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EnCase Certified Examiner | Relativity Certified Expert

EXPERIENCE

ASSISTANT MANAGER
2018-Present

KPMG, Dubai, United Arab Emirates

As an Assistant Manager at KPMG, I've handled end-to-end Forensics and eDiscovery engagements. I have conducted forensic collections using data acquisition tools like Encase Forensic, Falcon, BlackBag MacQuisition, Cellebrite and other commercial and open source toolsets alike, adhering to the best-practices in maintaining chain of custody and evidence handling. Conducted comprehensive and authoritative analysis of file systems, and file activities by examining artifacts such as $UsnJrnl, $Logfile, $MFT, etc., to create timelines. Created triage reports by gathering data from the parsed file system, registry hives, plists for OS X operating systems and develop fact-based reports detailing events and findings on external devices accessed, LNK file analysis, browser history, anti-forensics activities etc.,

Process the forensic images in Nuix, and then host the documents onto Relativity workspace for review. I have assisted case managers in devising process workflow and case strategies to conduct a seamless document review in complex investigations requiring expertise on Relativity Analytics like Email Threading, Clustering, and other conceptual analytics alike. Creating effective search indexes, search term reports and batching of documents.

— Maintain Relativity Instances and servers, perform version upgrades and decommissioning of workspaces at the end of the engagement.

LEAD SOLUTION ADVISOR
2016-2018

DELOITTE, US Offices in India

During my time with Deloitte's Forensic team I have learned so much more, and the team allowed me to develop my own work with significant independence and trust. My responsibilities include performing forensic investigations and pre-eDiscovery operations on the acquired evidence images. Extraction and analysis of mobile data in UFED and other in-house tools and host them onto Relativity. I have worked on decryption tools like PRTK and Passware to decrypt encrypted data, while working with the Production team, my role was to create production deliverables, validate redactions and privileged documents are properly handled during productions.

— Ensure discovery obligations and deadlines are met while creating productions as per the SEC or DOJ specifications and responding to discovery requests from attorneys.

ASSOCIATE CONSULTANT
2013-2016

ERNST & YOUNG LLP, India

I was part of the EY Forensic Technology Discovery Services team, my primary responsibility is up-keeping of the forensic lab and perform forensic acquisitions of potential evidence sources, maintain chain of custody records, and evidence management. I have conducted several forensic examinations, created triages, and analyzed core windows artifacts like $MFT, $USNJrnl etc., and examined the external storage device usage, internet history, then document the case details and developments based on the findings and creating fact-based reports. I have performed deleted data recovery, including file and email recovery, on the bit-stream images of the original evidence.

— Managed case data in eDiscovery applications and provided review support to attorneys by indexing the text, creating searches, assigning batches and providing case metrics.

PROFILE

A Relativity Certified Expert with extensive experience in Relativity, Nuix, EnCase Forensic, BlackLight, Cellebrite and Axiom. Involved in major segments of the EDRM framework, spanning Forensic collections through productions, designing efficient review workflows and managing eDiscovery & digital forensics engagements. Significant experience in interacting with stakeholder management for Law firms and regulatory agencies. Skilled in Computer Forensic investigations (Windows and Mac OS) and has knowledge of SQL. A deep sense of ownership, self-motivated and believes in work ethic, and possess a results driven approach.

SKILLS

EnCase Forensic

Nuix Workstation

Relativity

Cellebrite

BlackLight

LANGUAGES

English

Hindi

EDUCATION

BACHELOR OF COMPUTER APPLICATIONS ——— 2012
Osmania University, India

TRAININGS

CISSP – Official Bootcamp ——— 2017
5-day instructor led training by ISC²

Building an Investigation with EnCase
Web-based training by OpenText ——— 2016

Relativity Admin Essentials ——— 2015
Advanced Searching and Case Management Training

SKILLS

- Proficient in all aspects of EDRM spectrum from evidence collections to productions.
- Expertise in industry standard eDiscovery and Forensic tools like EnCase, Cellebrite, Nuix , Relativity to name a few.
- Experience in conducting forensic investigations and analysis for Windows and MAC machines, and decryption tools like TPR, PRTK and Passware.
- Manage Relativity servers, databases, execute Relativity version upgrades, and Knowledge of system and network administration.
- Implementing Relativity analytics like Email Threading, Clustering, and other conceptual analytics effectively into the workflow.
- Conduct smartphone forensic collections and analysis using tools like Cellebrite Touch /UFED and Oxygen Forensic Detective.

ACCOLADES

- EY Excellerator award for exceptional performance in engagement execution.
- EY Kudos recognition for exceptional handling of projects and taking up new challenges.
- Deloitte's Outstanding award for cross-teaming efforts and delivering of production much earlier than the specified timelines.
- Deloitte's Spot award for my contributions in creating an AV briefing EDRM framework and conducting training sessions for new hires.
- KPMG Bravo award.

REFERENCES

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