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Timeline Reports

The accompanying media contains a "timeline" folder that holds a set of reports. These reports may include:

1) E-mail

   This report lists the subject and to/from information for all e-mails found on the hard drive, sorted by date.

2) Internet Searches

   This report lists any internet searches found in the Internet history records recovered from the hard drive, sorted by date.

3) Internet Secure

   This report lists visits to secure web sites found in the Internet history. Secure web pages are used for financial web sites, but can also be used for paid membership sites.

4) Internet Types URLs

   This report lists the web site requests that were recorded as "typed" by the computer user (as opposed to "clicked").

5) Local File Access

   This report lists references to files on the computer (as opposed to files on the Internet). Some Microsoft programs and the web browser record when a file on the hard drive is opened, so it is a source of information to determine if a specific file was viewed. This record is stored in the same place that Internet history is recorded.

6) ByDate

   This folder contains the dates and times of all file, e-mail and Internet activity. The information is stored in web pages that can be viewed by opening the "Index.htm" file in a web browser

program (just double click on the Index.htm file). Each date for which some information is available is listed in the resulting screen. Click on the desired date to see the details for that date.

For each date, the information is separated by "sessions," to indicate when a lapse of 15 minutes or more of inactivity occurs. Each line of information is color coded to visually associate all activity on the same device. Due to a limit in the program that currently produces the reports, e-mail and Internet activity records are all one color (yellow).

Where available, each line of information contains the date and time a file was placed on the given media (created or "C"), when the file was last modified ("M"), the last time the file was accessed for some reason ("A") or when the file was deleted ("D"). Note that the meaning of each of these dates is subject to interpretation. So please call for assistance when necessary. For example, the "last access" time for a file may not be an indication that the file was viewed by a user at that time – there are many other reasons the file may have been accessed,. Such as an automatic virus scan, a text search or a scheduled disk "defragmentation" (designed to improve hard drive performance).

If you have any questions or need assistance with the Timeline reports, contact Robert Young at (503) 259-2514.