

ON THE DIGITAL FORENSICS OF HEAVY TRUCK ELECTRONIC CONTROL MODULES

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Problem Statement

Scenarios:

1. **Company Safety Director downloads a drivable truck then puts the truck back in service.**
2. **Multiple attorneys, experts, videographers stand around and watch someone capture screenshots for a couple hours. (Not possible for Law Enforcement)**

Issues:

1. **A conflicted party is the sole possessor of the data.**
2. **Many people are needed to verify data is authentic.**

These are examples with many more possibilities...

Core Issue of Trust

The meaning, relevance, trustworthiness and admissibility of digital data from an ECM may be contested in court.



Establishing trust for Personal Computer Hard Drives is well established.

OEM software native file formats are not secure.



Tampering with file contents can be undetectable.

Forensic Soundness

Establish a notion of trust for the courts to qualify and justify for information derived from digital data.

1. Meaning

Confidence in the interpretation

2. Error Detection and Prediction

Understanding what can change in the forensic process

3. Transparency

Process is known, documented and verifiable

4. Expertise

Personnel are qualified

5. Data Integrity and Tamper Resistance

Data alterations are detected



Meaning Applied to HVEDRs

Standards Based Meaning

- **SAE J1587**

A.84 ROAD SPEED

Indicated vehicle velocity.

Parameter Data Length: 1 Character

Data Type: Unsigned Short Integer

Bit Resolution: 0.805 km/h (0.5 mph)

Maximum Range: 0.0 to 205.2 km/h (0.0 to 127.5 mph)

Transmission Update Period: 0.1 s

Message Priority: 1

Format:

PID	Data
84	a
a—	Road speed

- **SAE J1939-71**

- **SAE J1939-73**

SAE <i>International</i> [™]	SURFACE VEHICLE RECOMMENDED PRACTICE	SAE J1587 JUL2008
		Issued 1988-01 Revised 2008-07
		Superseding J1587 FEB2002
Electronic Data Interchange Between Microcomputer Systems in Heavy-Duty Vehicle Applications		

SAE <i>International</i> [™]	SURFACE VEHICLE RECOMMENDED PRACTICE	SAE J1939-71 FEB2010
		Issued 1994-08 Revised 2010-02
		Superseding J1939-71 JAN2009
Vehicle Application Layer (Through February 2009)		

Meaning Applied to HVEDRs (Cont.)

Proprietary Software Interpretation

ECM Family	Software
Caterpillar	Caterpillar Electronic Technician (CatET)
Cummins	Cummins PowerSpec Cummins Insite
Detroit Diesel	DDEC Reports Detroit Diesel Diagnostic Link (DDDL)
Navistar	ServiceMaxx

Research shows that OEM software should be independently verified.

For example:

- **Caterpillar Snapshot Intervals (Austin, 2011-01-0807)**
- **Cummins Sudden Deceleration Timing (Bortolin, 2009-01-0876)**

Daily Engine Usage from DDEC Reports

**Goal: Help understand meaning by examining the digital record.
What data actually exists in the record?**

DDEC® Reports - Daily Engine Usage

Print Date: 8/21/2013 11:08 AM

Date Range: 01/18/07 To 01/07/00 (EST)

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800 S. Tucker Dr

Tulsa, OK 74104

(918) 631-3056

Vehicle ID:

TIB DDEC4

Driver ID:

Engine S/N:

06R0499534

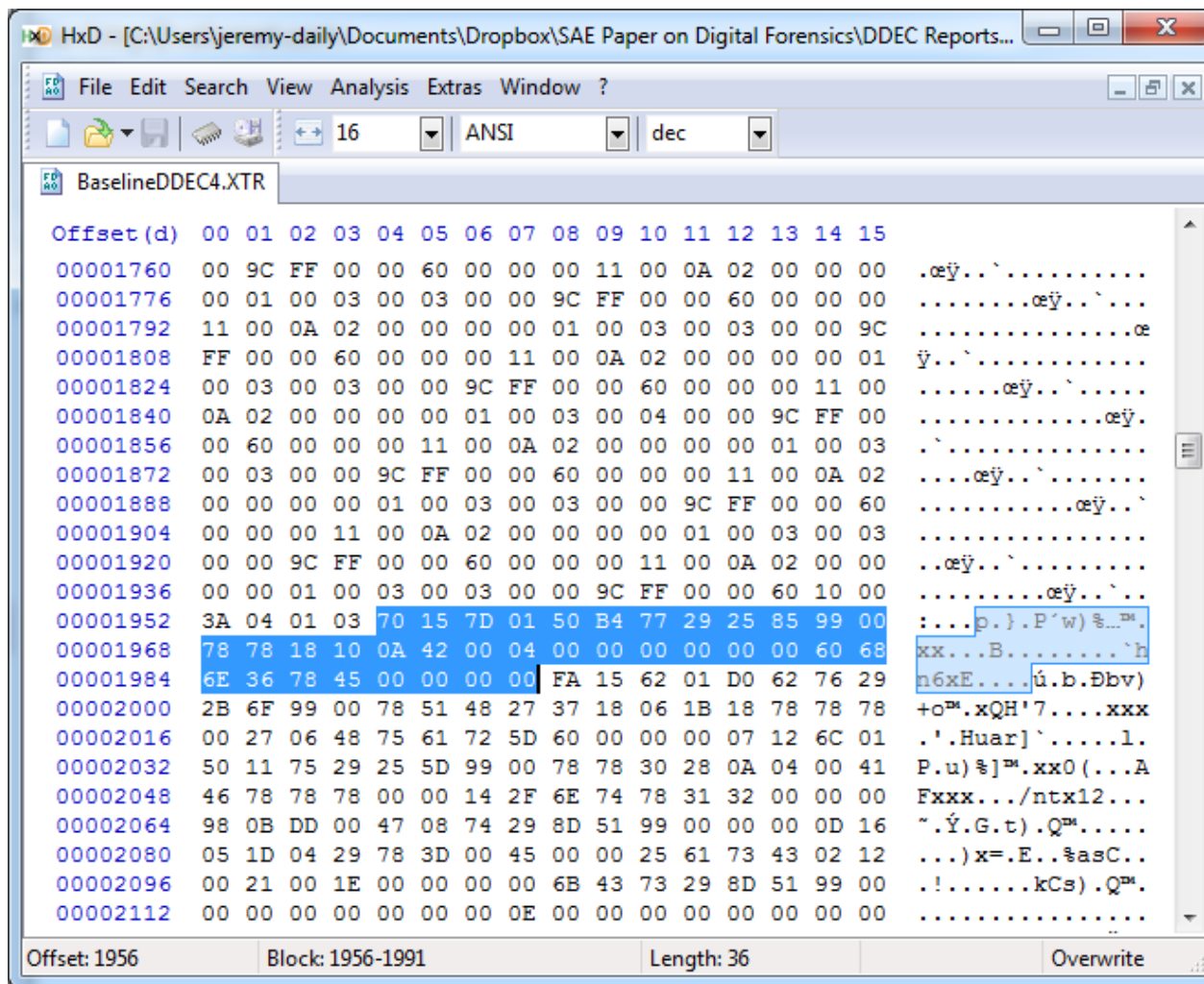
Date:	1/18/2007
Start Time:	00:00:00 EST
Odometer:	1006109.00 mi
Distance:	548.80 mi
Fuel:	95.25 gal
Fuel Economy:	5.76 mpg
Average Speed:	59.54 mph

Total (hh:mm)	09:13	06:00	08:47
Hour (EST)	Drive (min)	Idle (min)	Off (min)
00:00-02:00	0	120	0
02:00-04:00	0	120	0
04:00-06:00	96	24	0
06:00-08:00	104	16	0
08:00-10:00	110	10	0
10:00-12:00	54	66	0
12:00-14:00	120	0	0
14:00-16:00	69	4	47
16:00-18:00	0	0	120
18:00-20:00	0	0	120
20:00-22:00	0	0	120
22:00-24:00	0	0	120

DDEC Reports data are in the .XTR file.

Daily Engine Usage from DDEC Reports

DDEC Reports .XTR file in a Hex Editor



Daily Engine Usage from DDEC Reports

Interpreted Data

Bytes Sequence	Hex Value (s)	Decimal	LSB Value	Meaning	Value
0-1	70 15	5488	0.1 mile	Distance	548.8 miles
2-3	7D 01	381	0.25 gal	Fuel	95.25 gallons
4-7	50 B4 77 29	695710800	1 sec from epoch	Start Time	17 Jan 2007 at 23:00:00 CST
8-11	25 85 99 00	10061093	0.1 mile	Odometer	1006109.3 miles
12-23	78 78 18 10 0A 42 00 04 00 00 00 00	120 120 24 16 10 66 0 4 0 0 0 0	1 Minute	Idle Time	Same as Decimal
24-35	00 00 60 68 6E 36 78 45 00 00 00 00	0 0 96 104 54 120 69 0 0 0 0	1 Minute	Drive Time	Same as Decimal

All other data are calculated.

.XTR file contains minutes, but the chip memory contains seconds.

DDEC Reports Time Stamps

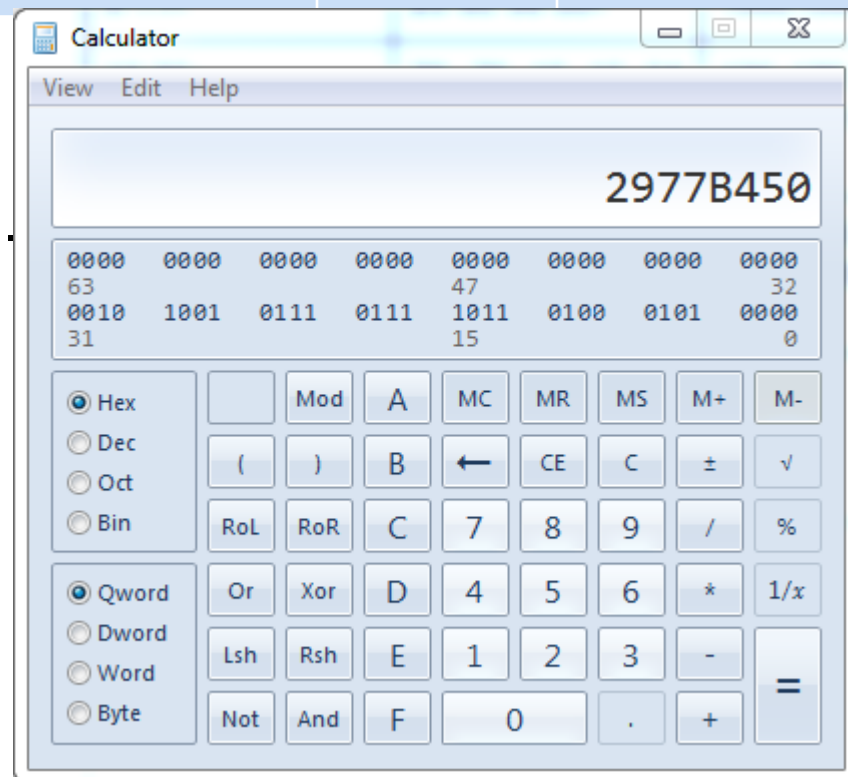
Understanding Time Stamps – Obtaining time from Hex

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1. Convert Hex to Decimal

Encoded as a 4 byte (32 bit) integer in Intel format (little endian).

- Byte swap to Motorola Format (big endian)
0x29 0x77 0xB4 0x50
- Convert to Decimal with Windows Calculator



DDEC Reports Time Stamps

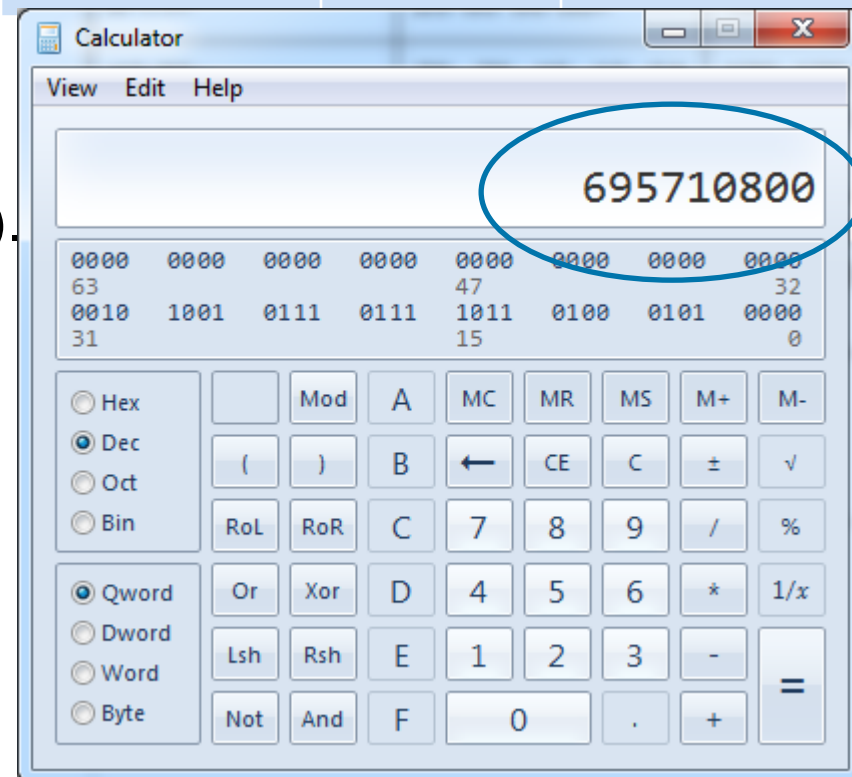
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What does the big number mean?

DDEC Reports Time Stamps

SAE J1587 and J1939 recommend the epoch to be
00:00:00 on 01 Jan 1985 UTC
or
19:00:00 on 31 Dec 1984 Eastern Time



Computer epoch is 00:00:00 on 01 Jan 1970 UTC
15 year offset = 473,364,000 seconds.

Add 473,364,000 seconds to 695,710,800 seconds and convert

```
>>> print(time.strftime("%A, %d %b %Y at %H:%M:%S %Z",  
                        time.gmtime(473364000 + 695710800 )))
```

Wednesday, 17 Jan 2007 at 23:00:00 Central Standard Time

Date:	1/18/2007	Tot
Start Time:	00:00:00 EST	H
Odometer:	1006109.00 mi	00
		02

Data Integrity

File formats are vulnerable to alteration

- **Cummins PowerSpec: plaintext HTML**
- **DDEC Reports: .XTR binary reflects unencrypted network traffic**

Current software has no hashing or checksum to detect alteration

- **Bosch CDR Tool has a CRC-32 checksum (at least it's something).**
- **SAE J2728 recommends a “verification file” to store a computed verification value.**

Alteration can be detected using a Cryptographic Hash Function

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Cryptographic_hash_function

Altering DDEC Reports .XTR file

DDEC® Reports - Hard Brake

#1

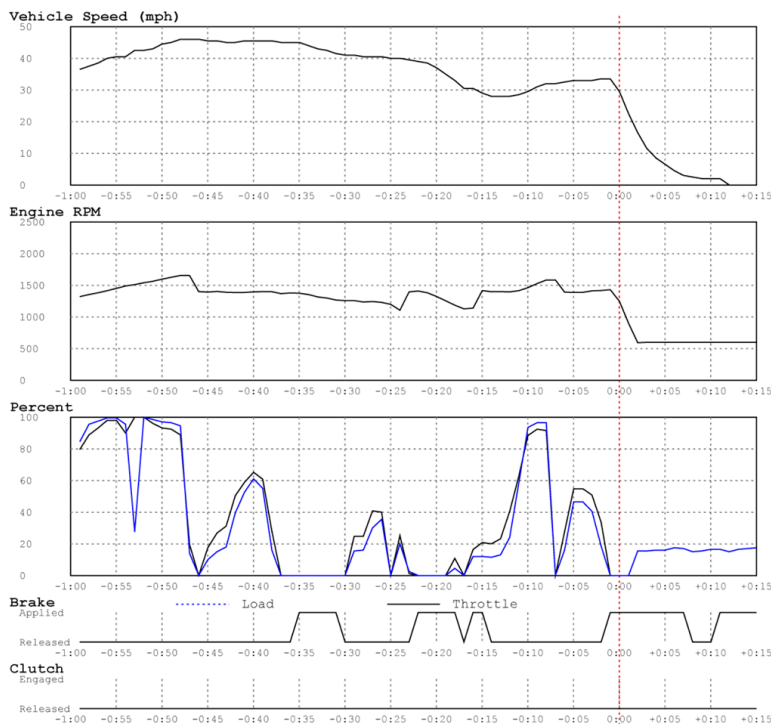
Print Date: 8/21/2013 11:08 AM
University of Tulsa
800 S. Tucker Dr
Tulsa, OK 74104
(918) 631-3056

Trip: 04/11/99 23:05:42 To 12/31/99 (EST)
Vehicle ID: TIB DDEC4
Driver ID:
Odometer: 1312295.0 mi
Engine S/N: 06R049534

Trip Distance 1312295.0 mi
Trip Fuel 231212.90 gal
Fuel Economy 5.68 mpg
Avg Drive Load 47 %
Avg Vehicle Speed 53.2 mph

Trip Time 39020:54:27
Fuel Consumption 5.93 gal/h
Idle Time 14340:55:49
Idle Percent 36.75 %
Idle Fuel 6406.88 gal

Incident Time: 01/05/00 18:26:42 (EST) Incident Odometer: 1311407.0 mi



BASELINEDDEC4.XTR ECM S/W: 26.000 Version: 8.02-00278-00000 Page 1/2

First entry in Hard Brake #1 highlighted.
Change the Speed Byte to 0xFF

HxD - [C:\Users\jeremy-daily\Documents\Dropbox\SAE Paper on Digi...]

File Edit Search View Analysis Extras Window ?

16 ANSI dec

HardBrake1Speed1toFF.XTR

Offset (d)	00	01	02	03	04	05	06	07	08	09	10	11	12	13	14	15
00003968	00	00	00	00	00	00	01	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	14	00
00003984	40	00	02	FF	01	89	3D	C8	00	67	39	1C	00	83	7B	5F
00004000	08	DA	C8	00	00	55	C5	13	03	56	A9	00	00	A0	13	98
00004016	02	59	C4	FA	02	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	00	E6	E4	22
00004032	00	2F	2F	2E	2A	00	A9	EA	37	00	00	00	00	00	21	E5
00004048	DC	00	02	00	A8	03	01	7B	CC	E6	0B	00	D5	1A	C8	00
00004064	4B	77	88	3C	1C	FF	A2	14	A9	C7	00	4B	28	15	BF	DE
00004080	00	4D	94	15	C3	E9	00	50	1B	16	C7	F5	00	51	AB	16
00004096	C7	F5	00	51	3F	17	BF	E1	00	55	98	17	37	FA	00	55
00004112	10	18	C8	FA	00	56	6F	18	C5	F0	00	59	F0	18	C2	E9
00004128	00	5A	65	19	C1	E7	00	5C	DA	19	BD	DE	00	5C	D5	19
00004144	1C	31	00	5C	DB	15	00	00	00	5B	C0	15	14	2C	00	5B
00004160	EA	15	1E	43	00	5A	B5	15	24	4E	00	5A	A7	15	4F	7E

Offset: 4069 Block: 4069-4074 Length: 6

DDEC Reports had no problem reopening a file after manipulating the data.

Most bytes can be mapped to fields within DDEC Reports.

Example: Switch data.

	Diagnostic Code							
	Cruise	Clutch	Brake					
Position	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0
Value	128	64	32	16	8	4	2	1
Bit	X	X	X	0	0	0	0	X

R Z:\Documents\Dropbox\SAE Paper on Digital Forensics\DDEC Reports\HardBrake1Speed1toFF.XTR - DDEC Rep

File Connect View Tools Help

DDEC® Reports - Hard Brake

Vehicle ID:	TIB DDEC4	Incident Time:	01/05/00 18:26:
Driver ID:		Incident Odometer:	131
		Engine S/N:	06R0
Trip Distance	1312295.0 mi	Trip Time	39020
Trip Fuel	231212.90 gal	Fuel Consumption	
Fuel Economy	5.68 mpg	Idle Time	14340
Avg Drive Load	47 %	Idle Percent	
Avg Vehicle Speed	53.2 mph	Idle Fuel	6

Incident Time: 1/5/2000 6:26:42 PM (EST) Incident Odometer: 1311407.0 mi

Time	Vehicle Speed (mph)	Engine Speed (rpm)	Brake	Clutch	Engine Load (%)	Throttle (%)	Cr
-0:59	127.5	1321	No	No	84.50	79.60	1
-0:58	37.5	1354	No	No	95.50	88.80	1
-0:57	38.5	1381	No	No	97.50	93.20	1
-0:56	40.0	1415	No	No	99.50	98.00	1
-0:55	40.5	1451	No	No	99.50	98.00	1
-0:54	40.5	1488	No	No	95.50	90.00	1
-0:53	42.5	1510	No	No	27.50	100.00	1
-0:52	42.5	1540	No	No	100.00	100.00	1
-0:51	43.0	1564	No	No	98.50	96.00	1
-0:50	44.5	1596	No	No	97.00	93.20	1
-0:49	45.0	1625	No	No	96.50	92.40	1
-0:48	46.0	1655	No	No	94.50	88.80	1
-0:47	46.0	1653	No	No	14.00	19.60	1
-0:46	46.0	1399	No	No	0.00	0.00	1
-0:45	45.5	1392	No	No	10.00	17.60	1

Ready

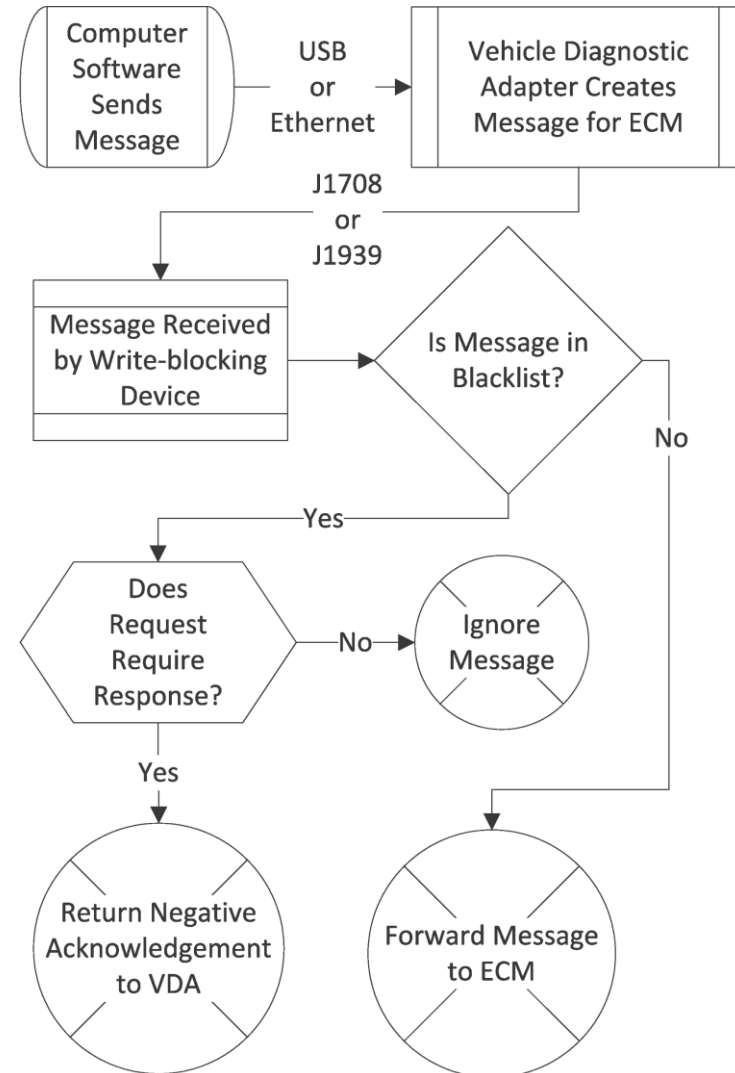
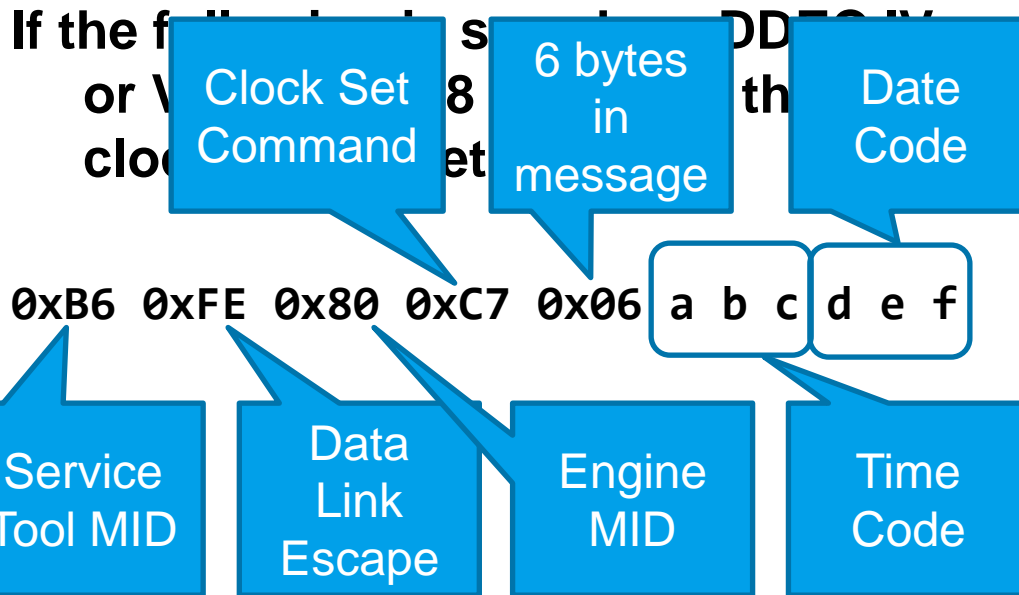
SOLUTIONS:

DIGITAL FORENSICS CONCEPTS FOR HVEDRS

Write Blocking

Some messages from diagnostic software affect data on ECM

Example: DDEC ECM Clock Set

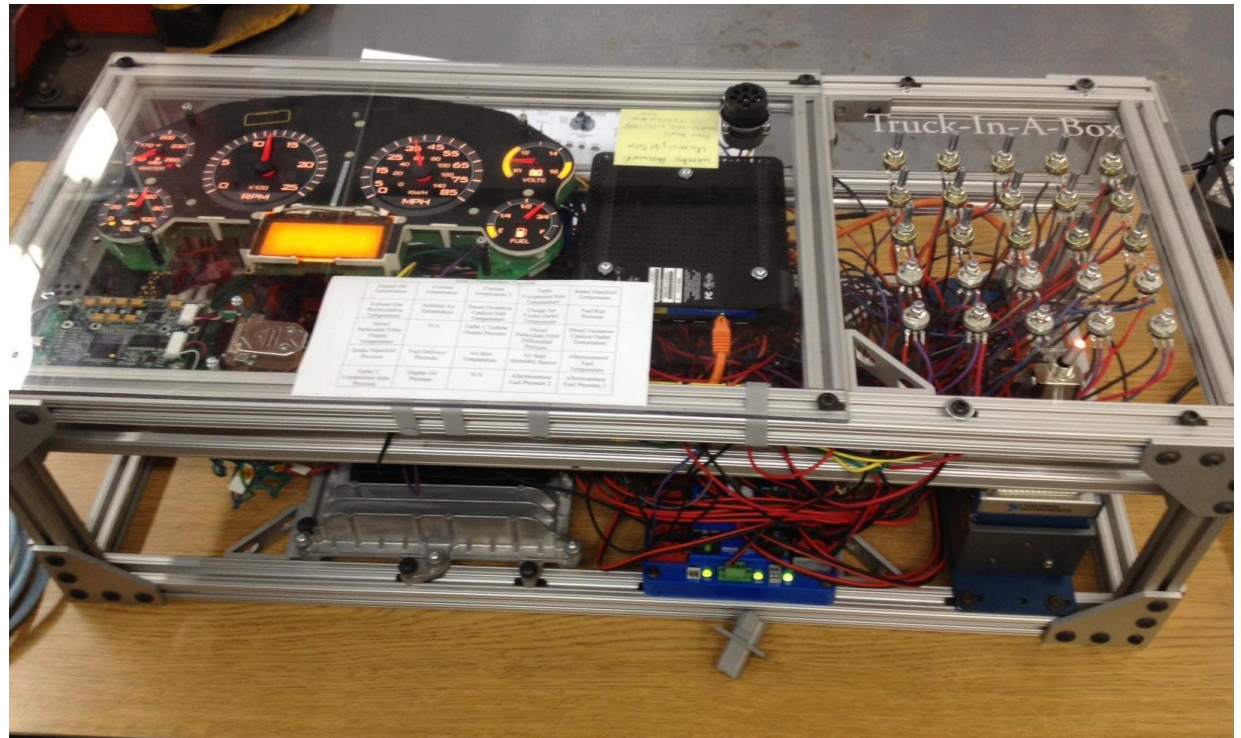


Avoid Writing New Fault Codes

Sensor Simulators make the ECM think it is still in a vehicle.

- **Passive Signals (e.g. Voltage Dividers)**
- **Active Signals (e.g. Accelerator Pedal Position pulses)**
- **Network Signals (e.g. Transmission Control Message on J1939)**

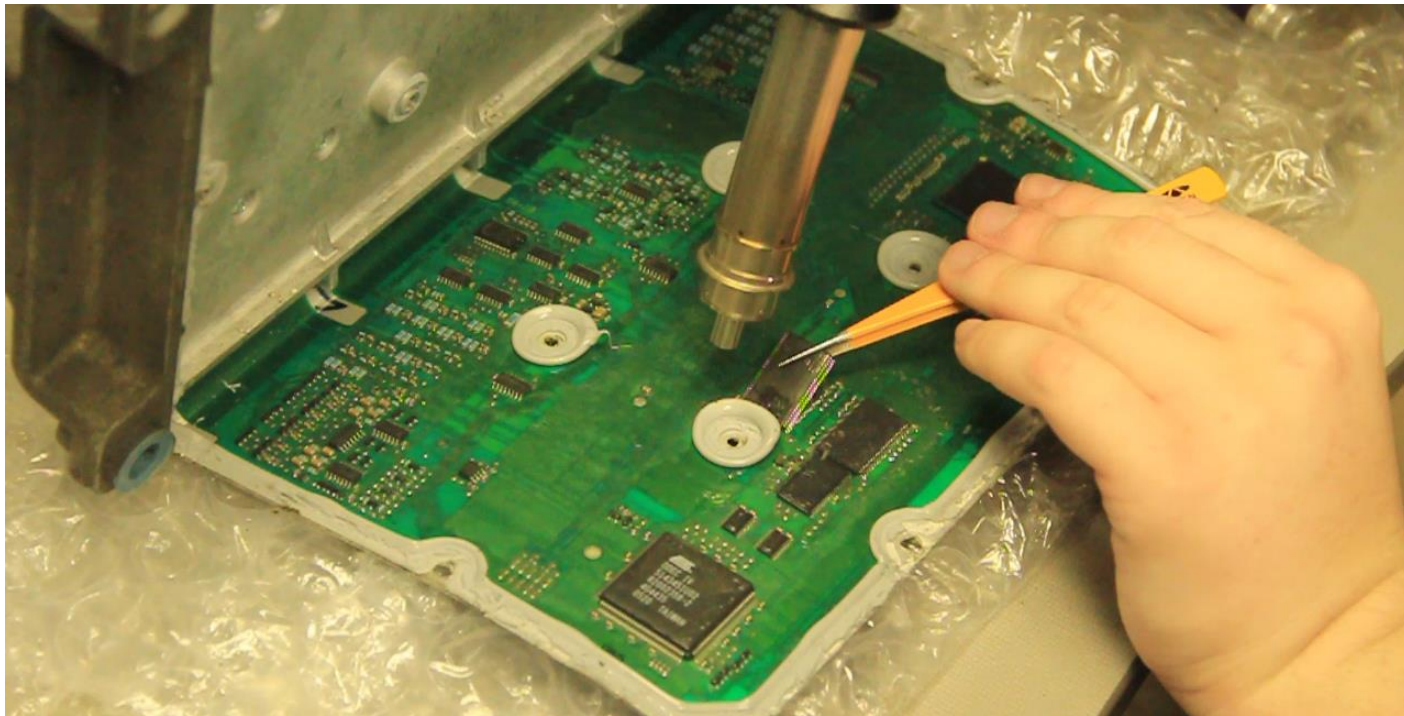
Caution: Different configurations (VINs) may give different fault codes.



Chip Level Forensics

Examine the data in the memory storage devices using a chip reader.

- **DDEC V Daily Engine Usage Logs are stored in seconds.**
- **DDEC Reports data is in different places in physical memory.**



Strong Data Encryption

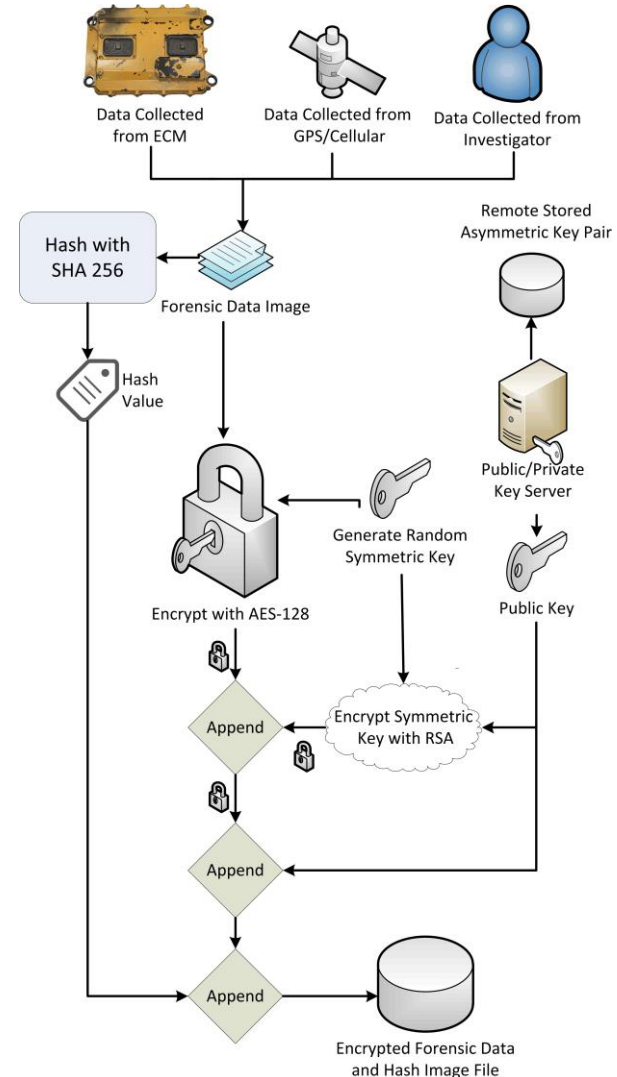
Prevent altering data.

Detect altered data or prove authentic data using SHA-256

Use 2 layer Cryptographic system

- 1. Symmetric AES-128**
- 2. Asymmetric RSA-256**

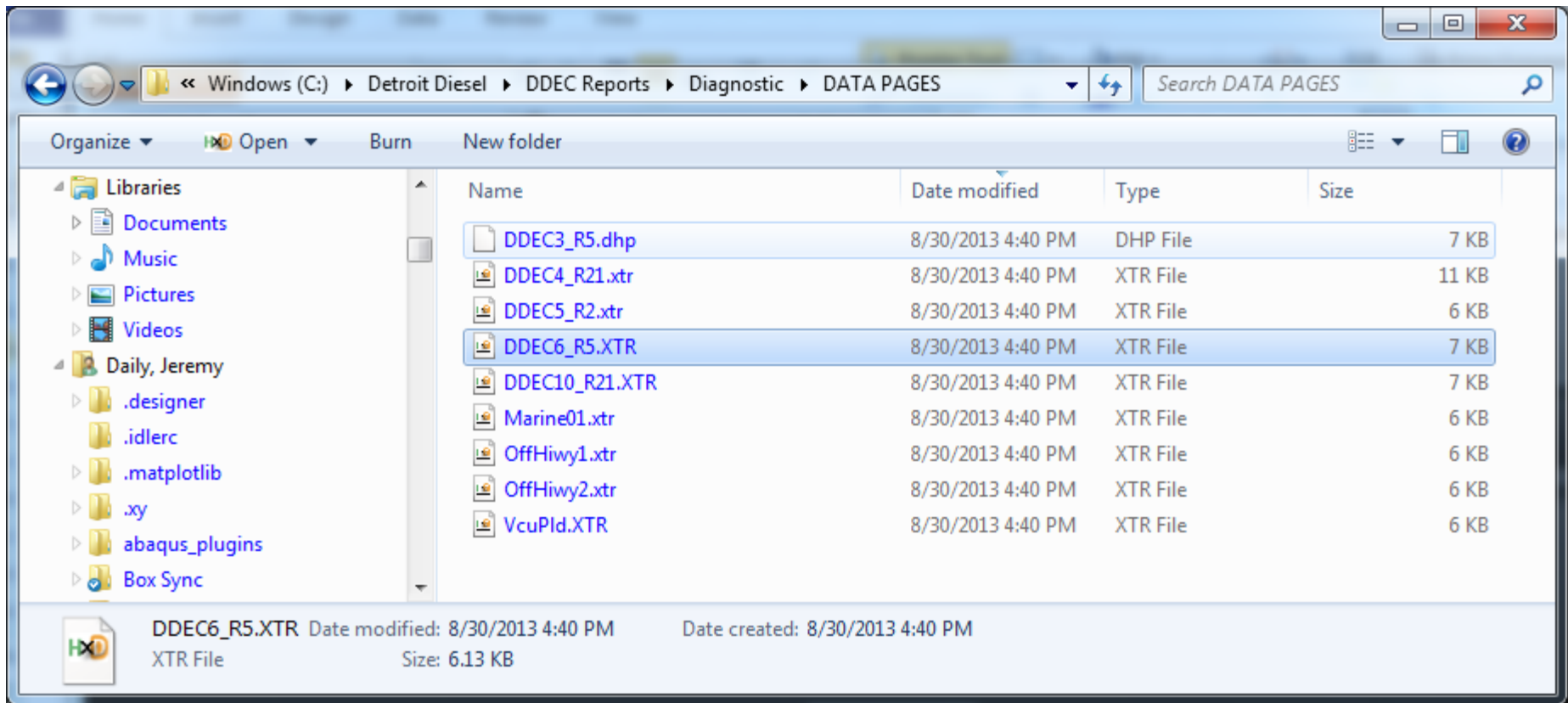
Open design with robust algorithms.



Produce File Signatures

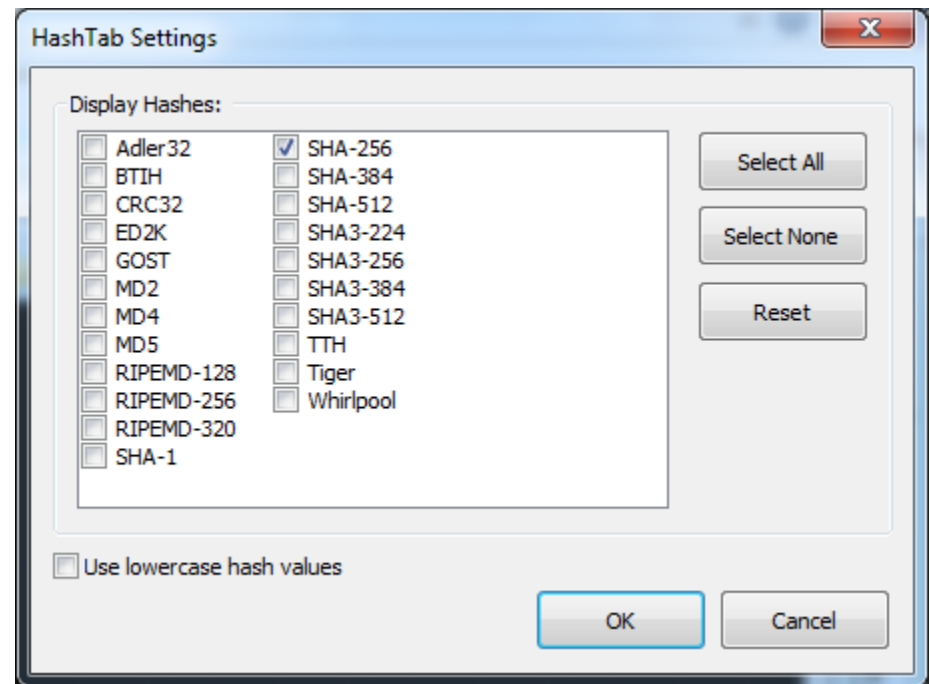
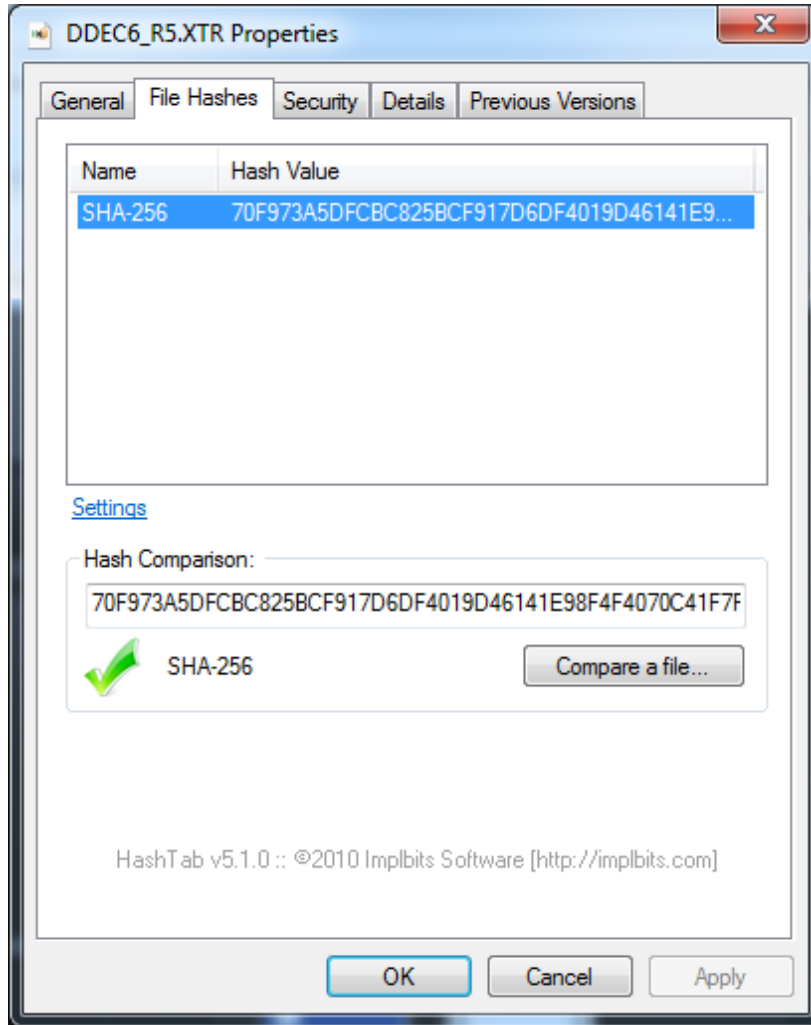
Immediate Recommendation: HashTab

Example: Find a DDEC Reports File, Right Click -> Properties



Produce File Signatures (Cont.)

**Windows Explorer Extension
contains different hash
algorithms
SHA-256 is sufficient.**



Compute and Store the Hash Digest

Save Hash to a Text File.

The screenshot displays three windows from a Windows operating system:

- File Explorer:** Shows the 'DATA PAGES' folder containing several files. The file 'DDEC6_R5_SHA256Hash.txt' is highlighted.
- Notepad:** Open to the file 'DDEC6_R5_SHA256Hash.txt', displaying the SHA-256 hash value: `SHA-256: 70F973A5DFC825BCF917D6DF4019D46141E98F4F4070C41F7FF8C8470CE970`.
- DDEC6_R5.XTR Properties:** The 'File Hashes' tab is active, showing a table with the SHA-256 hash value: `70F973A5DFC825BCF917D6DF4019D46141E9...`. The 'Settings' section shows a 'Hash Comparison' with the same value and a green checkmark indicating a successful match.

Name	Hash Value
SHA-256	70F973A5DFC825BCF917D6DF4019D46141E9...

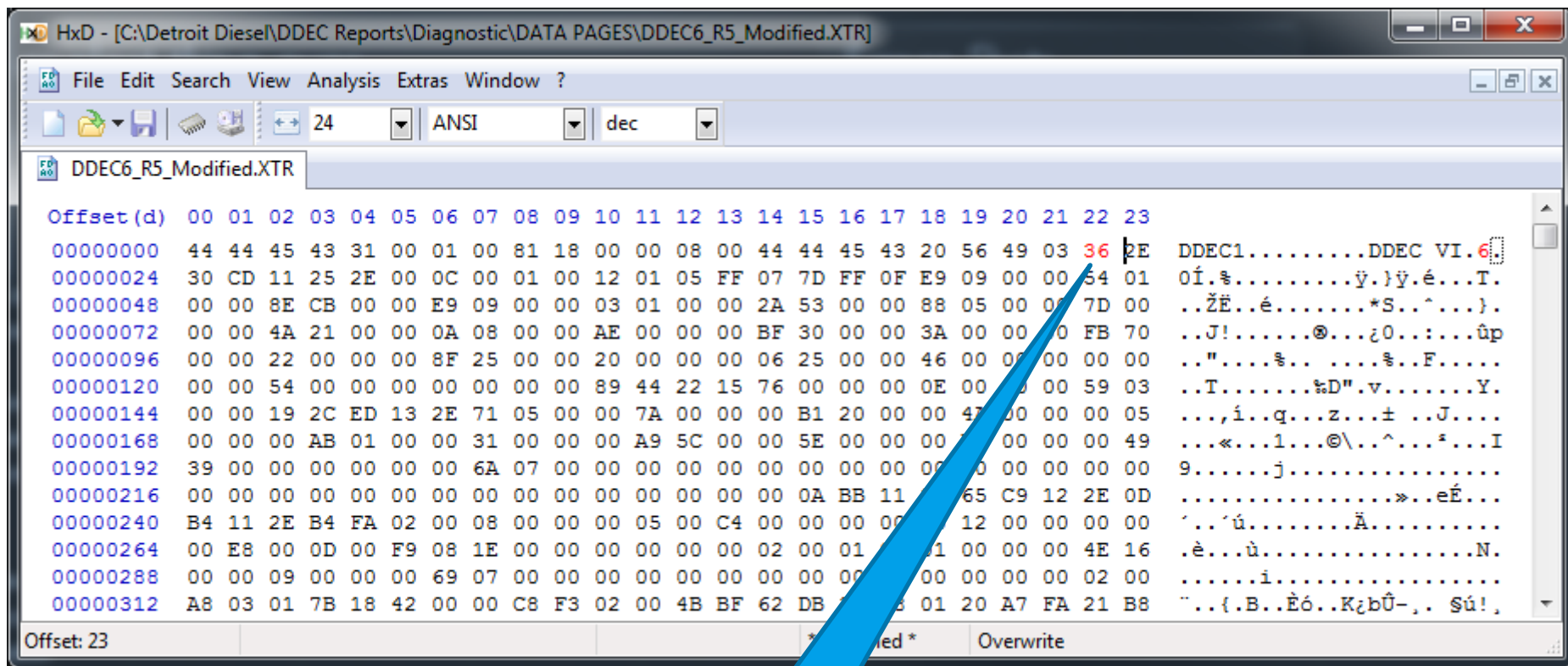
Hash Comparison:

70F973A5DFC825BCF917D6DF4019D46141E98F4F4070C41F7FF8C8470CE970

✓ SHA-256

HashTab v5.1.0 :: ©2010 Implbits Software [http://implbits.com]

Example: Alter a byte in the .XTR file



Change 35
to 36

Compare Hashes to Detect Alteration

The screenshot displays a Windows file explorer window showing a directory with files including `DDEC6_R5_Modified_SHA256Hash.txt`, `DDEC6_R5_Modified.XTR`, `DDEC6_R5_SHA256Hash.txt`, `DDEC3_R5.dhp`, `DDEC4_R21.xtr`, and `DDEC5_R2.xtr`. Below the explorer, two Notepad windows are open. The first Notepad window shows the content of `DDEC6_R5_Modified_SHA256Hash.txt` with the SHA-256 hash: `SHA-256: 32E7B7EC07878502A67AF9E0CE5F0C9D8C649D0F7078C67032C9EB2D5DA85320`. The second Notepad window shows the content of `DDEC6_R5_SHA256Hash.txt` with the SHA-256 hash: `SHA-256: 70F973A5DFCBC825BCF917D6DF4019D46141E98F4F4070C41F7FF8C8470CE970`. To the right, the 'DDEC6_R5_Modified.XTR Properties' dialog box is open, showing the 'File Hashes' tab. It lists the file's SHA-256 hash value: `32E7B7EC07878502A67AF9E0CE5F0C9D8C649D...`. Below this, the 'Hash Comparison' section shows a text input field containing the hash from the second Notepad window: `70F973A5DFCBC825BCF917D6DF4019D46141E98F4F4070C41F7F`. A red 'X' icon and a 'Compare a file...' button are visible, indicating a mismatch. A blue callout bubble points to the comparison area with the text: 'Very different digest after altering a couple bits. Alteration is detected.'

Name	Hash Value
SHA-256	32E7B7EC07878502A67AF9E0CE5F0C9D8C649D...

Settings

Hash Comparison:

70F973A5DFCBC825BCF917D6DF4019D46141E98F4F4070C41F7F

Compare a file...

Email digest to a trusted 3rd party.

Very different digest after altering a couple bits. Alteration is detected.

Forensic Replay Mechanism

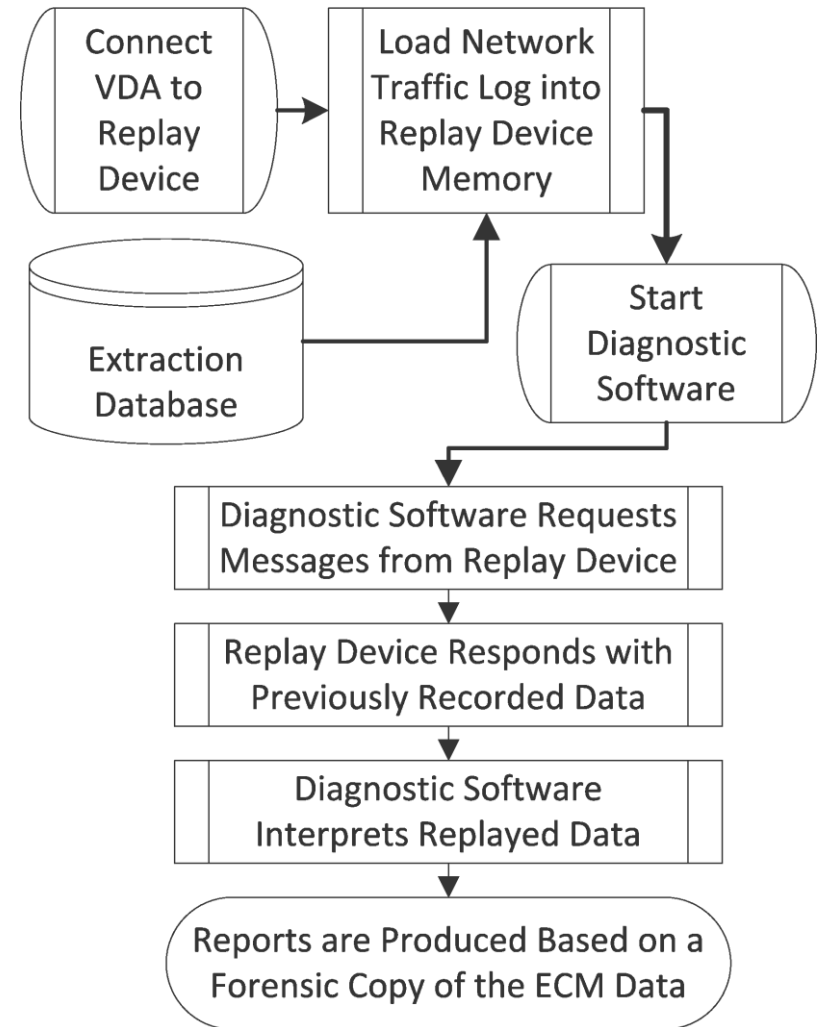
The network traffic can be a trusted source of data.

If network traffic is

- **Captured,**
- **Hashed, and**
- **Stored,**

then it represents a “forensic” image.

Example: Capturing forensically sound network traffic saves significant field time (no screenshots are needed).



Summary and Conclusion

Current software is not forensically sound.

Trust is established with experts. Sometimes authenticity cannot be established.

Some concepts were proposed to make HVEDR data forensically sound.

Presentation available at:
<http://tucrrc.utulsa.edu/>