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Mobile Device Forensic Tool Specification, Test Assertions and Test Cases

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41 the purpose.

42 **Abstract**

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44 This specification defines requirements, test assertions and test cases for extracting and reporting
45 evidence of probative value from mobile devices, including smart phones, tablets, Universal
46 Integrated Circuit Cards (UICCs) and feature phones. Mobile devices contain a wealth of
47 information potentially relevant to an investigation.

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49 This document defines mobile forensic data acquisition tool requirements. The requirements are
50 used to derive test assertions, statements of conditions that are checked after a test case is run. Each
51 test assertion is covered by one or more test cases consisting of a test protocol and the expected test
52 results. The test case protocol specifies detailed procedures for setting up the test, executing the test,
53 and measuring the test results.

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55 Comments and feedback are welcome. This document, and future revisions, are available for
56 download at: https://www.cftt.nist.gov/mobile_devices.htm.

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76 **1 Introduction**

77 There is a critical need in the law enforcement community to ensure the reliability of computer
78 forensic tools. A capability is required to ensure that forensic tools consistently produce accurate,
79 repeatable and objective test results. The goal of the Computer Forensic Tool Testing (CFTT) project
80 at the National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) is to establish a methodology for testing
81 computer forensic tools by the development of functional specifications, test procedures, test criteria,
82 test sets, and test hardware. The results provide the information necessary for toolmakers to improve
83 tools, for users to make informed choices about acquiring and using computer forensics tools, and for
84 interested parties to understand the tools' capabilities. This approach for testing computer forensic
85 tools is based on well-recognized international methodologies for conformance testing and quality
86 testing. This project is further described at <http://www.cftt.nist.gov/>.

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88 The Computer Forensics Tool Testing (CFTT) program is a joint project of the Department of
89 Homeland Security (DHS) Science and Technology Directorate, the National Institute of Justice
90 (NIJ), and the National Institute of Standards and Technology.
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92 **2 Purpose**

93 This specification defines requirements, test assertions and test cases for mobile device forensic tools
94 capable of performing the following tasks:
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- 96 1. Performing a logical acquisition of mobile device data artifacts into an image file.
- 97 2. Performing a physical acquisition via bootloader of a mobile device's memory into an image
98 file.
- 99 3. Extraction and presentation of data artifacts from an image file created by the tool.
- 100 4. Extraction and presentation of data artifacts from an image file created by a hardware
101 technique such as JTAG (Joint Test Action Group) or chip-off.
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103 The requirements are used to derive test assertions, statements of conditions that are checked after a
104 test case is run. Each test assertion is covered by one or more test cases consisting of a test protocol
105 and the expected test results. The test case protocol specifies detailed procedures for setting up the
106 test, executing the test, and measuring the test results.
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108 Changes to version 3.1 include addressing SQLite databases and explicitly requiring tools to present
109 supported data to the user rather than the user having to search for a specific file or find the data
110 within a hex dump.
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112 **3 Scope**

113 The scope of this specification is limited to software and hardware tools capable of extracting and
114 presenting the internal memory of feature phones, smart phones, tablets and Universal Integrated
115 Circuit Cards (UICC). The mobile device tool specification is general and capable of being adapted
116 to other types of mobile device forensic hardware and software.
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119 4 Definitions

120 This glossary defines terms used within this document.

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122 **Acquisition** – The process by which digital data from a mobile device is copied into an image file.
123 There are several types of acquisitions:

- 124 ▪ Logical acquisition: Extraction of a set of supported digital artifacts from the device
125 memory.
- 126 ▪ Selective acquisition: Extraction of a subset of supported digital artifacts from the device
127 memory.
- 128 ▪ File system acquisition: Extraction of the file system structure and content from the device
129 memory.
- 130 ▪ Physical acquisition: A copy of the device physical memory.
- 131 ▪ UICC acquisition: Extraction of the supported artifacts from a UICC.

132 **Active SQLite data** – Table information that comprises the current state of the database (and all
133 associated journal mode files) as of the latest successful commit.

134 **Analysis** – The examination of acquired data for its significance and probative value.

135 **Associated data** – Data (e.g., graphics, address, notes, etc.) that are attached with a specific data
136 object such as an address book entry/Contact, Multimedia Messaging Service (MMS) message,
137 etc.

138 **Binary Large Object (BLOB)** – A Binary Large Object is a string of binary data stored as a single
139 entity within a database management system. BLOB's can typically be images, audio, Plists or
140 other multimedia objects.

141 **Bluetooth** – A wireless protocol that allows two similarly equipped devices to communicate with
142 each other within a short distance (e.g., 9 m).

143 **Boot loader** – Software temporarily installed on a mobile device enabling access to perform a
144 physical data extraction including unallocated data areas.

145 **Case file** – A file containing case description data and possibly an image file containing data from
146 an acquisition.

147 **Chip-off** – Data extraction which involves physically removing flash memory chip(s) from a
148 mobile device.

149 **Code Division Multiple Access (CDMA)** – A spread spectrum technology for cellular networks
150 based on the Interim Standard-95 (IS-95) from the Telecommunications Industry Association
151 (TIA).

152 **CDMA Subscriber Identity Module (CSIM)** – CSIM is an application to support CDMA2000
153 phones that runs on a UICC, with a file structure derived from the Removable User Identity
154 Module (R-UIM) card.

155 **Data Artifacts** – Files or directories stored in the internal memory of a mobile device or UICC such
156 as address book entries, Personal Information Management (PIM) data, call logs, text messages,
157 standalone files (e.g., audio, documents, graphic, video).

158 **Deleted File** – A file that has been logically, but not necessarily physically, erased from the
159 operating system. Deleting files does not always eliminate the possibility of recovering all or
160 part of the original data.

161 **Electronic Serial Number (ESN)** – A unique 32-bit number programmed into CDMA phones
162 when they are manufactured.

163 **Examination** – A technical review that makes the evidence visible and suitable for analysis; as well
164 as tests performed on the evidence to determine the presence or absence of specific data.

165 **Feature Phone** – A mobile device that primarily provides users with simple voice and text
166 messaging services.

167 **File System** – A software mechanism that defines the way that files are named, stored, organized,
168 and accessed on logical volumes of partitioned memory.

169 **Global Positioning System (GPS)** – A system for determining position by comparing radio signals
170 from several satellites.

171 **Global System for Mobile Communications (GSM)** – A set of standards for second generation,
172 cellular networks currently maintained by the 3rd Generation Partnership Project (3GPP).

173 **Internal Memory (IM)** – Volatile and non-volatile storage space for user data.

174 **Instant Messages** – A facility for exchanging messages in real-time with other people over the
175 Internet and tracking the progress of a given conversation.

176 **Integrated Circuit Card ID (ICCID)** – The unique serial number assigned to, maintained within,
177 and usually imprinted on the UICC.

178 **International Mobile Equipment Identity (IMEI)** – A unique identification number programmed
179 into GSM and the Universal Mobile Telecommunications System (UMTS) mobile devices.

180 **International Mobile Subscriber Identity (IMSI)** – A unique number associated with every GSM
181 mobile phone subscriber, which is maintained on a UICC.

182 **Joint Test Action Group (JTAG)** – A method for performing a physical data extraction involving
183 connecting to Test Access Ports (TAPs) of supported devices and instructing the processor to
184 transfer the raw data stored on memory chips.

185 **Journal mode** – SQLite functionality that provides rollback abilities in accordance with Atomic,
186 Consistent, Isolated, and Durable (ACID) transactions. This refers to either a -journal or -wal
187 file.

188 **Location Information (LOCI)** – The Location Area Identifier (LAI) of the phone’s current
189 location, continuously maintained on the UICC when the phone is active and saved whenever
190 the phone is turned off.

191 **Logical acquisition:** A bit-by-bit copy of active storage objects (e.g., Address book, Personal
192 Information Management data, Call logs, text messages, stand-alone data files) that reside on a
193 logical store (e.g., a file system partition).

194 **Image File** – A file created from the data present on a mobile device. This may be a stand-alone
195 file, (e.g., a binary bit-stream image of a digital device memory from a JTAG or chip-off
196 acquisition), or may be embedded in another file, (e.g., embedded in a case file).

197 **Mobile Device Tool (MDT)** –A tool capable of presenting and possibly acquiring the contents of
198 the internal memory of a mobile device.

199 **Mobile Devices** – A hand-held device that has a display screen with touch input and/or a keyboard
200 and may provide users with telephony capabilities. *Mobile devices* are used for both, phones and
201 tablets, throughout this document.

202 **Mobile Equipment Identity (MEID)** – An ID number that is globally unique for CDMA mobile
203 phones that identifies the device to the network and can be used to flag lost or stolen devices.

204 **Mobile Subscriber Integrated Services Digital Network (MSISDN)** – The international
205 telephone number assigned to a cellular subscriber.

206 **Multimedia Messaging Service (MMS)** – An accepted standard for messaging that lets users send
207 and receive messages formatted with text, graphic, audio, and video clips.

208 **Personal Information Management (PIM) Applications** – A core set of applications that provide
209 the electronic equivalents of such items as an agenda, address book, notepad, and reminder list.

210 **Personal Information Management (PIM) Data** – The set of data types such as contacts,
211 calendar, notes, memos, and reminders maintained on a mobile device.

212 **Physical acquisition:** A bit-by-bit acquire of the mobile device internal memory. This allows
213 recovery of more deleted data than a logical or file system data acquisition.

214 **Personal Identification Number (PIN)** – A number that is 4 to 8 digits in length used to secure
215 mobile devices from unauthorized access.

216 **Personal Unblocking Key (PUK)** – A key used to regain access to a Universal Integrated Circuit
217 Card (UICC) whose PIN attempts have been exhausted.

218 **Removable User Identity Module (R-UIM)** – A card developed for cdmaOne/CDMA2000
219 handsets that extends the GSM Subscriber Identity Module (SIM) card to CDMA phones and
220 networks.

221 **Rollback journal** – This is a file associated with each SQLite database that holds information used
222 to restore the database file to its initial state during the course of a transaction while in journal
223 mode. This file is located in the same directory as the database with the string “-journal”
224 appended to its filename.

225 **Short Message Service (SMS)** – A cellular network facility that allows users to send and receive
226 text messages made up of alphanumeric characters on their handset.

227 **Smart phone** – A full-featured mobile phone that provides users with personal computer like
228 functionality by incorporating PIM applications, native, hybrid and web applications, enhanced
229 Internet connectivity and email.

230 **Stand-alone data** – Data (e.g., audio, documents, graphic, video) that is not associated with or has
231 not been transferred to the device via MMS message.

232 **SQLite** – SQLite is an embedded Structured Query Language (SQL) relational database engine that
233 implements a self-contained, serverless, zero-configuration, transactional SQL database engine.

234 **SQLite Table** – A data structure that organizes information into rows and columns. It can be used
235 to store and display data in a structured format.

236 **Subscriber Identity Module (SIM)** – A smart card chip specialized for use in GSM equipment.

- 237 **Supported Data Artifacts** – Data artifacts (e.g., subscriber, equipment information, PIM data, text
238 messages, stand-alone data, MMS messages and associated data) that the mobile device forensic
239 tool has the ability to acquire according to the tool documentation.
- 240 **Universal Integrated Circuit Card (UICC)** – An integrated circuit card that securely stores the
241 international mobile subscriber identity (IMSI) and the related cryptographic key used to
242 identify and authenticate subscribers on mobile devices. A UICC may be referred to as a: SIM,
243 USIM, R-UIM or CSIM, and is used interchangeably with those terms.
- 244 **UMTS Subscriber Identity Module (USIM)** – A module similar to the SIM in GSM/General
245 Packet Radio Service (GPRS) networks, but with additional capabilities suited to 3G networks.
- 246 **User data** – Data stored in the memory of a mobile device.
- 247 **Volatile Memory** – Memory that loses its content when power is turned off or lost.
- 248 **Write-Ahead Log (WAL)** – A file that records SQLite transactions that have been committed, but
249 not yet applied to the database. This file is in the same directory as the database with the string
250 “-wal“ appended to its filename. As of version 3.7.0 (dated 7/21/2010) this file type is the most
251 commonly used method when SQLite journaling mode is enabled.

252 **5 Background**

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254 **5.1 Mobile Device Characteristics – Internal Memory**

255 Mobile devices contain both volatile and non-volatile memory. Volatile memory (i.e., Random Access
256 Memory (RAM)) is used for dynamic storage and its contents are lost when power is drained from
257 the mobile device. Non-volatile memory is persistent as its contents are not affected by loss of power
258 or overwriting data upon reboot (e.g., solid-state drives (SSD) that store persistent data on solid-state
259 flash memory).

260

261 Although data present on mobile devices may be stored in a proprietary format, forensic tools tailored
262 for mobile device acquisition should minimally be able to perform a logical acquisition for supported
263 devices and provide a report of the data present in the internal memory. Tools that possess a low-level
264 understanding of the proprietary data format for a specific device may provide examiners with the
265 ability to perform a physical acquisition and generate reports in a meaningful (i.e., human-readable)
266 format.

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268 **5.2 Identity Module (UICC) Characteristics**

269 Identity modules (commonly known as SIM cards or UICC) are used with mobile devices that
270 interoperate with GSM cellular networks. Under the GSM framework, a mobile device is referred to
271 as a Mobile Station and is partitioned into two distinct components: the UICC and the Mobile
272 Equipment (ME). A UICC, commonly referred to as an identity module (e.g., Subscriber Identity
273 Module [SIM], Universal Subscriber Identity Module [USIM], CDMA Subscriber Identity Module
274 [CSIM]), is a removable component that contains essential information about the subscriber. The ME
275 and the radio handset portion cannot fully function without a UICC. The UICC's main purpose is
276 authenticating the user of the mobile device to the network providing access to subscribed services.
277 The UICC also offers storage for personal information, such as phonebook entries, text messages, last
278 numbers dialed (LND) and service-related information.

279 A preset number of attempts (usually three) are allowed for providing the correct PIN code to the
280 UICC before further attempts are blocked completely, rendering communications inoperative. Only
281 by providing a correct PIN Unblocking Key (PUK) may the value of a PIN and its counter be reset
282 on the UICC. If the number of attempts to enter the correct PUK value exceeds a set limit, normally
283 ten, the card becomes blocked permanently. The PUK for a UICC may be obtained from the service
284 provider or network operator by providing the identifier of the UICC (i.e., Integrated Circuit Chip
285 Identifier or ICCID). The ICCID is normally imprinted on the front of the UICC, but may also be
286 read from an element of the file system.

287 Due to the GSM 11.11¹ standard, mobile device forensic tools designed to extract data from a UICC
288 either internally or with an external Personal Computer/Smart Card (PC/SC) reader, should be able
289 to properly acquire, decode, and present data in a human-readable format. A limited amount of
290 information may be stored on UICCs such as Abbreviated Dialing Numbers (ADNs), Last Numbers
291 Dialed (LND), SMS messages, subscriber information (e.g., IMSI), and location information (i.e.,
292 Location Information [LOCI], General Packet Radio Service Location [GPRSLOCI]).

¹ <http://www.tfn.net/techno/smartcards/gsm11-11.pdf>

293 **5.3 Extractable Digital Artifacts**

294 The amount and richness of data contained on mobile devices varies based upon the manufacturer
295 and OS. Installed applications provide investigators with a rich repository of data that can be relevant
296 to an investigation. However, there is a core set of data that mobile device forensic tools can recover
297 that remains constant across most mobile devices. Tools should have the ability to recover the
298 following supported data artifacts stored in the device’s internal memory and UICC memory outlined
299 in sections 5.3.1 and 5.3.2.

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301 **5.3.1 Internal Memory Artifacts**

- 302 ▪ Subscriber and equipment identifiers: IMEI, MEID/ESN
- 303 ▪ PIM data: address book/phonebook/contacts, calendar, memos, etc.
- 304 ▪ Call logs: incoming, outgoing, missed
- 305 ▪ Text messages: SMS, MMS (audio, graphic, video)
- 306 ▪ Instant messages
- 307 ▪ Stand-alone files: audio, documents, graphic, video
- 308 ▪ Electronic mail
- 309 ▪ Web activity: history, bookmarks
- 310 ▪ GPS / Geo-location related data: longitude and latitude coordinates
- 311 ▪ Social media related data

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313 **5.3.2 UICC Memory Artifacts**

- 314 ▪ Service Provider Name (SPN)
- 315 ▪ Integrated Circuit Card Identifier (ICCID)
- 316 ▪ International Mobile Subscriber Identity (IMSI)
- 317 ▪ Mobile Subscriber International ISDN Number (MSISDN)
- 318 ▪ Abbreviated Dialing Numbers (ADNs)
- 319 ▪ Last Numbers Dialed (LND)
- 320 ▪ Text messages (SMS)
- 321 ▪ Location (LOCI, GPRSLOCI)

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323 **5.4 SQLite Databases**

324 SQLite was developed nearly twenty years ago. It has become the most widely deployed and used
325 database engine in the world. It is used by every instance of Google Chrome and Firefox browser in
326 existence. Particularly important to mobile forensic analysts, it is also installed on every Android and
327 iOS device in existence today. It is the default database storage format for the millions of mobile
328 device applications for both of these operating systems.

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330 As of January 2020, Statista reports that there are over 1,840,000 applications in the Apple App Store
331 (iOS devices) and 2,570,000 applications in the Google Play Store (Android devices)². That’s a
332 combined total of over 4.3 million different applications that an examiner may encounter for any

² Source: <https://www.statista.com/statistics/276623/number-of-apps-available-in-leading-app-stores/>

333 particular case. The focus of testing will be on popular apps that are most likely to be forensically
334 relevant, such as communications including social media apps.

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336 The SQLite data covered within this mobile specification addresses active data as contained within
337 SQLite databases. Deleted SQLite data is quite complex in nature and therefore, not covered within
338 this document. This topic is covered in *SQLite Deleted Data Recovery Specification, Test Assertions*
339 *and Test Cases*.

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342 **6 Requirements & Test Assertions**

343 This section lists the mobile device forensic tool requirements that are tested. Each requirement is
344 followed by a set of one or more test assertions, statements that can be checked after a test case is
345 performed. There are requirements for core features that all tools must meet and also requirements
346 for optional features. The requirements for optional features only apply if the tool supports the
347 feature.
348

349 **6.1 Requirements for Core Features**

350 The following requirements define the essential elements of a mobile acquisition tool.

351
352 **MDT-CR-01.** A mobile device forensic tool extracts and presents all supported data artifacts from a
353 mobile device image file.

354 **MDT-CA-01.** The tool presents all subscriber and equipment information available from an
355 image file.

356 **MDT-CA-02.** The tool presents all PIM (address book, calendar & notes) data available
357 from an image file.

358 **MDT-CA-03.** The tool presents all call data (call type (incoming, outgoing, missed), date-
359 time stamps, duration) available from an image file.

360 **MDT-CA-04.** The tool presents all message (SMS, MMS & instant messages) data
361 available from an image file.

362 **MDT-CA-05.** The tool presents all stand-alone (audio, documents, graphic & video,) files
363 available from an image file.

364 **MDT-CA-06.** The tool presents all browsing (history & bookmarks) data available from an
365 image file.

366 **MDT-CA-07.** The tool presents all email data available from an image file.

367 **MDT-CA-08.** The tool presents all social media application data available from an image
368 file.

369 **MDT-CA-09.** The tool presents all geo-location application data available from an image
370 file.

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372 **MDT-CR-02.** The tool renders text correctly.

373 **MDT-CA-10.** Presented text is rendered with the correct character glyphs.

374
375 **MDT-CR-03.** A mobile device forensic tool does not modify a mobile device image file being
376 examined.

377 **MDT-CA-11.** The tool does not modify an image file.

378
379 **MDT-CR-04.** A mobile device forensic tool notifies the tool user if a mobile device image file has
380 been modified.

381 **MDT-CA-12.** If an image file is modified, the tool notifies the user that a change has been
382 made to the image file.

383 **6.2 Requirements for Optional Features**

384 This section lists requirements for optional tool features. If a tool provides the defined feature, the
385 tool is tested for conformance to the requirements for the feature. If the tool does not support the
386 feature, the requirement does not apply.

387
388 The following optional features are identified:

389 **6.2.1 Image File Creation**

390 The following requirements and test assertions only apply if a mobile device forensic tool supports
391 acquisition of a supported mobile device.

392
393 **MDT-RO-01.** A mobile device forensic tool creates an image file from a physical memory
394 acquisition (e.g., boot loader).

395 **MDT-AO-01.** An image file is created of physical memory.

396
397 **MDT-RO-02.** A mobile device forensic tool creates an image file from a logical acquisition of all
398 supported memory artifacts.

399 **MDT-AO-02.** An image file is created containing supported memory artifacts.

400
401 **MDT-RO-03.** A mobile device forensic tool creates an image file from a logical acquisition of
402 selected memory artifacts.

403 **MDT-AO-03.** An image file is created containing selected artifacts.

404
405 **MDT-RO-04.** A mobile device forensic tool creates an image file from an acquisition of the mobile
406 device file system.

407 **MDT-AO-04.** An image file is created of the device file system.

408
409 **MDT-RO-05.** A mobile device forensic tool notifies the user if there is a failure to access a
410 connected mobile device.

411 **MDT-AO-05.** The user is notified if the tool fails to establish a connection or acquire data
412 from a connected mobile device.

413
414 **MDT-RO-06.** A mobile device forensic tool notifies the user if an acquisition is interrupted before
415 completion.

416 **MDT-AO-06.** The user is notified if an acquisition is disrupted.

417

418 **6.2.2 UICC Access, Acquisition and Presentation**

419 The following requirements and test assertions only apply if a mobile device forensic tool supports
420 acquisition and presentation of data from a UICC.

421
422 **MDT-RO-07.** A mobile device forensic tool allows access to a locked UICC via PIN code and
423 PUK code.

424 **MDT-AO-07.** A mobile device forensic tool provides a count of remaining authentication
425 attempts for a locked UICC acquisition if an incorrect PIN is entered.

- 426 **MDT-AO-08.** A mobile device forensic tool unlocks a locked UICC if the correct PIN code
427 is given to the tool.
- 428 **MDT-AO-09.** A mobile device forensic tool provides the examiner with a count of
429 remaining authentication attempts for a locked UICC acquisition if an incorrect PUK code is
430 entered.
- 431 **MDT-AO-10.** A mobile device forensic tool unlocks a locked UICC that has been given the
432 maximum number of incorrect PIN codes if the correct PUK code is given to the tool.
433
- 434 **MDT-RO-08.** A mobile device forensic tool creates an image file from an acquisition of an
435 unlocked UICC.
- 436 **MDT-AO-11.** An image file is created containing supported UICC artifacts.
437
- 438 **MDT-RO-09.** A mobile device forensic tool extracts and presents all supported data artifacts from a
439 UICC image file.
- 440 **MDT-AO-12.** A mobile device forensic tool presents Service Provider Name (SPN) from a
441 UICC image file.
- 442 **MDT-AO-13.** A mobile device forensic tool presents Integrated Circuit Card Identifier
443 (ICCID) from a UICC image file.
- 444 **MDT-AO-14.** A mobile device forensic tool presents International Mobile Subscriber
445 Identity (IMSI) from a UICC image file.
- 446 **MDT-AO-15.** A mobile device forensic tool presents Mobile Subscriber International ISDN
447 Number (MSISDN) from a UICC image file.
- 448 **MDT-AO-16.** A mobile device forensic tool presents Abbreviated Dialing Numbers (ADNs)
449 from a UICC image file.
- 450 **MDT-AO-17.** A mobile device forensic tool presents Last Numbers Dialed (LND) from a
451 UICC image file.
- 452 **MDT-AO-18.** A mobile device forensic tool presents Text messages (SMS) from a UICC
453 image file.
- 454 **MDT-AO-19.** A mobile device forensic tool presents Location (LOCI, GPRSLOCI) from a
455 UICC image file.

456 **6.2.3 Deleted Data Artifacts Recovery**

457 A forensic tool recovers deleted data artifacts dependent upon its capability.

458

459 **MDT-RO-10.** A mobile device forensic tool presents recoverable deleted artifacts.

460 **MDT-AO-20.** If an image file contains recoverable deleted data artifacts and the tool
461 supports data recovery, then the tool presents the recovered deleted items.

462 **6.2.4 SQLite Data**

463 A forensic tool provides SQLite functionality.

464

465 **MDT-RO-11.** A mobile device forensic tool shall report the data content of all rows for each active
466 table in the database.

467 **MDT-AO-21.** The tool shall display numeric values (e.g., integer and floating point values).

- 468 **MDT-AO-22.** The tool shall display integer time values as a conventional human readable
469 date and time.
- 470 **MDT-AO-23.** The tool shall render text for Text fields, table names, and column names
471 encoded in Unicode Transformation Format (UTF) 8, UTF 16BE, and UTF 16LE.
- 472 **MDT-AO-24.** The tool shall decode and display base64 encoded text.
- 473 **MDT-AO-25.** The tool shall display graphic image data recorded as a BLOB in the
474 database.
- 475 **MDT-AO-26.** The tool shall decode data recorded as a BLOB in the database.
- 476 **MDT-AO-27.** The tool shall have the ability to display SQLite BLOB data (e.g., graphic
477 files and plist).
- 478 **MDT-AO-28.** The tool shall report all currently active data when WAL mode is in use.
- 479 **MDT-AO-29.** The tool shall report all currently active data when journal mode is in use.
480
- 481 **MDT-RO-12.** A mobile device forensic tool provides embedded SQLite functionality.
- 482 **MDT-AO-30.** The tool shall execute SQLite commands and report the results.
- 483 **MDT-AO-31.** The tool shall have the ability to save SQLite commands for later recall.
484

485 **7 Mobile Device Test Cases**

486 The actual test cases selected depends on the tool features supported for a particular mobile device.
487 For example, a tablet would not usually have call logs, but a phone would. A given phone might or
488 might not have a UICC. A given tool may not support particular image file acquisition types and
489 possibly no acquisitions at all but provide analysis capabilities of mobile device images.

490
491 Tools tested are expected to report supported data elements to the user within the GUI. This does
492 not mean having to physically search for data artifacts within a hex view.
493

494 If a mobile device forensic tool supports selective logical acquisition then the three variations of
495 ONE, SUBSET and SELECTED should be done. A challenge of selected acquisition is the large
496 number of possible combinations that could be tested. The compromise between the time required
497 to run a large number of different combinations and expending a reasonable amount of time is to
498 use three selection set variations (ONE, SUBSET and SELECTED) for each device tested, but use a
499 different selection set for each device. The selection sets for each variation are as follows:

- 500 ▪ Variation SELECTED: Select all supported data items. Do this for each device tested.
- 501 ▪ Variation ONE: Select just one supported data item. Select a different data item for each
502 device tested. If there are more devices than data items, then repeat selected data items.
- 503 ▪ Variation SUBSET: Select a subset of supported data items. Use a different one of the
504 following patterns for each device, the expectation is to select about a third to a half of the
505 data items for each tested device. If you have more devices than there are patterns you will
506 need to repeat patterns already used, just use all the patterns approximately an equal number
507 of times:
 - 508 ○ Mentally number the supported data items: 1, 2, 3, ... select the odd numbered items.
 - 509 ○ Mentally number the supported data items: 1, 2, 3, ... select the even numbered
510 items.
 - 511 ○ Mentally number the supported data items: 1, 2, 3, ... select every third item starting
512 with item 2.

- 513 ○ Select the first half of the supported items.
- 514 ○ Select the last half of the supported items.

515
516 **MDT-01.** Disruption notification.

517 This test case only applies for acquisition types supported by the tool. Begin an acquisition, wait
518 a suitable time interval and then disrupt the connection to the mobile device. There can be case
519 variations for each acquisition type:

- 520 ▪ MDT-01-LOG for logical acquisition
- 521 ▪ MDT-01-ONE for selective acquisition of one data item
- 522 ▪ MDT-01-SUBSET for selected acquisition of subset of data items
- 523 ▪ MDT-01-SELECTED for selected acquisition of all supported data items
- 524 ▪ MDT-01-FILE for file system acquisition
- 525 ▪ MDT-01-PHY for physical acquisition

526
527 **Test Assertions:**

528 MDT-AO-06 The user is notified if an acquisition is disrupted.

529
530 **MDT-02.** Create an image file.

531 Acquire data from a mobile device. This test case only applies for acquisition types supported
532 by the tool. If the tool supports selective logical acquisition then all of the three selective
533 acquisition variations should be run (ONE, SUBSET and SELECTED). There can be case
534 variations for the different acquisition types:

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- 536 ▪ MDT-02-LOG for logical acquisition
- 537 ▪ MDT-02-ONE for selective acquisition of one data item
- 538 ▪ MDT-02-SUBSET for selected acquisition of subset of data items
- 539 ▪ MDT-02-SELECTED for selected acquisition of all supported data items
- 540 ▪ MDT-02-FILE for file system acquisition
- 541 ▪ MDT-02-PHY for physical acquisition

542
543 **Test Assertions (only one of the first 4 applies depending of the variation):**

544 MDT-AO-01 An image file is created of physical memory. (PHY)

545 MDT-AO-02 An image file is created containing supported memory artifacts. (LOG)

546 MDT-AO-03 An image file is created containing selected artifacts. (ONE, SUBSET and
547 SELECTED)

548 MDT-AO-04 An image file is created of the device file system. (FILE)

549 MDT-AO-05 The user is notified if the tool fails to establish a connection or acquire data from a
550 connected mobile device.

551
552 **MDT-03.** View artifacts from an image file.

553 View data acquired from a mobile device to an image file. Open an image file and try to view
554 the expected data items present. There can be case variations for the different acquisition
555 methods used to create the image file:

- 556 ▪ MDT-03-LOG for logical acquisition
- 557 ▪ MDT-03-ONE for selective acquisition of one data item
- 558 ▪ MDT-03-SUBSET for selected acquisition of subset of data items

- 559 ▪ MDT-03-SELECTED for selected acquisition of all supported data items
- 560 ▪ MDT-03-FILE for file system acquisition
- 561 ▪ MDT-03-PHY for physical boot loader acquisition
- 562 ▪ MDT-03-JTAG for JTAG acquisition (acquired via separate hardware device)
- 563 ▪ MDT-03-CHIP for Chip-off acquisition (acquired via separate hardware device)
- 564

565 ***Test assertions:***

566 MDT-CA-01 The tool presents all subscriber and equipment information available from an image
567 file.

568 MDT-CA-02 The tool presents all PIM (address book, calendar & notes) data available from an
569 image file.

570 MDT-CA-03 The tool presents all call data (call type (incoming, outgoing, missed), date-time
571 stamps, duration) available from an image file.

572 MDT-CA-04 The tool presents all message (SMS, MMS & instant messages) data available from an
573 image file.

574 MDT-CA-05 The tool presents all stand-alone (audio, documents, graphic & video,) files available
575 from an image file.

576 MDT-CA-06 The tool presents all browsing (history & bookmarks) data available from an image
577 file.

578 MDT-CA-07 The tool presents all email data available from an image file.

579 MDT-CA-08 The tool presents all social media application data available from an image file.

580 MDT-CA-10 Presented text is rendered with the correct character glyphs.

581 MDT-AO-20 If an image file contains recoverable deleted data artifacts and the tool supports data
582 recovery, then the tool presents the recovered deleted items.

583 MDT-CA-11 The tool does not modify an image file.

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585 **MDT-04.** Detect change to an image file.

586 Make a change to an image file, then open the image file. There can be case variations for the
587 different acquisition types:

- 588 ▪ MDT-04-LOG for logical acquisition
- 589 ▪ MDT-04-ONE for selective acquisition of one data item
- 590 ▪ MDT-04-SUBSET for selected acquisition of subset of data items
- 591 ▪ MDT-04-SELECTED for selected acquisition of all supported data items
- 592 ▪ MDT-04-FILE for file system acquisition

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594 ***Test assertions:***

595 MDT-CA-12 If an image file is modified, the tool notifies the user that a change has been made to
596 the image file.

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598 **MDT-05.** Unlock a UICC

599 Connect to a locked UICC and attempt to unlock the UICC. There are two variations:

- 600 ▪ MDT-05-PIN Unlock with a PIN code a locked UICC.
- 601 ▪ MDT-05-PUK Unlock with a PUK code a UICC that has had the maximum number of
602 failed PIN attempts.

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604 ***Test Assertions for MDT-05-PIN:***

605 MDT-AO-07 A mobile device forensic tool provides a count of remaining authentication attempts
606 for a locked UICC acquisition if an incorrect PIN is entered.

607 MDT-AO-08 A mobile device forensic tool unlocks a locked UICC if the correct PIN code is given
608 to the tool.

609

610 ***Test Assertions for MDT-05-PUK:***

611 MDT-AO-09 A mobile device forensic tool provides the examiner with a count of remaining
612 authentication attempts for a locked UICC acquisition if an incorrect PUK code is entered.

613 MDT-AO-10 A mobile device forensic tool unlocks a locked UICC that has been given the
614 maximum number of incorrect PIN codes if the correct PUK code is given to the tool.

615

616 **MDT-06.** Create UICC image file

617 Create a image file of an unlocked UICC.

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619 ***Test assertion:***

620 MDT-AO-11 An image file is created containing supported UICC artifacts.

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622 **MDT-07.** View artifacts from UICC image file

623 View acquired artifacts from a UICC.

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625 ***Test Assertions:***

626 MDT-AO-12 A mobile device forensic tool presents Service Provider Name (SPN) from a UICC
627 image file.

628 MDT-AO-13 A mobile device forensic tool presents Integrated Circuit Card Identifier (ICCID)
629 from a UICC image file.

630 MDT-AO-14 A mobile device forensic tool presents International Mobile Subscriber Identity
631 (IMSI) from a UICC image file.

632 MDT-AO-15 A mobile device forensic tool presents Mobile Subscriber International ISDN Number
633 (MSISDN) from a UICC image file.

634 MDT-AO-16 A mobile device forensic tool presents Abbreviated Dialing Numbers (ADNs) from a
635 UICC image file.

636 MDT-AO-17 A mobile device forensic tool presents Last Numbers Dialed (LND) from a UICC
637 image file.

638 MDT-AO-18 A mobile device forensic tool presents Text messages (SMS) from a UICC image file.

639 MDT-AO-19 A mobile device forensic tool presents Location (LOCI, GPRSLOCI) from a UICC
640 image file.

641 MDT-AO-20 If an image file contains recoverable deleted data artifacts and the tool supports data
642 recovery, then the tool presents the recovered deleted items.

643 MDT-CA-11 The tool does not modify an image file.

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645 **MDT-08.** View active table data within an SQLite database.

646 View acquired artifacts within the embedded SQLite viewer.

647

648 ***Test Assertions:***

649 MDT-AO-21 The tool shall display numeric values (e.g., integer and floating point values).

650 MDT-AO-22 The tool shall display integer time values as a conventional human-readable date
651 and time.
652 MDT-AO-23 The tool shall render text for Text fields, table names, and column names encoded in
653 UTF 8, UTF 16BE, and UTF 16LE.
654 MDT-AO-24 The tool shall decode and display base64 encoded text.
655 MDT-AO-25 The tool shall display graphic image data recorded as a BLOB in the database.
656 MDT-AO-26 The tool shall decode data recorded as a BLOB in the database.
657 MDT-AO-27 The tool shall have the ability to display SQLite BLOB data.
658 MDT-AO-28 The tool shall report all currently active data when WAL mode is in use.
659 MDT-AO-29 The tool shall report all currently active data when journal mode is in use.
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661 **MDT-09.** Execute SQLite commands stored within the image file.
662 Run and save SQLite commands.
663
664 ***Test Assertions:***
665 MDT-AO-30 If an image file contains recoverable deleted data artifacts and the tool supports data
666 recovery, then the tool presents the recovered deleted items.
667 MDT-AO-31 The tool shall have the capability to save SQLite commands for later recall.
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