



## ACCESSDATA'S FORENSIC TOOLKIT® OFFERS MORE INDUSTRY-FIRST COMPUTER FORENSICS CAPABILITIES

*Forensic Toolkit (FTK®) is the First Computer Forensics Software to Deliver Optical Character Recognition and Native Support of Encrypted Evidence Out of the Box.*

**LONDON, UTAH—March 29, 2010**—AccessData announced the release of Forensic Toolkit (FTK) 3.1, which offers additional industry-first capabilities. The previous release of FTK placed AccessData's flagship product ahead of other computer forensics solutions by delivering [distributed processing capabilities](#) and [integrated RAM analysis](#) that no other computer forensics software provides. This 3.1 release of the industry-standard computer forensics solution delivers several new enhancements, two of which, set FTK even further apart from its competition.

First, FTK now provides Optical Character Recognition (OCR) out of the box. This means that forensic examiners are now able to index and search the text found in graphics files, such as PDFs and TIFFs, greatly enhancing their ability to zero in on critical evidence. Traditionally, a forensic examiner would have to use a separate OCR tool to pull text out of graphics files found on seized hard drives, then dump the text files that were generated by the OCR product back into the computer forensics tool, in order to be able to index the content and search it.

Second, FTK now enables the native encryption, decryption and processing of encrypted forensic evidence archives, such as AD1, E0 and S01. Prior to this feature, examiners had to manually encrypt and decrypt the evidence as a secondary process or purchase special hardware. This often meant that evidence was never encrypted as part of a standard process, increasing risk during transport and storage. Now, examiners can quickly and easily as part of an integrated process encrypt, decrypt and process evidence without the use of additional software or hardware.

Other new features found in FTK 3.1 include the following:

**Evidence Groups:** Examiners can now create evidence groups, associating various pieces of evidence together, then perform targeted viewing, filtering and searching, based on those groups.

**Filter Manager:** Forensic examiners can now easily create, apply, and manage filters. Filters allow examiners to search and view data based on very specific criteria. FTK allows examiners to easily combine more than 300 attributes to create inclusion and exclusion filters that are as complex as a forensic examiner needs them to be.

**Custom File Categories:** Users can customize how evidence items are automatically categorized within FTK. For example, examiners who do a lot of media examinations can define which file types should be part of which categories. Once data is processed, it is automatically put into the categories the user has defined.

**Soft Dongles:** Examiners now have the option to use new software-based token licensing instead of requiring hardware dongles.

"We at AccessData are extremely excited by the advancements we've been able to make in our computer forensics technology, as well as the contributions these advancements are making to the computer forensics community as a whole," said Brian Karney, COO of AccessData. "These industry-first capabilities not only increase the efficiency with which computer forensics examiners are able to do their jobs, but they also add unmatched value to our cyber security and eDiscovery software solutions."

### About AccessData

AccessData has pioneered digital investigations for more than twenty years, providing the technology and training that empower law enforcement, government agencies and corporations to perform thorough computer investigations of any kind with speed and efficiency. Recognized throughout the world as an industry leader, AccessData delivers state-of-the-art computer forensics, cyber security, eDiscovery, password cracking and decryption solutions. Its Forensic Toolkit® and network-enabled enterprise solutions allow organizations to preview, search for, forensically preserve, process and analyze electronic evidence. AccessData's solutions address criminal and internal investigations, incident response, eDiscovery and information assurance. In addition, AccessData is a leading provider of digital forensics training and certification with its much sought after AccessData Certified Examiner® (ACE®) program. For more information on AccessData visit [www.accessdata.com](http://www.accessdata.com).

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