

Project 8 for CNIT 121: NTFS Data Runs (25 points)

Purpose

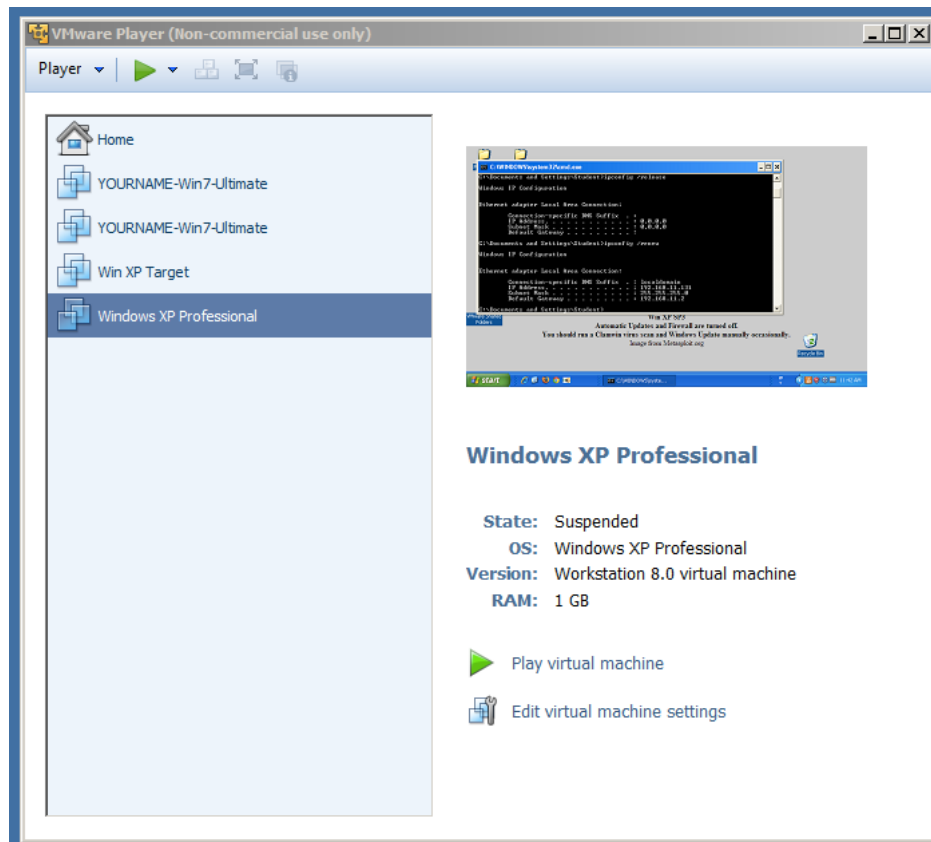
To examine and adjust NTFS directory structure directly at the binary level.

What You Need

- A Windows machine, of any type. I wrote the instructions using VMware fusion, and the Windows Server 2008 guest you have used in previous projects.
- You could also do this project with a single physical machine and use a USB flash drive as the target drive.

Adding a Small Disk to the Virtual Machine

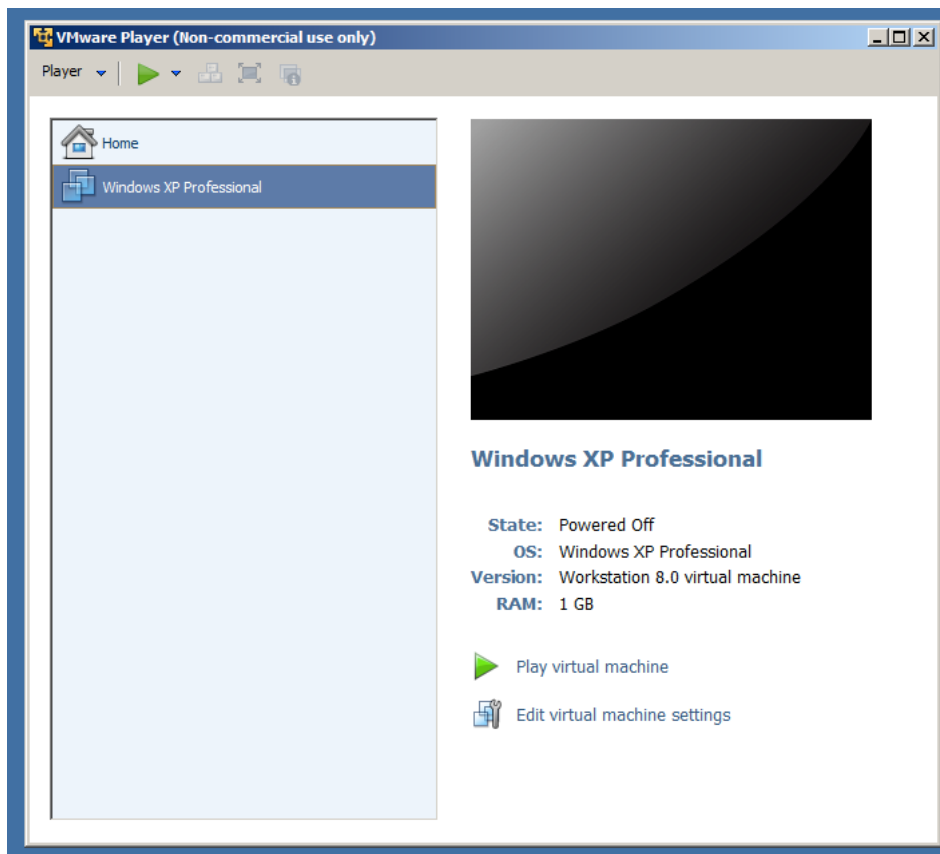
Launch VMware Player. If your virtual machine is "Suspended" as shown below, start it and shut it down properly.



If VMware Player closed, open it again.

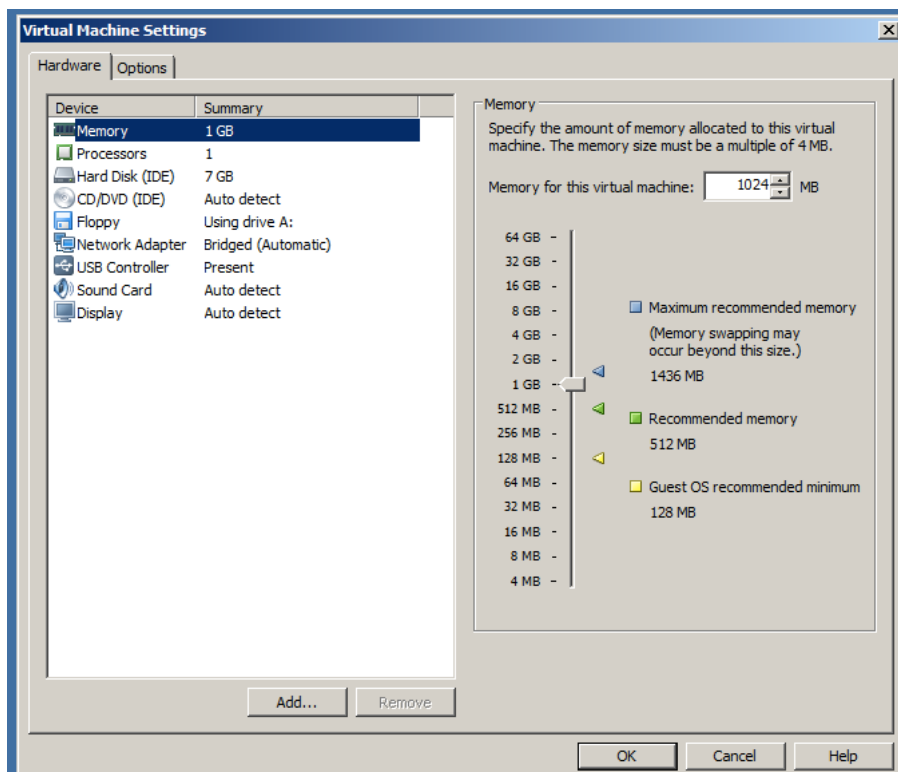
Your virtual machine should now be "Powered Off", as shown below.

On the lower right, click the "Edit virtual machine settings" link.



The "Virtual Machine Settings" opens, as shown below.

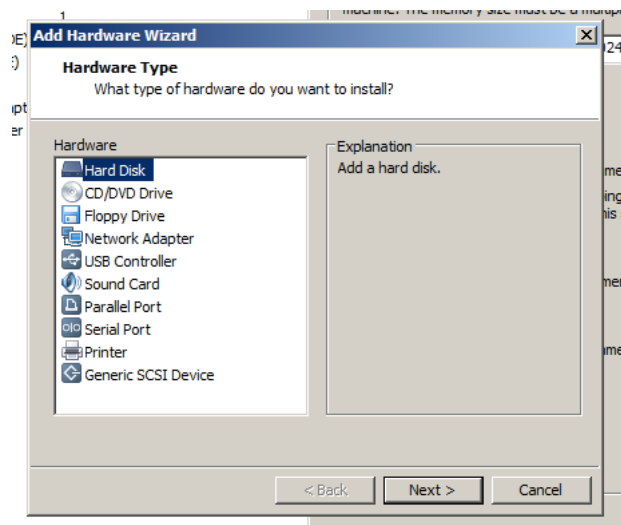
On the lower left, click the **Add...** button.



The "Add Hardware Wizard" opens, as shown below.

In the left pane, accept the default selection of "**Hard Disk**".

Click the **Next** button.



In the next box, accept the default selection of "**Create a new virtual disk**".

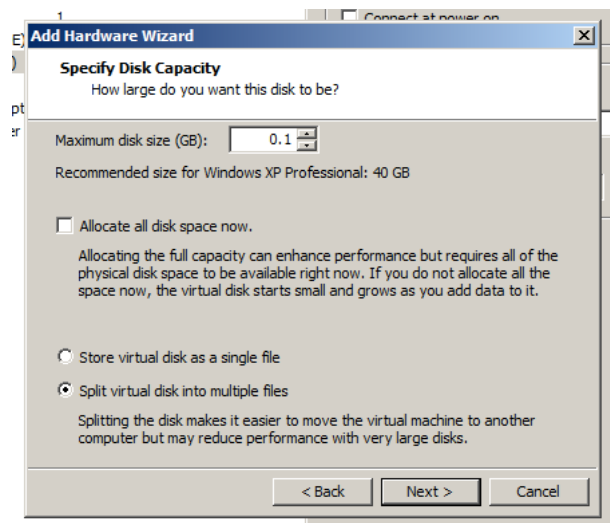
Click the **Next** button.

In the next screen, accept the default selection of "**IDE (Recommended)**".

Click the **Next** button.

In the "Specify Disk Capacity" screen, set the Maximum disk size to **0.1 GB**, as shown below.

Click the **Next** button.



In the "Specify Disk File" screen, accept the default selection.

Click the **Finish** button.

In the "Virtual Machine Settings" screen, click the **OK** button.

Click the "**Play Virtual Machine**" button.

Forensically Cleaning the Disk

Windows can now access the disk. But there is no reason to assume it is clean--disk space often contains latent data.

So we'll forensically clean it, writing 00 on every byte.

In your virtual machine, click **Start, Run**.

In the Run box, type **CMD** and press Enter to open a Command Prompt.

In the Command Prompt window, type these commands, pressing Enter after each one:

DISKPART

LIST DISK

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C:\WINDOWS\system32\cmd.exe - DISKPART
Microsoft Windows XP [Version 5.1.2600]
(C) Copyright 1985-2001 Microsoft Corp.

C:\Documents and Settings\Student>DISKPART

Microsoft DiskPart version 5.1.3565

Copyright (C) 1999-2003 Microsoft Corporation.
On computer: XP-YOURNAME

DISKPART> LIST DISK

   Disk ###  Status       Size       Free      Dyn  Gpt
   -----  -
   Disk 0      Online        7162 MB    659 MB
   Disk 1      Online         101 MB       0 B

DISKPART> SELECT DISK 1

Disk 1 is now the selected disk.

DISKPART> CLEAN ALL

DiskPart succeeded in cleaning the disk.

DISKPART>

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Read the output to find the new 101 MB disk you want to clean--when I did it, it was Disk 1. You don't want to erase the wrong disk by accident!

In the Command Prompt window, execute these commands, specifying the correct disk in the first command:

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SELECT DISK 1
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CLEAN ALL
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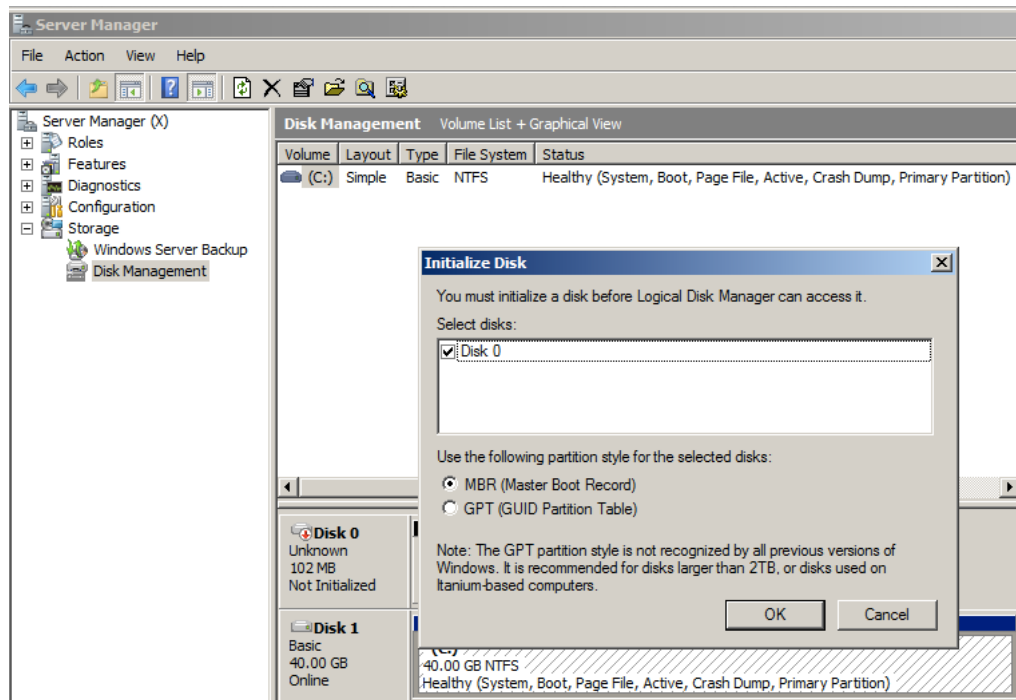
Initializing the New Disk

In your virtual machine, click **Start**.

Right-click "**Computer**" and click **Manage**.

In the left pane of Server Manager, expand **Storage** and click "**Disk Management**".

An "Initialize Disk" box opens, as shown below.

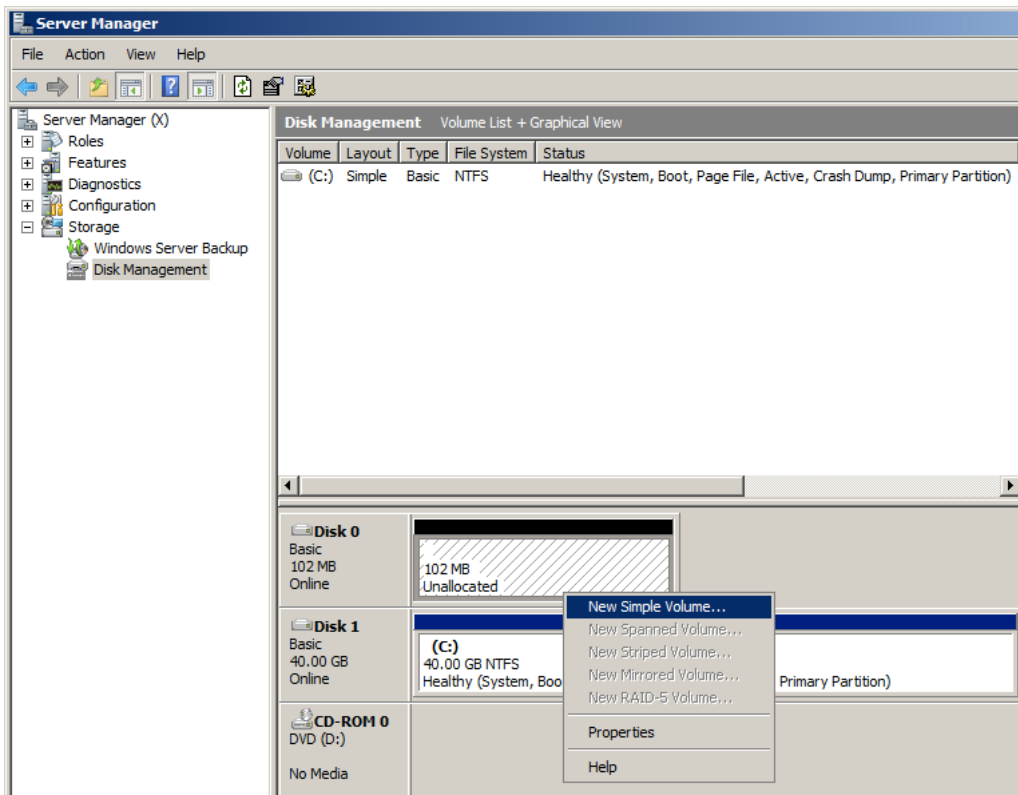


In the "Initilze Disk" box, accept the default choice of "MBR (Master Boot Record)" and click **OK**.

Partitioning and Formatting the New Drive

In Disk Management, in the lower center, right-click the "Unallocated" space on your new hard disk.

In the context menu, click "**New Simple Volume...**", as shown below.



The "New Simple Volume Wizard" opens.

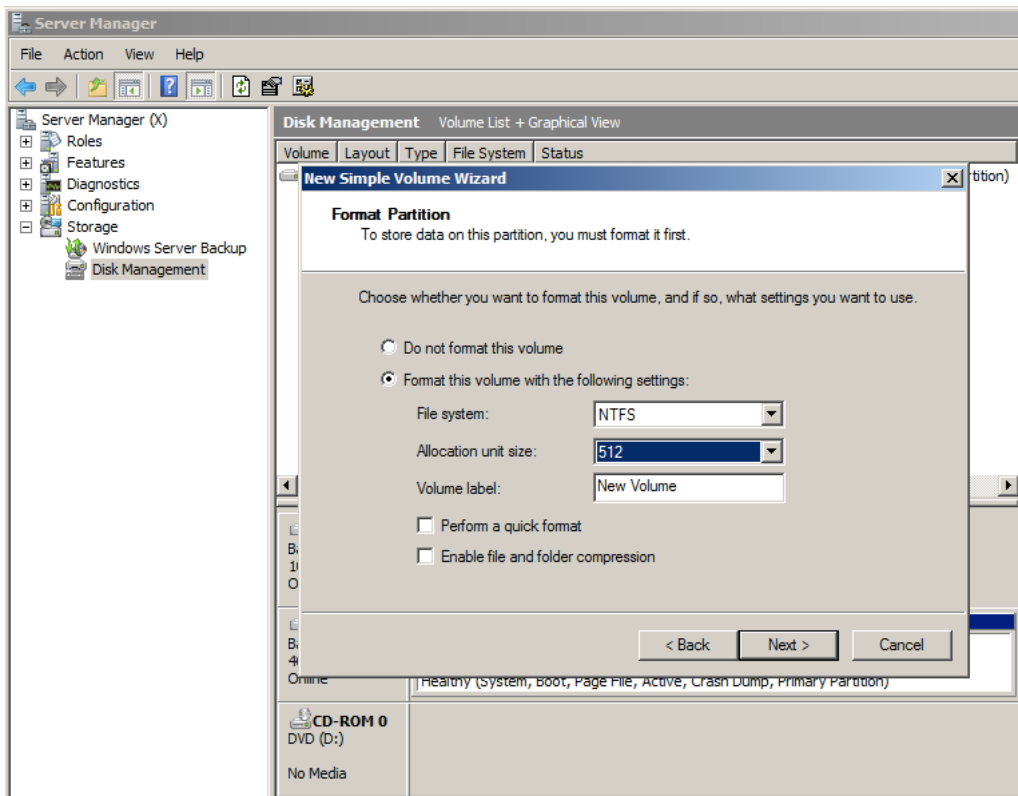
Click **Next**.

In the "Select Volume Size" screen, accept the default size and click **Next**.

In the "Assign Drive Letter or Path" screen, accept the default selection and click **Next**.

In the "Format Partition" screen, set the "Allocation unit size" to **512**, as shown below, and click **Next**.

This size makes each cluster equal to a sector, which is how floppy disks work. It's inefficient for large disks, but OK for this small disk and it simplifies the project.

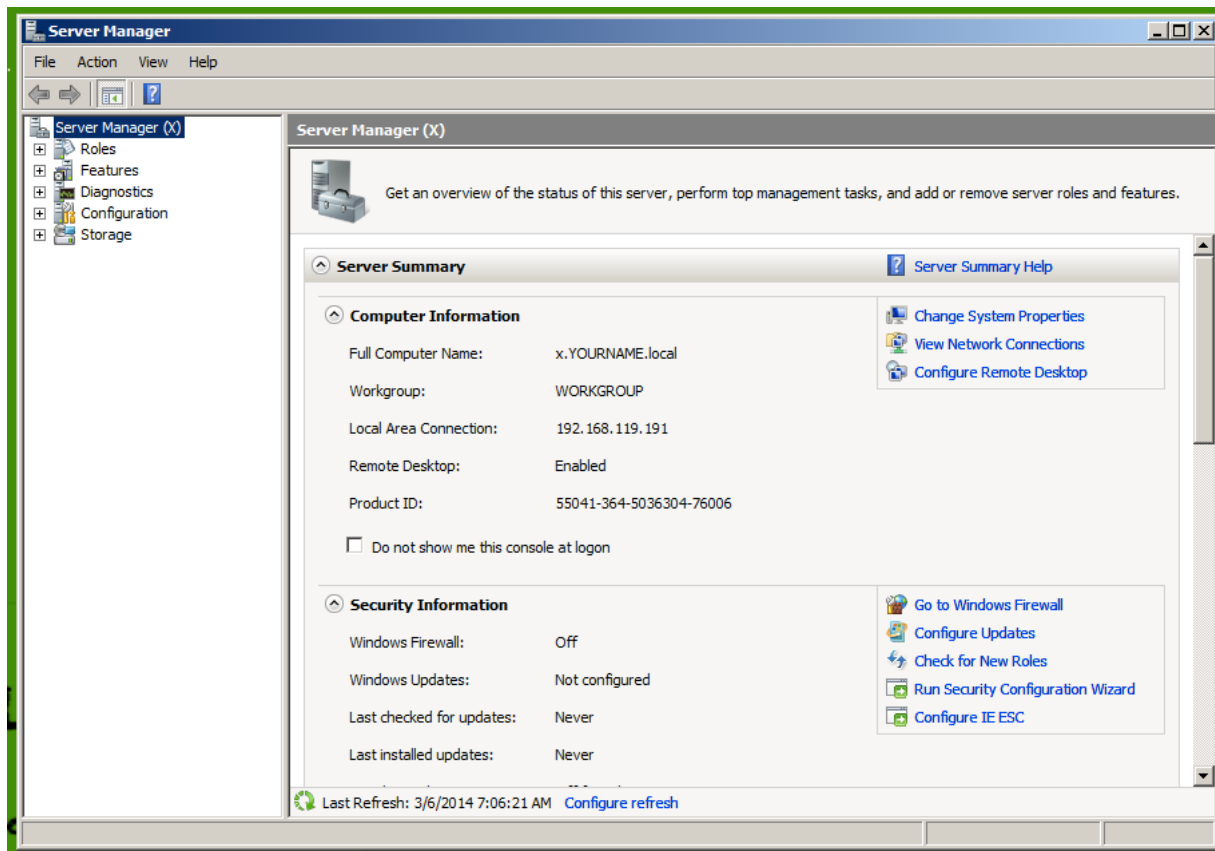


In the "Completing the New Simple Volume Wizard" screen, click **Finish**.

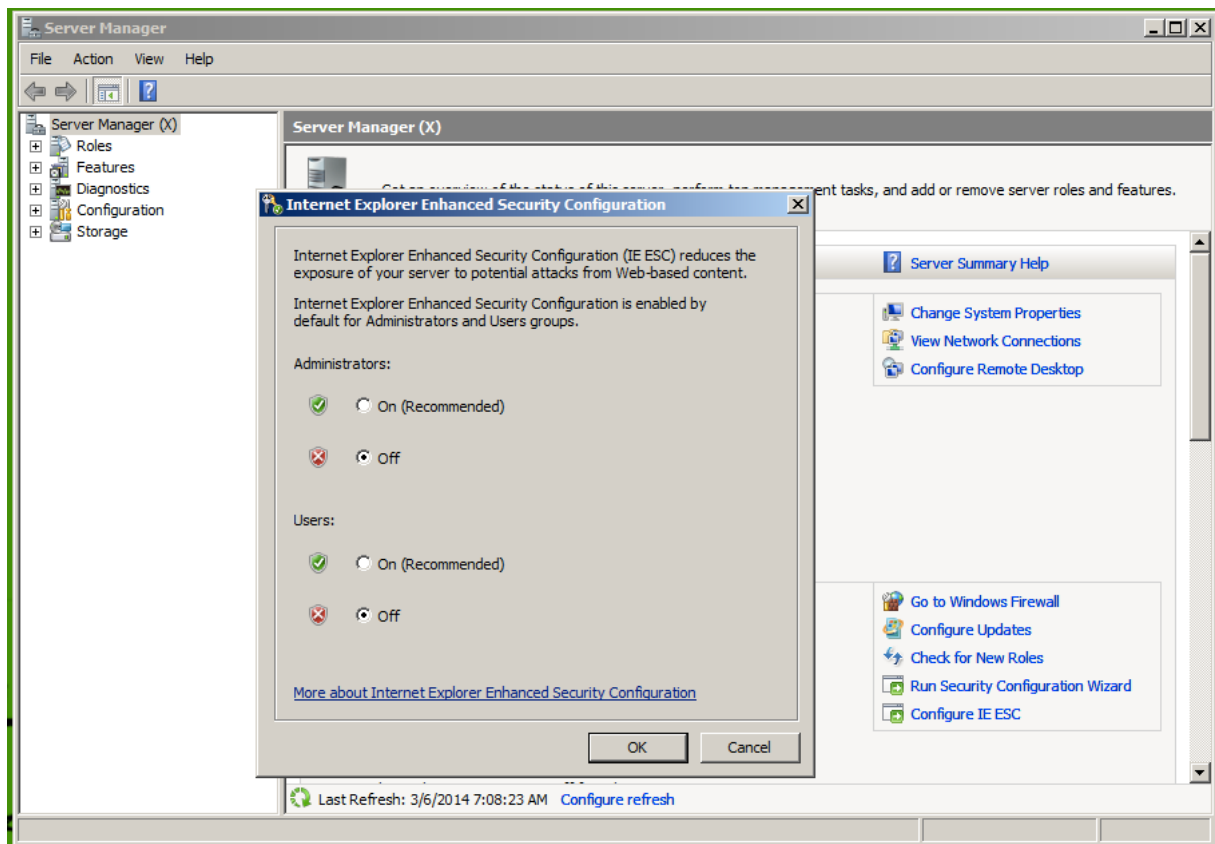
Turning Off Internet Explorer Enhanced Security Configuration

This is an annoyance that only happens on Server versions of windows. It's intended to deter people from surfing the Internet on a server.

In the lower right of Server Manager, in the "Security Information" section, click the "Configure IE ESC" link, as shown below.



Click both **Off** buttons, as shown below. Then click **OK**.



Downloading the Test Files

In your virtual machine, open Internet Explorer and open this page of instructions.

Right-click the FILE1.TXT link below and save the file on your desktop.

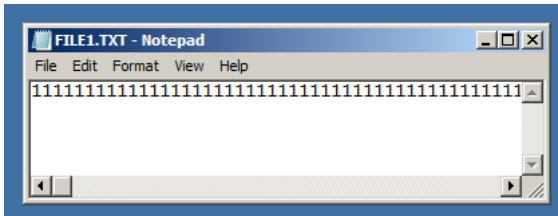
Repeat the process for FILE2.TXT.

[FILE1.TXT](#)

[FILE2.TXT](#)

On your desktop, double-click **FILE1.TXT** to open it in Notepad.

As you can see, this file contains 1000 "1" characters on a single line.



Open FILE2.TXT to see what it contains--1000 "2" characters.

Close all Notepad windows.

Copying The Test Files to the New Partition

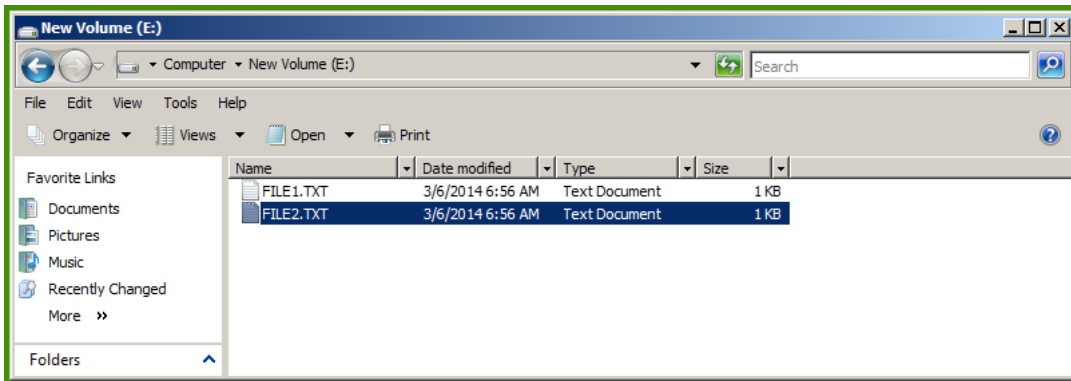
Click **Start**, "**Computer**".

Double-click the "**New Volume**" icon.

Drag the **FILE1.TXT** file from your desktop into the "New Volume" window and drop it there.

Drag the **FILE2.TXT** file from your desktop into the "New Volume" window and drop it there.

The two files should be visible on the new drive, as shown below.



Getting WinHex

Open a browser and go to

<http://winhex.com>

In the center of the page, click **WinHex**

In the left center portion of the window, click **Download**. Save the file on your desktop.

On your desktop, right-click the **winhex.zip** file and click "Extract All...".

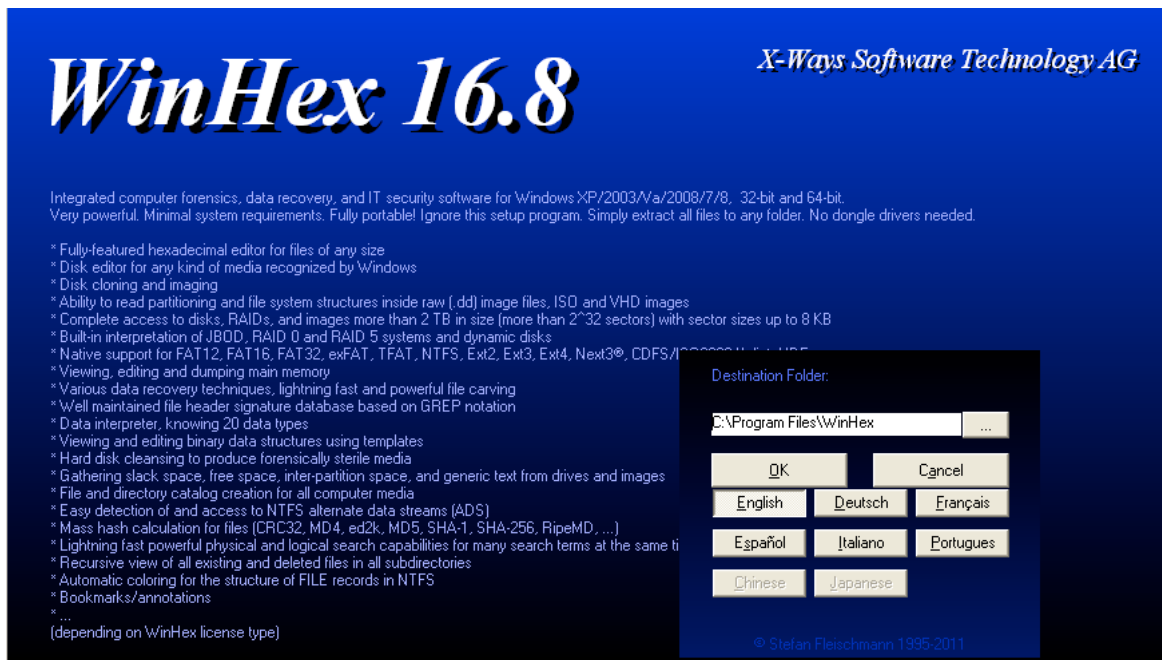
In the "Extract Compressed (zipped) Folders" box, click **Extract**.

A folder with several files opens. Double-click the **setup.exe** file.

If a pop-up box, asks whether you want to run the file, click **Run**.

In the "WinHex 16.8" screen, in the lower right, as shown below, click the **English** button.

Then click the **OK** button.



A pop-up box, asks whether you want to "Install into C:\Program Files\Winhex". Click **Yes**.

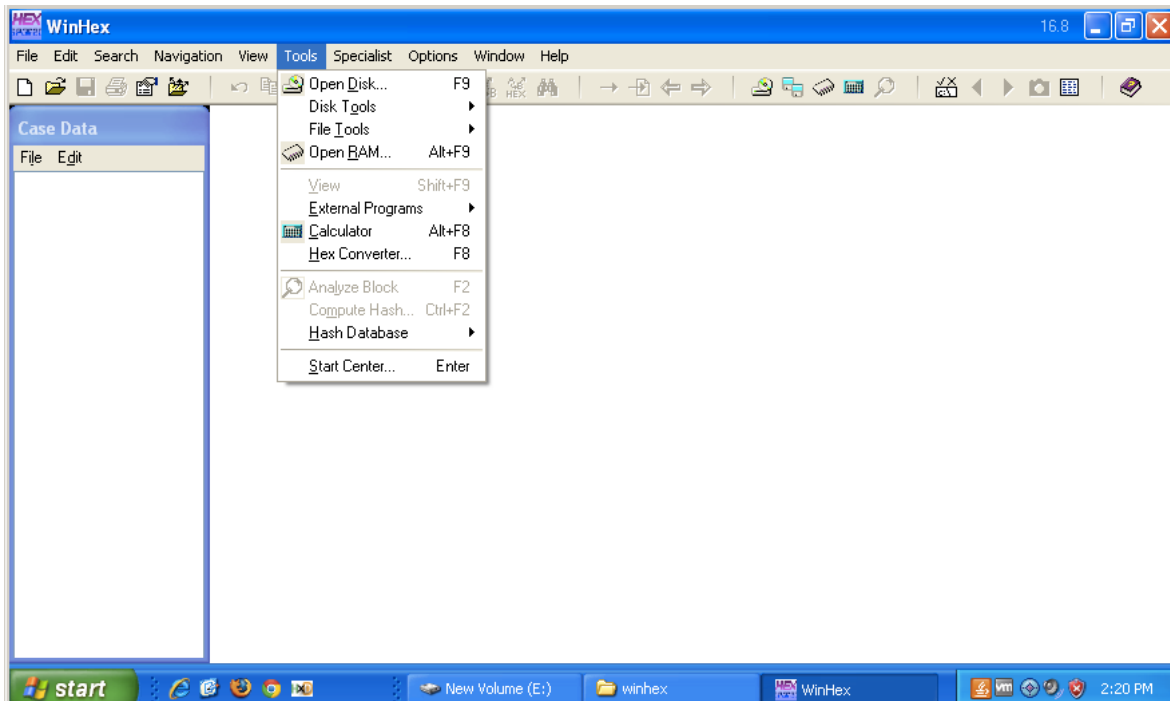
A pop-up box, asks whether you want to "Create program shortcut". Click **Yes**.

A pop-up box, asks whether you want to "Run program". Click **Yes**.

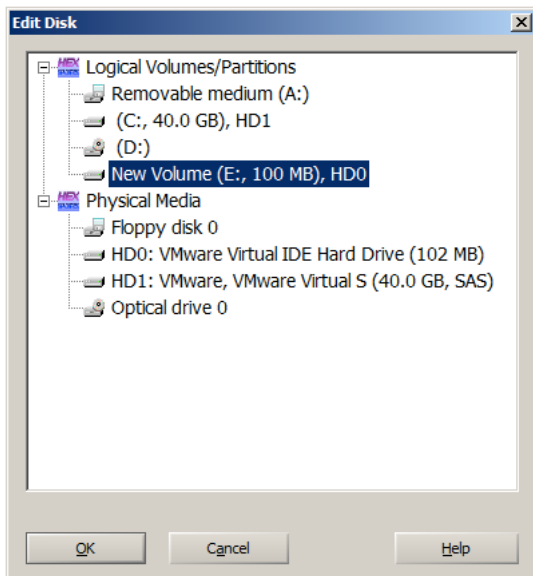
WinHex opens, as shown below.

Viewing the Data in WinHex

From the WinHex menu bar, click **Tools, "Open Disk..."**.



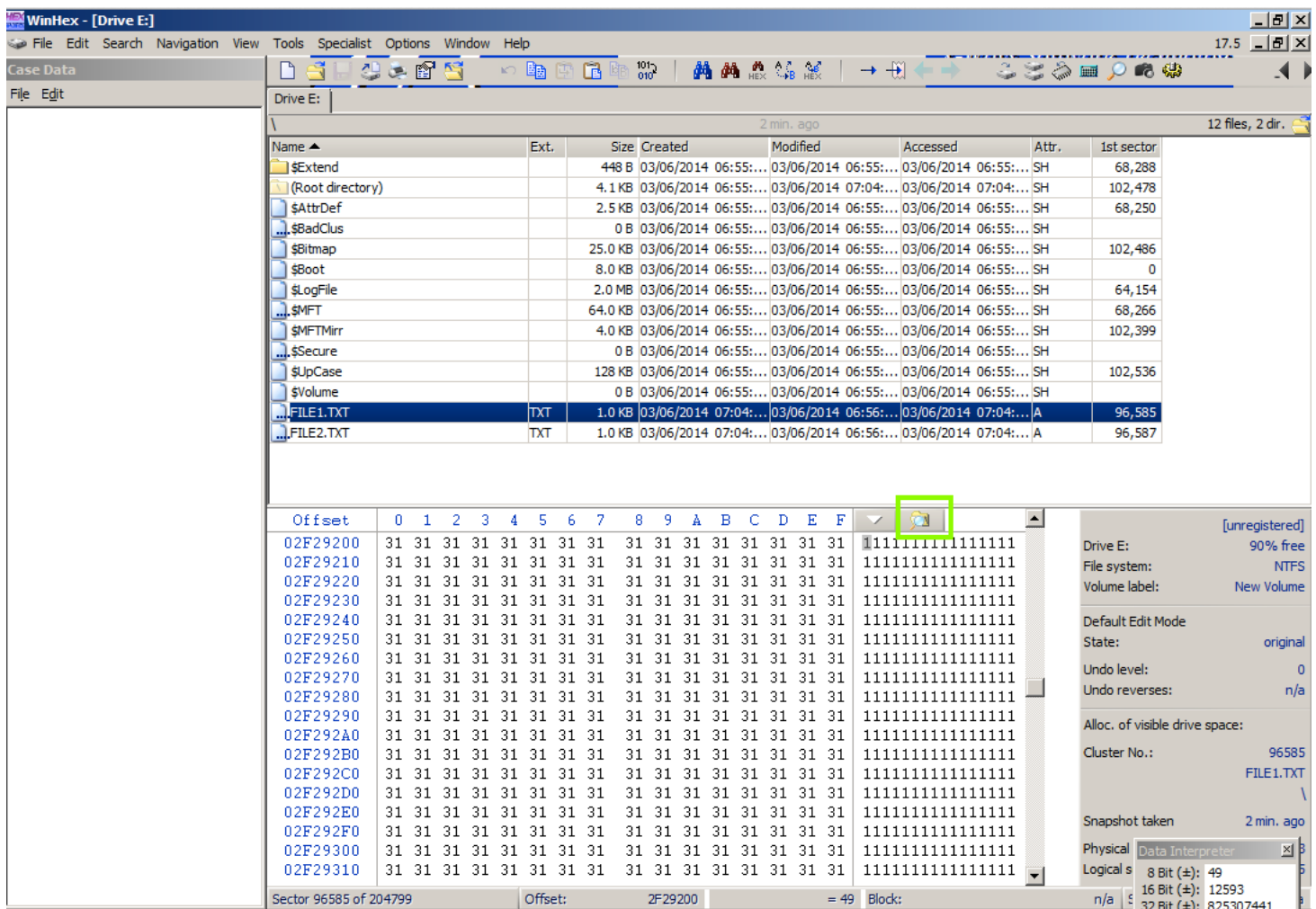
In the "Edit Disk" box, click "New Volume", as shown below, and then click the **OK** button.



The Directory Browser pane appears in the upper center of the window.

In the Directory Browser, click **FILE1.TXT**.

The lower pane shows the raw hex data in the first cluster containing data for FILE1.TXT, as shown below. All the bytes are hexadecimal 31, or the numeral "1".



In the figure above, in the center right, find the little icon marked with a green box. (It's a magnifying glass on a folder). This icon toggles the display of Directory Browser.

In your WinHex window, click that icon now.

Directory Browser vanishes, so you can see more of the hex view, as shown below.

Scroll up a few rows in the hex view so you can see where the "I" characters start, as shown below.

Click the first "31" to put the cursor there.

Just to the left you can see the hexadecimal address of that disk location--when I did it, the address was 02F29200.

The right side of WinHex shows a gray bar with further details, including the cluster number. When I did it, FILE1 started at cluster number 96585, as shown below.

The screenshot shows the WinHex application window with the title bar 'WinHex - [Drive E:]'. The menu bar includes File, Edit, Search, Navigation, View, Tools, Specialist, Options, Window, and Help. The toolbar contains various icons for file operations and viewing options. The main window is divided into three panes: Case Data, File Edit, and a hex view. The hex view displays a grid of hexadecimal values and their corresponding ASCII characters. The cursor is positioned at the first '31' in the row starting at offset 02F29200. The right sidebar shows the 'Properties' of the selected file, FILE1.TXT, including its location on Drive E:, file system (NTFS), volume label (New Volume), and various statistics like used space (9.6 MB) and total capacity (100.0 MB).

Offset	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	A	B	C	D	E	F
02F291E0	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00
02F291F0	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	02	00
02F29200	31	31	31	31	31	31	31	31	31	31	31	31	31	31	31	31
02F29210	31	31	31	31	31	31	31	31	31	31	31	31	31	31	31	31
02F29220	31	31	31	31	31	31	31	31	31	31	31	31	31	31	31	31
02F29230	31	31	31	31	31	31	31	31	31	31	31	31	31	31	31	31
02F29240	31	31	31	31	31	31	31	31	31	31	31	31	31	31	31	31
02F29250	31	31	31	31	31	31	31	31	31	31	31	31	31	31	31	31
02F29260	31	31	31	31	31	31	31	31	31	31	31	31	31	31	31	31
02F29270	31	31	31	31	31	31	31	31	31	31	31	31	31	31	31	31
02F29280	31	31	31	31	31	31	31	31	31	31	31	31	31	31	31	31
02F29290	31	31	31	31	31	31	31	31	31	31	31	31	31	31	31	31
02F292A0	31	31	31	31	31	31	31	31	31	31	31	31	31	31	31	31
02F292B0	31	31	31	31	31	31	31	31	31	31	31	31	31	31	31	31
02F292C0	31	31	31	31	31	31	31	31	31	31	31	31	31	31	31	31
02F292D0	31	31	31	31	31	31	31	31	31	31	31	31	31	31	31	31
02F292E0	31	31	31	31	31	31	31	31	31	31	31	31	31	31	31	31
02F292F0	31	31	31	31	31	31	31	31	31	31	31	31	31	31	31	31
02F29300	31	31	31	31	31	31	31	31	31	31	31	31	31	31	31	31
02F29310	31	31	31	31	31	31	31	31	31	31	31	31	31	31	31	31
02F29320	31	31	31	31	31	31	31	31	31	31	31	31	31	31	31	31
02F29330	31	31	31	31	31	31	31	31	31	31	31	31	31	31	31	31
02F29340	31	31	31	31	31	31	31	31	31	31	31	31	31	31	31	31
02F29350	31	31	31	31	31	31	31	31	31	31	31	31	31	31	31	31
02F29360	31	31	31	31	31	31	31	31	31	31	31	31	31	31	31	31
02F29370	31	31	31	31	31	31	31	31	31	31	31	31	31	31	31	31
02F29380	31	31	31	31	31	31	31	31	31	31	31	31	31	31	31	31
02F29390	31	31	31	31	31	31	31	31	31	31	31	31	31	31	31	31
02F293A0	31	31	31	31	31	31	31	31	31	31	31	31	31	31	31	31
02F293B0	31	31	31	31	31	31	31	31	31	31	31	31	31	31	31	31
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02F293D0	31	31	31	31	31	31	31	31	31	31	31	31	31	31	31	31
02F293E0	31	31	31	31	31	31	31	31	31	31	31	31	31	31	31	31
02F293F0	31	31	31	31	31	31	31	31	31	31	31	31	31	31	31	31
02F29400	31	31	31	31	31	31	31	31	31	31	31	31	31	31	31	31
02F29410	31	31	31	31	31	31	31	31	31	31	31	31	31	31	31	31
02F29420	31	31	31	31	31	31	31	31	31	31	31	31	31	31	31	31
02F29430	31	31	31	31	31	31	31	31	31	31	31	31	31	31	31	31

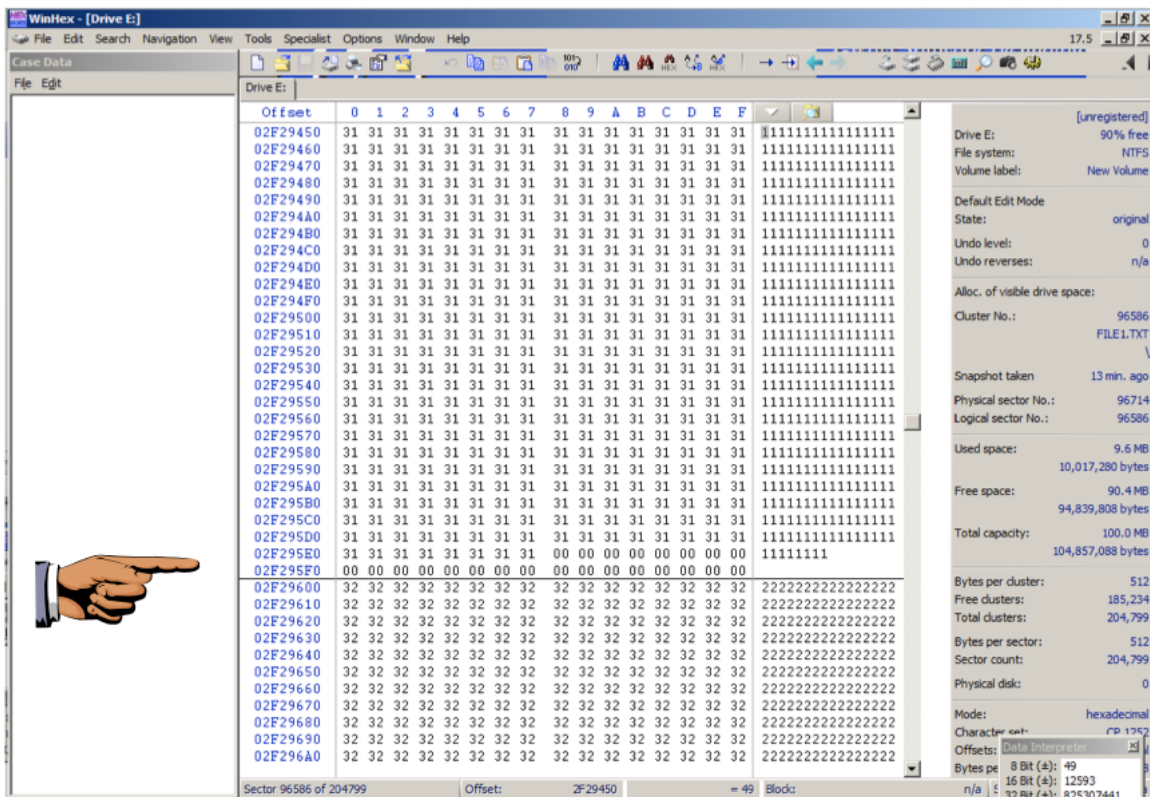
At the bottom of the hex view, the status bar shows: Sector 96585 of 204799, Offset: 2F29200, = 49, Block: n/a.

The right sidebar displays the following information:

- Drive E: [unregistered]
- File system: NTFS
- Volume label: New Volume
- Default Edit Mode: original
- State: original
- Undo level: 0
- Undo reverses: n/a
- Alloc. of visible drive space: 96585
- Cluster No.: 96585
- FILE1.TXT
- Snapshot taken: 9 min. ago
- Physical sector No.: 96713
- Logical sector No.: 96585
- Used space: 9.6 MB
- 10,017,280 bytes
- Free space: 90.4 MB
- 94,839,808 bytes
- Total capacity: 100.0 MB
- 104,857,088 bytes
- Bytes per cluster: 512
- Free clusters: 185,234
- Total clusters: 204,799
- Bytes per sector: 512
- Sector count: 204,799
- Physical disk: 0
- Mode: hexadecimal
- Character set: CP 1252
- Offsets: Data Interpreter
- Bytes per sector: 8 Bit (±): 49
- 16 Bit (±): 12593
- 32 Bit (±): 825307441

Scroll down in the Hex view until you find the end of the "I" characters.

As shown below, they fill one sector completely, and nearly fill the next sector.



Saving a Screen Image

Make sure your screen shows a hex view showing the end of the "1" characters, some zero bytes, and the start of the "2" characters, as shown above.

Sometimes there is a large gap of zeroes between the two files--if that happens, perhaps you forgot to set the cluster size to 512 bytes on your volume.

If the cluster size is correct, and you still see a large gap, use two images to show both the 1s and 2s.

Press the PrintScrn key in the upper-right portion of the keyboard. That will copy the whole desktop to the clipboard.

YOU MUST SUBMIT A FULL-SCREEN IMAGE TO GET FULL CREDIT!

Open Paint and paste in the image.

Save the image with the filename "**Your Name Proj 8a**". Use your real name, not the literal text "Your Name".

Viewing FILE2.TXT in WinHex

Scroll down and see where the "2" characters end.

They should follow the same pattern, filling one sector completely, and nearly filling the next sector, as shown below.

WinHex - [Drive E:]

File Edit Search Navigation View Tools Specialist Options Window Help

Case Data

File Edit

Drive E:

Offset	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	A	B	C	D	E	F
02F297E0	32	32	32	32	32	32	32	32	32	32	32	32	32	32	32	32
02F297F0	32	32	32	32	32	32	32	32	32	32	32	32	32	32	32	32
02F29800	32	32	32	32	32	32	32	32	32	32	32	32	32	32	32	32
02F29810	32	32	32	32	32	32	32	32	32	32	32	32	32	32	32	32
02F29820	32	32	32	32	32	32	32	32	32	32	32	32	32	32	32	32
02F29830	32	32	32	32	32	32	32	32	32	32	32	32	32	32	32	32
02F29840	32	32	32	32	32	32	32	32	32	32	32	32	32	32	32	32
02F29850	32	32	32	32	32	32	32	32	32	32	32	32	32	32	32	32
02F29860	32	32	32	32	32	32	32	32	32	32	32	32	32	32	32	32
02F29870	32	32	32	32	32	32	32	32	32	32	32	32	32	32	32	32
02F29880	32	32	32	32	32	32	32	32	32	32	32	32	32	32	32	32
02F29890	32	32	32	32	32	32	32	32	32	32	32	32	32	32	32	32
02F298A0	32	32	32	32	32	32	32	32	32	32	32	32	32	32	32	32
02F298B0	32	32	32	32	32	32	32	32	32	32	32	32	32	32	32	32
02F298C0	32	32	32	32	32	32	32	32	32	32	32	32	32	32	32	32
02F298D0	32	32	32	32	32	32	32	32	32	32	32	32	32	32	32	32
02F298E0	32	32	32	32	32	32	32	32	32	32	32	32	32	32	32	32
02F298F0	32	32	32	32	32	32	32	32	32	32	32	32	32	32	32	32
02F29900	32	32	32	32	32	32	32	32	32	32	32	32	32	32	32	32
02F29910	32	32	32	32	32	32	32	32	32	32	32	32	32	32	32	32
02F29920	32	32	32	32	32	32	32	32	32	32	32	32	32	32	32	32
02F29930	32	32	32	32	32	32	32	32	32	32	32	32	32	32	32	32
02F29940	32	32	32	32	32	32	32	32	32	32	32	32	32	32	32	32
02F29950	32	32	32	32	32	32	32	32	32	32	32	32	32	32	32	32
02F29960	32	32	32	32	32	32	32	32	32	32	32	32	32	32	32	32
02F29970	32	32	32	32	32	32	32	32	32	32	32	32	32	32	32	32
02F29980	32	32	32	32	32	32	32	32	32	32	32	32	32	32	32	32
02F29990	32	32	32	32	32	32	32	32	32	32	32	32	32	32	32	32
02F299A0	32	32	32	32	32	32	32	32	32	32	32	32	32	32	32	32
02F299B0	32	32	32	32	32	32	32	32	32	32	32	32	32	32	32	32
02F299C0	32	32	32	32	32	32	32	32	32	32	32	32	32	32	32	32
02F299D0	32	32	32	32	32	32	32	32	32	32	32	32	32	32	32	32
02F299E0	32	32	32	32	32	32	32	32	32	32	32	32	32	32	32	32
02F299F0	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00
02F29A00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00
02F29A10	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00
02F29A20	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00
02F29A30	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00

Sector 96587 of 204799 Offset: 2F297E0 = 50 Block: n/a

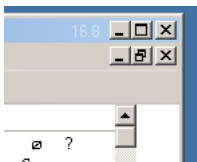
Drive E: [unregistered] 90% free
File system: NTFS
Volume label: New Volume
Default Edit Mode: original
State: original
Undo level: 0
Undo reverses: n/a
Alloc. of visible drive space:
Cluster No.: 96587
FILE2.TXT
Snapshot taken: 20 min. ago
Physical sector No.: 96715
Logical sector No.: 96587
Used space: 9.6 MB
10,017,280 bytes
Free space: 90.4 MB
94,839,808 bytes
Total capacity: 100.0 MB
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Bytes per cluster: 512
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Total clusters: 204,799
Bytes per sector: 512
Sector count: 204,799
Physical disk: 0
Mode: hexadecimal
Character set: CP 1252
Offsets: Data Interpreter
Bytes per sector: 8 Bit (±): 50
16 Bit (±): 12850
32 Bit (±): 847150450

Here's a summary of the data layout:

Sector	Contents
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96585	1s
96586	1s and 0s
96587	2s
96588	2s and 0s

In the upper right corner of the WinHex window there are two X buttons, as shown below.

Click the lower X button. This closes the "New Volume" drive.



Click the remaining X button. This closes WinHex.

Extending the FILE1.TXT File

In your virtual machine, click **Start**, "**Computer**".

Double-click the "**New Volume**" icon to open the volume.

Double-click the **FILE1.TXT** icon to open the file in Notepad.

Click in the Notepad Window.

Press **Ctrl+A**, **Ctrl+C** to copy the text.

Press **Ctrl+V** five times. This makes the file 5000 bytes long.

Save the file.

Viewing a Fragmented File in WinHex

In your virtual machine, click **Start**, "**All Programs**", **WinHex**.

If an "Open File -- Security Warning" box pops up, click **Run**.

From the WinHex menu bar, click **Tools**, "**Open Disk...**".

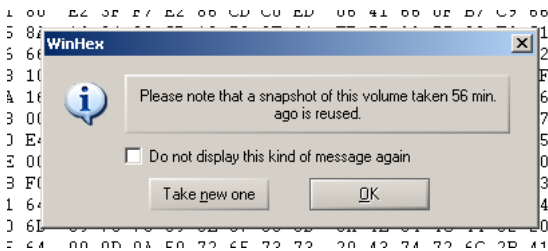
In the "Edit Disk" box, click "New Volume", and then click the **OK** button.

From the WinHex menu bar, click **View**, **Show**, "**Directory Browser**".

A box pops up saying that a snapshot is reused, as shown below. Directory Browser actually works from a copy of the data called a Snapshot, not from the original disk.

We just changed the disk, so an old snapshot won't be accurate.

So click "**Take a new one**".



The Directory Browser pane appears in the upper center of the window.

In the Directory Browser, click **FILE1.TXT**.

Notice that FILE1 now has a size of 4.9 KB, as shown below.

Name	Ext.	Size	Created	Modified	Accessed	Attr.	1st sector
\$Extend		448 B	03/06/2014 06:55:...	03/06/2014 06:55:...	03/06/2014 06:55:...	SH	68,288
(Root directory)		4.1 KB	03/06/2014 06:55:...	03/06/2014 07:04:...	03/06/2014 07:04:...	SH	102,478
\$AttrDef		2.5 KB	03/06/2014 06:55:...	03/06/2014 06:55:...	03/06/2014 06:55:...	SH	68,250
...\$BadClus		0 B	03/06/2014 06:55:...	03/06/2014 06:55:...	03/06/2014 06:55:...	SH	
\$Bitmap		25.0 KB	03/06/2014 06:55:...	03/06/2014 06:55:...	03/06/2014 06:55:...	SH	102,486
\$Boot		8.0 KB	03/06/2014 06:55:...	03/06/2014 06:55:...	03/06/2014 06:55:...	SH	0
\$LogFile		2.0 MB	03/06/2014 06:55:...	03/06/2014 06:55:...	03/06/2014 06:55:...	SH	64,154
...\$MFT		64.0 KB	03/06/2014 06:55:...	03/06/2014 06:55:...	03/06/2014 06:55:...	SH	68,266
\$MFTMirr		4.0 KB	03/06/2014 06:55:...	03/06/2014 06:55:...	03/06/2014 06:55:...	SH	102,399
...\$Secure		0 B	03/06/2014 06:55:...	03/06/2014 06:55:...	03/06/2014 06:55:...	SH	
\$UpCase		128 KB	03/06/2014 06:55:...	03/06/2014 06:55:...	03/06/2014 06:55:...	SH	102,536
\$Volume		0 B	03/06/2014 06:55:...	03/06/2014 06:55:...	03/06/2014 06:55:...	SH	
...FILE1.TXT	TXT	4.9 KB	03/06/2014 07:04:...	03/06/2014 07:43:...	03/06/2014 07:04:...	A	96,585
...FILE2.TXT	TXT	1.0 KB	03/06/2014 07:04:...	03/06/2014 06:56:...	03/06/2014 07:04:...	A	96,587

Offset	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	A	B	C	D	E	F
02F29200	1	31	31	31	31	31	31	31	31	31	31	31	31	31	31	31
02F29210	31	31	31	31	31	31	31	31	31	31	31	31	31	31	31	31
02F29220	31	31	31	31	31	31	31	31	31	31	31	31	31	31	31	31
02F29230	31	31	31	31	31	31	31	31	31	31	31	31	31	31	31	31
02F29240	31	31	31	31	31	31	31	31	31	31	31	31	31	31	31	31
02F29250	31	31	31	31	31	31	31	31	31	31	31	31	31	31	31	31
02F29260	31	31	31	31	31	31	31	31	31	31	31	31	31	31	31	31
02F29270	31	31	31	31	31	31	31	31	31	31	31	31	31	31	31	31
02F29280	31	31	31	31	31	31	31	31	31	31	31	31	31	31	31	31
02F29290	31	31	31	31	31	31	31	31	31	31	31	31	31	31	31	31
02F292A0	31	31	31	31	31	31	31	31	31	31	31	31	31	31	31	31
02F292B0	31	31	31	31	31	31	31	31	31	31	31	31	31	31	31	31
02F292C0	31	31	31	31	31	31	31	31	31	31	31	31	31	31	31	31
02F292D0	31	31	31	31	31	31	31	31	31	31	31	31	31	31	31	31
02F292E0	31	31	31	31	31	31	31	31	31	31	31	31	31	31	31	31
02F292F0	31	31	31	31	31	31	31	31	31	31	31	31	31	31	31	31
02F29300	31	31	31	31	31	31	31	31	31	31	31	31	31	31	31	31
02F29310	31	31	31	31	31	31	31	31	31	31	31	31	31	31	31	31

Physical	8 Bit (±): 49
Logical	16 Bit (±): 12593
	32 Bit (±): 825307441

Click the yellow icon to hide Directory Browser, as you did before.

Scroll down through the two sectors of "1" characters.

Scroll down through the two sectors of "2" characters.

There should be additional sectors of "1" characters below the "2" characters, as shown below.

Here's a summary of the data layout:

Sector	Contents
96585	1s
96586	1s and 0s
96587	2s
96588	2s and 0s
96589	1s
96590	1s
...	...

Viewing an MFT Record

Click the little yellow icon to show Directory Browser again.

Scroll to the bottom.

Right-click **FILE2.TXT**.

In the context menu, click **Navigation**, "Go To FILE Record", as shown below.

The screenshot shows the WinHex application window titled "WinHex - [Drive E:]". The main pane displays a directory listing of the root of drive E. The files listed include \$AttrDef, \$BadClus, \$Bitmap, \$Boot, \$LogFile, \$MFT, \$MFTMirr, \$Secure, \$UpCase, \$Volume, FILE1.TXT, and FILE2.TXT. The file FILE2.TXT is selected. The right pane shows the hex dump of the selected file. A context menu is open over the hex dump, with the "Navigation" option selected, showing a submenu with "Go To FILE Record" highlighted. The bottom status bar shows "Sector 68766 of 206324", "Offset: 2193C00", "Block: n/a", and "Size: n/a".

This is the Master File Table (MFT) record which contains information about FILE2.TXT.

Each MFT record begins with the ASCII text "FILE0".

Highlight that text, so your screen looks like the image below.

WinHex - [Drive E:]

File Edit Search Navigation View Tools Specialist Options Window Help

Case Data

File Edit

Drive E:

3 min. ago 12 files, 2 dir.

Name	Ext.	Size	Created	Modified	Accessed	Attr.	1st sector
\$Extend		448 B	03/06/2014 06:55:...	03/06/2014 06:55:...	03/06/2014 06:55:...	SH	68,288
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\$Boot		8.0 KB	03/06/2014 06:55:...	03/06/2014 06:55:...	03/06/2014 06:55:...	SH	0
\$LogFile		2.0 MB	03/06/2014 06:55:...	03/06/2014 06:55:...	03/06/2014 06:55:...	SH	64,154
\$MFT		64.0 KB	03/06/2014 06:55:...	03/06/2014 06:55:...	03/06/2014 06:55:...	SH	68,266
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\$Secure		0 B	03/06/2014 06:55:...	03/06/2014 06:55:...	03/06/2014 06:55:...	SH	
\$UpCase		128 KB	03/06/2014 06:55:...	03/06/2014 06:55:...	03/06/2014 06:55:...	SH	102,536
\$Volume		0 B	03/06/2014 06:55:...	03/06/2014 06:55:...	03/06/2014 06:55:...	SH	
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FILE2.TXT	TXT	1.0 KB	03/06/2014 07:04:...	03/06/2014 06:56:...	03/06/2014 07:04:...	A	96,587

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

0215E400 46 49 4C 45 30 00 03 00 30 29 10 00 00 00 00 00 FILE0 0)

0215E410 01 00 01 00 38 00 01 00 B0 01 00 00 00 04 00 00 8

0215E420 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 04 00 00 00 24 00 00 00 \$

0215E430 02 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 10 00 00 00 60 00 00 00 ,

0215E440 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 48 00 00 00 18 00 00 00 H

0215E450 F5 45 D7 55 4D 39 CF 01 B4 C4 6D 4F 4C 39 CF 01 8E xUM9I 'AmOL9I

0215E460 F5 45 D7 55 4D 39 CF 01 F5 45 D7 55 4D 39 CF 01 8E xUM9I 8E xUM9I

0215E470 20 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00

0215E480 00 00 00 00 05 01 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00

0215E490 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 30 00 00 00 70 00 00 00 0 p

0215E4A0 00 00 00 00 00 00 02 00 54 00 00 00 18 00 01 00 T

0215E4B0 05 00 00 00 00 00 05 00 F5 45 D7 55 4D 39 CF 01 8E xUM9I

0215E4C0 F5 45 D7 55 4D 39 CF 01 F5 45 D7 55 4D 39 CF 01 8E xUM9I 8E xUM9I

0215E4D0 F5 45 D7 55 4D 39 CF 01 00 04 00 00 00 00 00 00 8E xUM9I

0215E4E0 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 20 00 00 00 00 00 00 00

0215E4F0 09 03 46 00 49 00 4C 00 45 00 32 00 2E 00 54 00 F I L E 2 . T

0215E500 58 00 54 00 00 00 00 00 80 00 00 00 48 00 00 00 X T I H

0215E510 01 00 00 00 00 00 01 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00

Sector 68338 of 204799 Offset: 215E404 = 48 Block: 215E400 - 215E404

Drive E: [unregistered] 90% free

File system: NTFS

Volume label: New Volume

Default Edit Mode

State: original

Undo level: 0

Undo reverses: n/a

Alloc. of visible drive space:

Cluster No.: 68338

\$MFT (#36)

FILE2.TXT

Snapshot taken 3 min. ago

Physical Data Interpreter

Logical s 8 Bit (±): 48

16 Bit (±): 48

32 Bit (±): 196656

MFT Record Header

The MFT Record begins with a 56-byte header.

We need to count 56 bytes from this point. That will be a lot easier with only 16 bytes per row.

From the WinHex menu bar, click **Options, General**.

On the right side, in the center, verify that it is set to **16** in the "bytes per line" box, as shown below.

Click **OK**.

General Options

☒ Restore last window arrangement[?]

16 recent documents in list

☐ Items in Windows context menu[?]

☒ Allow multiple program instances[?]

☐ Do not update file time

☒ Open data windows maximized

☒ WinHex context menu

☒ Show file icons[?]

☒ Save program settings in .cfg file[?]

☒ Number partitions by disk location

☒ Auto-detect deleted partitions

☒ Sector reading cache

☐ Check for surplus sectors

☐ Alternative disk access method[?]

Substitute pattern for unreadable sectors:
UNREADABLESECTOR

Folder for temporary files:
C:\DOCUME~1\Student\LOC

Folder for images and backup files:
C:\DOCUME~1\Student\LOC

☐ Default when adding images

Folder for cases and projects:
.

Folder for templates and scripts:
.

Folder for internal hash database:
.

☒ Gallery: Show pictures in archives

☒ Gallery: Allow auxiliary thumbnails

Preferred thumbnail size: 80

☐ Generate 0x 000A with Enter

☐ Generate Tabs with Tab key

☒ <0x20 substitute character:

☐ Display bytes as text one by one

☒ Hexadecimal offsets

☒ Virtual addresses in RAM editor

☒ Display page separators[?]

16 bytes per line

8 -byte groups

Dialog window style

☒ Search hit highlighting in File mode[?]

☐ Auto coloring for FILE records etc.[?]

Block background color:

Record backgrnd color:

Annotation color:

☒ Highl. modified bytes:

Font: Courier

OK Cancel Notation... Help

WinHex now has only 16 bytes per line, labelled 0 though F in the "Offset" line at the top of the display, as shown below.

Click on the first byte, with the value: 46.

Hold down the Shift key and press the down-arrow on the keyboard three times. This selects three lines of 16 bytes for a total of 48 bytes.

Now, holding down the Shift key, press the right-arrow key until you have selected bytes 0 through 7 in that row.

This selects the entire 56 bytes of the MFT record header, as shown below.

The screenshot shows the WinHex application with the NTFS file system mounted on drive E:. The file list on the left includes files like \$Extend, \$AttrDef, \$BadClus, \$Bitmap, \$Boot, \$LogFile, \$MFT, \$MFTMirr, \$Secure, \$UpCase, \$Volume, FILE1.TXT, and FILE2.TXT. The main pane displays the details of the selected file, FILE2.TXT, showing its size (1.0 KB) and location. The hex editor at the bottom shows the raw data of the MFT record, with the first four bytes (46 49 4C 45) highlighted, representing the hexadecimal value 10 00 00 00.

Standard Information (10 00 00 00)

The next section is the "Standard Information" section.

Each section of the MFT begins with a four-byte identifier--in this case 10 00 00 00.

Here is a chart of the MFT attribute types, from <http://grayscale-research.org/new/pdfs/NTFS%20forensics.pdf>

Figure 2.7 MFT Record Attribute Type Table

Attribute Name	Hexadecimal Value
Unused	0x00
Standard Information	0x10
File Name	0x30
Object ID	0x40
Security Descriptor	0x50
Volume Name	0x60
Volume Information	0x70
Data	0x80
Index Root	0x90
Index Allocation	0xa0
Bitmap	0xb0
Reparse Point	0xc0
EA Information	0xd0
EA	0xe0
Property Set	0xf0
Logged Utility Stream	0x100

The next four bytes indicate the length of the section, in hexadecimal, with the least significant byte first.

So the eight bytes highlighted below indicate that the Standard Information section is 60 bytes long.

WinHex - [Drive E:]

File Edit Search Navigation View Tools Specialist Options Window Help

Case Data

Drive E:

3 min. ago 12 files, 2 dir.

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\$BadClus		0 B	03/06/2014 06:55:...	03/06/2014 06:55:...	03/06/2014 06:55:...	SH	
\$Bitmap		25.0 KB	03/06/2014 06:55:...	03/06/2014 06:55:...	03/06/2014 06:55:...	SH	102,486
\$Boot		8.0 KB	03/06/2014 06:55:...	03/06/2014 06:55:...	03/06/2014 06:55:...	SH	0
\$LogFile		2.0 MB	03/06/2014 06:55:...	03/06/2014 06:55:...	03/06/2014 06:55:...	SH	64,154
\$MFT		64.0 KB	03/06/2014 06:55:...	03/06/2014 06:55:...	03/06/2014 06:55:...	SH	68,266
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\$Secure		0 B	03/06/2014 06:55:...	03/06/2014 06:55:...	03/06/2014 06:55:...	SH	
\$UpCase		128 KB	03/06/2014 06:55:...	03/06/2014 06:55:...	03/06/2014 06:55:...	SH	102,536
\$Volume		0 B	03/06/2014 06:55:...	03/06/2014 06:55:...	03/06/2014 06:55:...	SH	
FILE1.TXT	TXT	4.9 KB	03/06/2014 07:04:...	03/06/2014 07:43:...	03/06/2014 07:04:...	A	96,585
FILE2.TXT	TXT	1.0 KB	03/06/2014 07:04:...	03/06/2014 06:56:...	03/06/2014 07:04:...	A	96,587

Offset	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	A	B	C	D	E	F
0215E400	46	49	4C	45	30	00	03	00	30	29	10	00	00	00	00	00
0215E410	01	00	01	00	38	00	01	00	B0	01	00	00	00	04	00	00
0215E420	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	04	00	00	00	24	00	00	00
0215E430	02	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	10	00	00	00	60	00	00	00
0215E440	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	48	00	00	00	18	00	00	00
0215E450	F5	45	D7	55	4D	39	CF	01	B4	C4	6D	4F	4C	39	CF	01
0215E460	F5	45	D7	55	4D	39	CF	01	F5	45	D7	55	4D	39	CF	01
0215E470	20	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00
0215E480	00	00	00	00	05	01	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00
0215E490	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	30	00	00	00	70	00	00	00
0215E4A0	00	00	00	00	00	00	02	00	54	00	00	00	18	00	01	00
0215E4B0	05	00	00	00	00	00	05	00	F5	45	D7	55	4D	39	CF	01
0215E4C0	F5	45	D7	55	4D	39	CF	01	F5	45	D7	55	4D	39	CF	01
0215E4D0	F5	45	D7	55	4D	39	CF	01	00	04	00	00	00	00	00	00
0215E4E0	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	20	00	00	00	00	00	00	00
0215E4F0	09	03	46	00	49	00	4C	00	45	00	32	00	2E	00	54	00
0215E500	58	00	54	00	00	00	00	00	80	00	00	00	48	00	00	00
0215E510	01	00	00	00	00	00	01	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00

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FILE2.TXT

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Drive E: [unregistered] 90% free

File system: NTFS

Volume label: New Volume

Default Edit Mode

State: original

Undo level: 0

Undo reverses: n/a

Alloc. of visible drive space:

Cluster No.: 68338

\$MFT (#36)

FILE2.TXT

Snapshot taken 3 min. ago

Physical Data Interpreter

Logical

8 Bit (±): 0

16 Bit (±): 0

32 Bit (±): 0

Sector 68338 of 204799 Offset: 215E43F = 0 Block: 215E438 - 215E43F

Highlight the entire Standard Information section. It will be six entire rows of 16 bytes, as shown below.

WinHex - [Drive E:]

File Edit Search Navigation View Tools Specialist Options Window Help

Case Data

Drive E:

11 min. ago 12 files, 2 dir.

Name	Ext.	Size	Created	Modified	Accessed	Attr.	1st sector
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\$Bitmap		25.0 KB	03/06/2014 06:55:...	03/06/2014 06:55:...	03/06/2014 06:55:...	SH	102,486
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\$LogFile		2.0 MB	03/06/2014 06:55:...	03/06/2014 06:55:...	03/06/2014 06:55:...	SH	64,154
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Offset 0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 A B C D E F

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0215E480 00 00 00 00 05 01 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00

0215E490 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 30 00 00 00 70 00 00 00 0 p

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0215E4D0 F5 45 D7 55 4D 39 CF 01 00 04 00 00 00 00 00 00 0E×UM9İ

0215E4E0 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 20 00 00 00 00 00 00 00

0215E4F0 09 03 46 00 49 00 4C 00 45 00 32 00 2E 00 54 00 F I L E 2 . T

0215E500 58 00 54 00 00 00 00 00 80 00 00 00 48 00 00 00 X T I H

0215E510 01 00 00 00 00 00 01 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00

Sector 68338 of 204799 Offset: 215E497 = 0 Block: 215E438 - 215E497

Drive E: [unregistered] 90% free

File system: NTFS

Volume label: New Volume

Default Edit Mode

State: original

Undo level: 0

Undo reverses: n/a

Alloc. of visible drive space:

Cluster No.: 68338

\$MFT (#36)

FILE2.TXT

Snapshot taken 3 min. ago

Physical Data Interpreter

Logical 8 Bit (±): 0

16 Bit (±): 12288

32 Bit (±): 12288

File Name section

The next section begins with 30 00 00 00 and is 70 bytes long, as shown below.

Highlight the section.

Notice the readable file name near the end of this section: FILE2.TXT.

It's in Unicode, so there's a 00 byte after each readable character.

WinHex - [Drive E:]

File Edit Search Navigation View Tools Specialist Options Window Help

Case Data

File Edit

Drive E:

11 min. ago 12 files, 2 dir.

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\$Bitmap		25.0 KB	03/06/2014 06:55:...	03/06/2014 06:55:...	03/06/2014 06:55:...	SH	102,486
\$Boot		8.0 KB	03/06/2014 06:55:...	03/06/2014 06:55:...	03/06/2014 06:55:...	SH	0
\$LogFile		2.0 MB	03/06/2014 06:55:...	03/06/2014 06:55:...	03/06/2014 06:55:...	SH	64,154
\$MFT		64.0 KB	03/06/2014 06:55:...	03/06/2014 06:55:...	03/06/2014 06:55:...	SH	68,266
\$MFTMirr		4.0 KB	03/06/2014 06:55:...	03/06/2014 06:55:...	03/06/2014 06:55:...	SH	102,399
\$Secure		0 B	03/06/2014 06:55:...	03/06/2014 06:55:...	03/06/2014 06:55:...	SH	
\$UpCase		128 KB	03/06/2014 06:55:...	03/06/2014 06:55:...	03/06/2014 06:55:...	SH	102,536
\$Volume		0 B	03/06/2014 06:55:...	03/06/2014 06:55:...	03/06/2014 06:55:...	SH	
FILE1.TXT	TXT	4.9 KB	03/06/2014 07:04:...	03/06/2014 07:43:...	03/06/2014 07:04:...	A	96,585
FILE2.TXT	TXT	1.0 KB	03/06/2014 07:04:...	03/06/2014 06:56:...	03/06/2014 07:04:...	A	96,587

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0215E480	00	00	00	00	05	01	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	
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0215E510	01	00	00	00	00	00	01	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	

Sector 68338 of 204799 Offset: 215E507 = 0 Block: 215E498 - 215E507

[unregistered] Drive E: 90% free File system: NTFS Volume label: New Volume

Default Edit Mode: original State: original Undo level: 0 Undo reverses: n/a

Alloc. of visible drive space: Cluster No.: 68338 \$MFT (#36) FILE2.TXT Snapshot taken 3 min. ago

Physical Data Interpreter 8 Bit (±): 0 16 Bit (±): -32768 32 Bit (±): 32768

Data Section

The next section begins with 80 00 00 00 and is 48 bytes long, as shown below.

This section indicates where the data is actually stored on the disk.

Highlight the section.

WinHex - [Drive E:]

File Edit Search Navigation View Tools Specialist Options Window Help

Case Data

File Edit

Drive E:

11 min. ago 12 files, 2 dir.

Name	Ext.	Size	Created	Modified	Accessed	Attr.	1st sector
\$Extend		448 B	03/06/2014 06:55:...	03/06/2014 06:55:...	03/06/2014 06:55:...	SH	68,288
(Root directory)		4.1 KB	03/06/2014 06:55:...	03/06/2014 07:04:...	03/06/2014 07:04:...	SH	102,478
\$AttrDef		2.5 KB	03/06/2014 06:55:...	03/06/2014 06:55:...	03/06/2014 06:55:...	SH	68,250
\$BadClus		0 B	03/06/2014 06:55:...	03/06/2014 06:55:...	03/06/2014 06:55:...	SH	
\$Bitmap		25.0 KB	03/06/2014 06:55:...	03/06/2014 06:55:...	03/06/2014 06:55:...	SH	102,486
\$Boot		8.0 KB	03/06/2014 06:55:...	03/06/2014 06:55:...	03/06/2014 06:55:...	SH	0
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0215E4E0	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	20	00	00	00	00	00	00	00
0215E4F0	09	03	46	00	49	00	4C	00	45	00	32	00	2E	00	54	00
0215E500	58	00	54	00	00	00	00	00	80	00	00	00	48	00	00	00
0215E510	01	00	00	00	00	00	01	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00
0215E520	01	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	40	00	00	00	00	00	00	00
0215E530	00	04	00	00	00	00	00	00	E8	03	00	00	00	00	00	00
0215E540	E8	03	00	00	00	00	00	00	31	02	4B	79	01	00	00	00
0215E550	80	00	00	00	58	00	00	00	00	0F	18	00	00	00	03	00
0215E560	1A	00	00	00	38	00	00	00	5A	00	6F	00	6E	00	65	00
0215E570	2E	00	49	00	64	00	65	00	6E	00	74	00	69	00	66	00
0215E580	69	00	65	00	72	00	00	00	5B	5A	6F	6E	65	54	72	61
0215E590	6E	73	66	65	72	5D	0D	0A	5A	6F	6E	65	49	64	3D	33
0215E5A0	0D	0A	00	00	00	00	00	00	FF	FF	FF	FF	82	79	47	11
0215E5B0	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00
0215E5C0	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00
0215E5D0	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00
0215E5E0	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00

Sector 68338 of 204799 Offset: 215E54F = 0 Block: 215E508 - 215E54F

Physical 8 Bit (±): 0
Logical 16 Bit (±): -32768
32 Bit (±): 32768

Drive E: 90% free
File system: NTFS
Volume label: New Volume

Default Edit Mode: original
State: original
Undo level: 0
Undo reverses: n/a

Alloc. of visible drive space:
Cluster No.: 68338
\$MFT (#36)
FILE2.TXT

Snapshot taken 15 min. ago

Data Interpreter

The last eight bytes of this section contain the "Data Run", as highlighted below.

WinHex - [Drive E:]

File Edit Search Navigation View Tools Specialist Options Window Help

Case Data

File Edit

Drive E:

11 min. ago

12 files, 2 dir.

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...\$LogFile		2.0 MB	03/06/2014 06:55:...	03/06/2014 06:55:...	03/06/2014 06:55:...	SH	64,154
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...\$UpCase		128 KB	03/06/2014 06:55:...	03/06/2014 06:55:...	03/06/2014 06:55:...	SH	102,536
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0215E4D0	F5	45	D7	55	4D	39	CF	01	00	04	00	00	00	00	00	00
0215E4E0	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	20	00	00	00	00	00	00	00
0215E4F0	09	03	46	00	49	00	4C	00	45	00	32	00	2E	00	54	00
0215E500	58	00	54	00	00	00	00	00	80	00	00	00	48	00	00	00
0215E510	01	00	00	00	00	00	01	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00
0215E520	01	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	40	00	00	00	00	00	00	00
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0215E580	69	00	65	00	72	00	00	00	5B	5A	6F	6E	65	54	72	61
0215E590	6E	73	66	65	72	5D	0D	0A	5A	6F	6E	65	49	64	3D	33
0215E5A0	0D	0A	00	00	00	00	00	00	FF	FF	FF	FF	82	79	47	11
0215E5B0	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00
0215E5C0	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00
0215E5D0	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00
0215E5E0	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00

Offset: 215E54F = 0 Block: 215E548 - 215E54F

Physical Logical

8 Bit (±): 0
16 Bit (±): -32768
32 Bit (±): 32768

Drive E: 90% free
File system: NTFS
Volume label: New Volume

Default Edit Mode: original
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Undo level: 0
Undo reverses: n/a

Alloc. of visible drive space:
Cluster No.: 68338
\$MFT (#36)
\$FILE2.TXT
Snapshot taken: 15 min. ago

In this case, the Data Run is

31 02 4B 79 01

The first byte should be read as two individual hexadecimal values:

3: the last 3 bytes contain the starting cluster number

1: The first 1 byte contains the length of this portion of the file, in clusters.

So there are 2 clusters in a row here, at cluster # 4B 79 01.

The cluster # bytes are in "Little Endian" notation, so they must be reversed in order, resulting in Cluster number 01 79 4B.

This means $1 \times 65536 + 7 \times 4096 + 9 \times 256 + 4 \times 16 + 11 = 96587$.

Look in the Directory Browser pane in WinHex, and you can see on the right side that FILE2.TXT does indeed start at that cluster number.

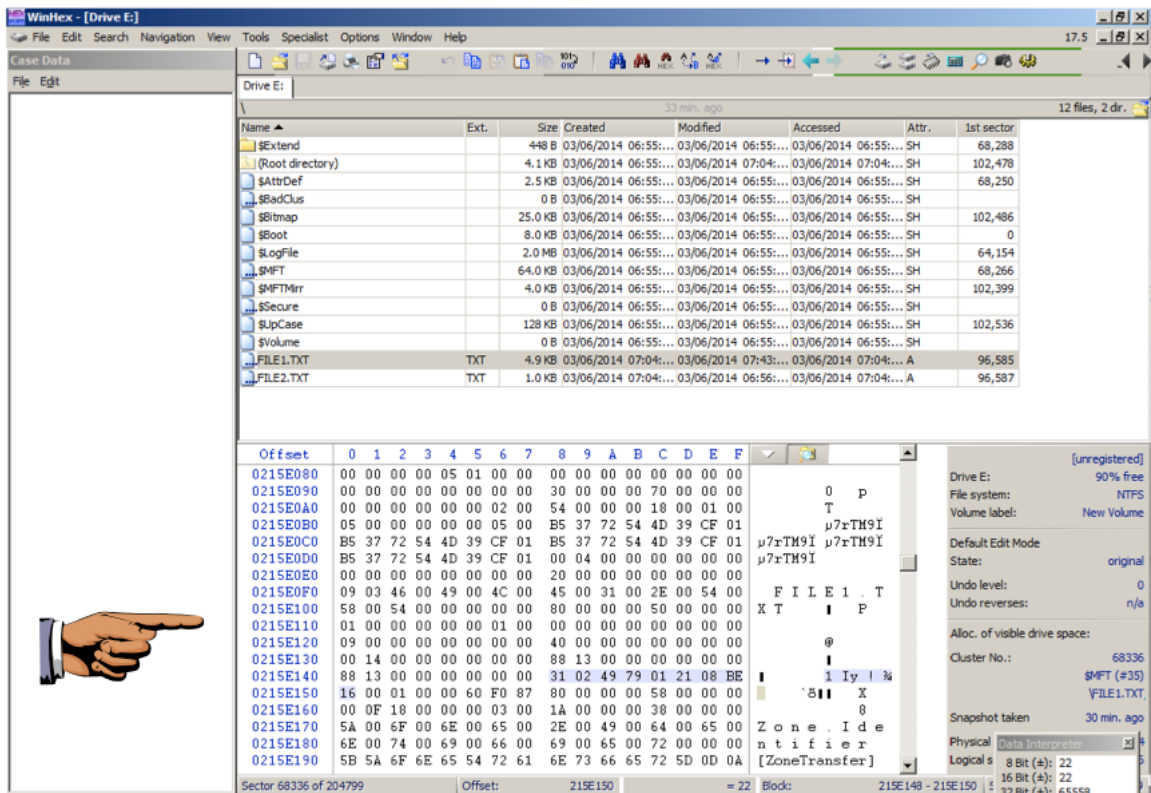
Data Run for FILE1.TXT

In the Directory Browser, right-click **FILE1.TXT**.

In the context menu, click **Navigation, "Go To FILE Record"**.

Walk through the MFT record as you did before, to find the Data section and the File Run, which starts with 31, as shown below.

Highlight the Data Run, including eight bytes, as shown below.



The screenshot shows the WinHex interface for Drive E:. The file list on the left includes files like \$Extend, \$Root directory, \$AttrDef, \$BadClus, \$Bitmap, \$Boot, \$LogFile, \$MFT, \$MFTMirr, \$Secure, \$UpCase, \$Volume, FILE1.TXT, and FILE2.TXT. The main window displays a hex view of the selected file, FILE1.TXT, starting at offset 0215E080. The hex data shows a file signature 'FILE1.T' and other metadata. A hand icon points to the hex view.

Offset	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	A	B	C	D	E	F
0215E080	00	00	00	00	05	01	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00
0215E090	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00
0215E0A0	00	00	00	00	00	00	02	00	54	00	00	00	18	00	01	00
0215E0B0	05	00	00	00	00	00	05	00	B5	37	72	54	4D	39	CF	01
0215E0C0	B5	37	72	54	4D	39	CF	01	B5	37	72	54	4D	39	CF	01
0215E0D0	B5	37	72	54	4D	39	CF	01	00	04	00	00	00	00	00	00
0215E0E0	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	20	00	00	00	00	00	00	00
0215E0F0	09	03	46	00	49	00	4C	00	45	00	31	00	2E	00	54	00
0215E100	58	00	54	00	00	00	00	00	80	00	00	00	50	00	00	00
0215E110	01	00	00	00	00	00	01	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00
0215E120	09	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	40	00	00	00	00	00	00	00
0215E130	00	14	00	00	00	00	00	00	88	13	00	00	00	00	00	00
0215E140	88	13	00	00	00	00	00	00	31	02	49	79	01	21	08	BE
0215E150	16	00	01	00	00	00	60	F0	87	00	00	00	00	58	00	00
0215E160	00	0F	18	00	00	00	03	00	1A	00	00	00	38	00	00	00
0215E170	5A	00	6F	00	6E	00	65	00	2E	00	49	00	64	00	65	00
0215E180	6E	00	74	00	69	00	66	00	69	00	65	00	72	00	00	00
0215E190	5B	5A	6F	6E	65	54	72	61	6E	73	66	65	72	5D	0D	0A

Saving a Screen Image

Make sure your screen shows eight highlighted bytes, with the first byte **31**.

Press the PrintScr key in the upper-right portion of the keyboard. That will copy the whole desktop to the clipboard.

YOU MUST SUBMIT A FULL-SCREEN IMAGE TO GET FULL CREDIT!

Open Paint and paste in the image.

Save the image with the filename "**Your Name Proj 8b**". Use your real name, not the literal text "Your Name".

Turning in your Project

Email the image to me as an attachment to an e-mail message.

Send it to: cnit.121@gmail.com with a subject line of "**Proj 8 From Your Name**", replacing "Your Name" with your own first and last name.

Send a Cc to yourself.

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