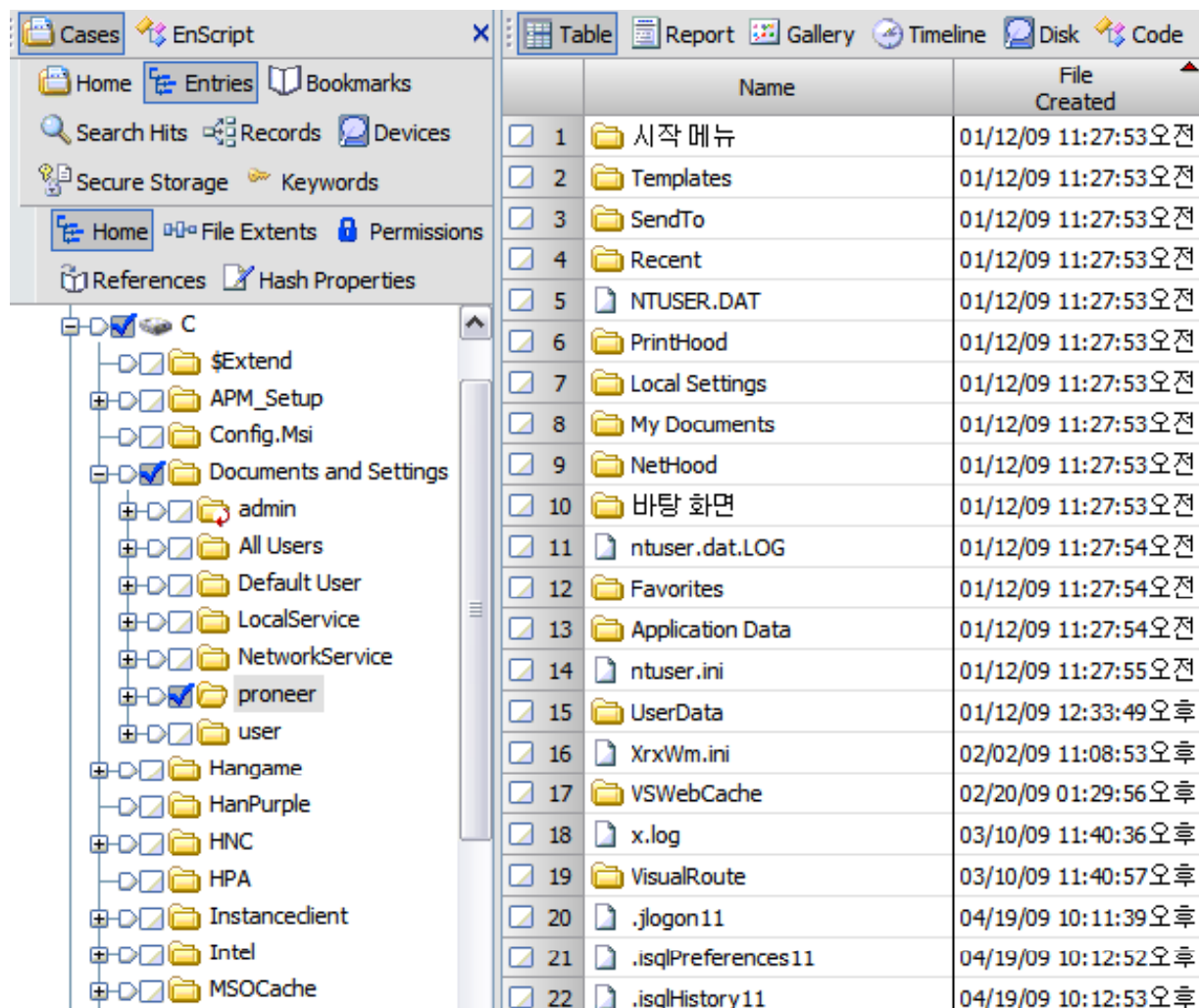
## Windows 2000, XP, and Vista Folders

- All version (NT, 2000, XP, 2003, Vista) create a unique artifact when the user first logs on the system
- Folder is created that bears the name of the logged-on user
- At the same time, subfolders are created at first logon



# Windows Operating System Artifacts

## Windows 2000, XP, and Vista Folders

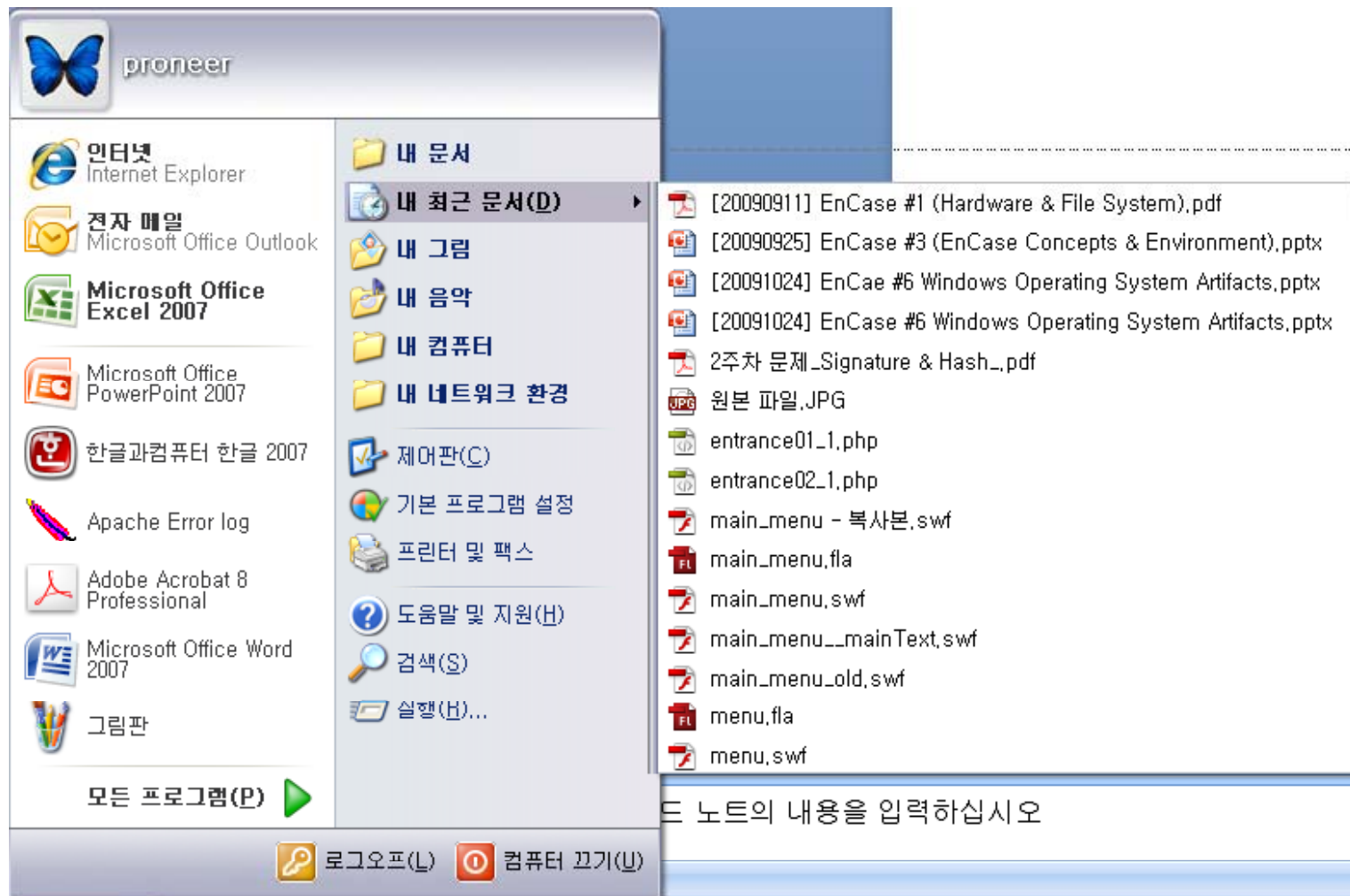


	Name	File Created	
<input type="checkbox"/>	1	시작 메뉴	01/12/09 11:27:53오전
<input type="checkbox"/>	2	Templates	01/12/09 11:27:53오전
<input type="checkbox"/>	3	SendTo	01/12/09 11:27:53오전
<input type="checkbox"/>	4	Recent	01/12/09 11:27:53오전
<input type="checkbox"/>	5	NTUSER.DAT	01/12/09 11:27:53오전
<input type="checkbox"/>	6	PrintHood	01/12/09 11:27:53오전
<input type="checkbox"/>	7	Local Settings	01/12/09 11:27:53오전
<input type="checkbox"/>	8	My Documents	01/12/09 11:27:53오전
<input type="checkbox"/>	9	NetHood	01/12/09 11:27:53오전
<input type="checkbox"/>	10	바탕 화면	01/12/09 11:27:53오전
<input type="checkbox"/>	11	ntuser.dat.LOG	01/12/09 11:27:54오전
<input type="checkbox"/>	12	Favorites	01/12/09 11:27:54오전
<input type="checkbox"/>	13	Application Data	01/12/09 11:27:54오전
<input type="checkbox"/>	14	ntuser.ini	01/12/09 11:27:55오전
<input type="checkbox"/>	15	UserData	01/12/09 12:33:49오후
<input type="checkbox"/>	16	XrxWm.ini	02/02/09 11:08:53오후
<input type="checkbox"/>	17	VSWebCache	02/20/09 01:29:56오후
<input type="checkbox"/>	18	x.log	03/10/09 11:40:36오후
<input type="checkbox"/>	19	VisualRoute	03/10/09 11:40:57오후
<input type="checkbox"/>	20	.jlogon11	04/19/09 10:11:39오후
<input type="checkbox"/>	21	.isqlPreferences11	04/19/09 10:12:52오후
<input type="checkbox"/>	22	.isqlHistory11	04/19/09 10:12:53오후



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- Windows XP : *C:\Documents and Settings\\Recent*
- Windows Vista : *C:\Users\\AppData\ Roaming  
\ Microsoft\ Windows\Recent*
- Examine in a case in the Recent Folder :
  - sort the files chronologically by last written time
  - to see what kind of files the user has been accessing
  - quickly point the way to the user's favored or hidden storage locations
  - saving you lots of time and quickly focusing your resources in the right direction





# Question & Answer

