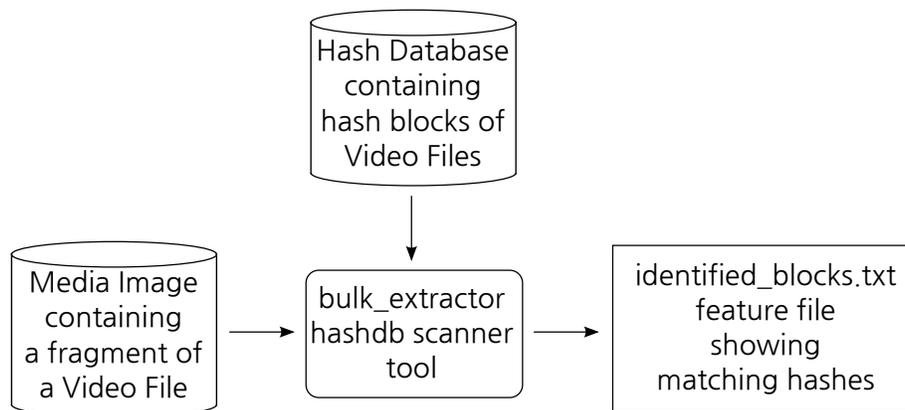


# Demo: Finding Fragments of Previously Encountered Data using *hashdb* and *bulk\_extractor*

In this demo, we find that a media image contains part of a previously encountered video file. This demo uses the following resources:

- A media image containing a fragment of a video file.
- A *hashdb* block hash database containing block hashes from the previously encountered video file.
- The *hashdb* tool.
- *bulk\_extractor* compiled with the *hashdb* scanner.

Here is the workflow:



Scan the media image for parts of a video file.

Setup:

1. Download and install *hashdb* from <http://digitalcorpora.org/downloads/hashdb> as described at <https://github.com/simsong/hashdb/wiki/Installing-hashdb>.
2. Download and install *bulk\_extractor* compiled with *hashdb* from <http://digitalcorpora.org/downloads/hashdb> as described at <https://github.com/simsong/hashdb/wiki/Installing-hashdb>.
3. This demo requires hash database `mock_video.hdb` created by demo “Demo: Creating a Block Hash Database using *hashdb* and *md5deep*” available at [http://digitalcorpora.org/downloads/hashdb/demo/create\\_hdb\\_demo.pdf](http://digitalcorpora.org/downloads/hashdb/demo/create_hdb_demo.pdf). Please follow that demo to create your `mock_video.hdb` hash database and copy it into your current working directory.
4. Download the media file to scan from here: [http://digitalcorpora.org/downloads/hashdb/demo/mock\\_video\\_redacted\\_image](http://digitalcorpora.org/downloads/hashdb/demo/mock_video_redacted_image). This media file contains a fragment of the demo video file, specifically, a contiguous 64KiB section near the end of about 10 MiB of video data:

## Steps:

1. Now scan for matching hash values: Using a command window, go to your working directory and then run *bulk\_extractor*, specifying the paths to the hash database and the media:

```
$ bulk_extractor -e hashdb -o outdir -S hashdb_mode=scan \  
-S hashdb_scan_path_or_socket=mock_video.hdb \  
mock_video_redacted_image
```

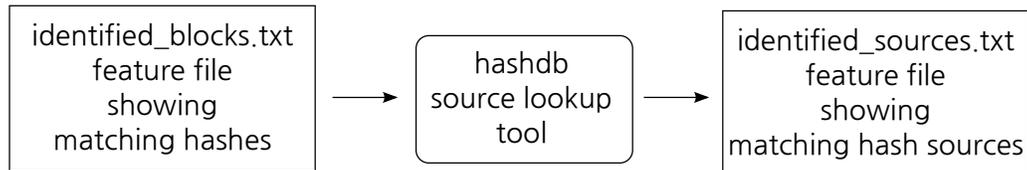
2. View the feature file using an editor or use the *Bulk Extractor Viewer* tool. For example to view with Windows Notepad, type:

```
$ notepad outdir/identified_blocks.txt
```

An example hash block match looks like this:

```
12452352      3b6b477d391f73f67c1c01e2141dbb17      1
```

Seeing hash 3b6b477 . . . at Forensic path 12452352 shows that a hash block match was found, but what file does it match? We find the file that contains the hash by using a *hashdb* source lookup:



Look up the file that has the hash.

## Steps to look up source information about the identified blocks:

1. Using a command window, go to your working directory and then run the *hashdb* tool:

```
$ hashdb expand_identified_blocks mock_video.hdb \  
outdir/identified_blocks.txt > outdir/identified_sources.txt
```

2. Now view file `outdir/identified_sources.txt` to see features containing source information. This example line:

```
12452352      3b6b477d391f73f67c1c01e2141dbb17 \  
repository_name=repository_mock_video.xml, \  
filename=/home/bdallen/demo/mock_video.mp4, \  
file_offset=10485760
```

states that the block at Forensic path 12452352 matches the block 10485760 bytes into the `mock_video.mp4` video file in the hash database, indicating a positive match with fragments of data in the previously encountered video file.

This completes the demo.