



# RAPID ANALYSIS

Whether the drive is imaged by FDD or not, media evidence of all kinds can be delivered for rapid analysis. The process follows these general steps:

1. Evidence is received, documented, and chain of custody begins or continues
2. Hard disks are forensically imaged using court approved procedures
3. Originals are stored in a climate controlled location in accordance with court approved methods
4. The case is assigned to an Examiner
5. The Examiner will make contact with the Client to determine the case plan
6. The Examiner will begin the analysis process and perform a search of up to 10 keywords supplied by the Client
7. A report is generated, encrypted, and saved to a CD or DVD
8. The report is provided to the Client and the decryption password is emailed using a specified email address
9. The Examiner and the Client may further discuss the report
10. The Client may request a more in-depth analysis

Rapid analysis is useful for quickly determining the amount and type of potentially valuable information that may be recovered from a piece of evidence. The benefit of rapid analysis is that it can reduce the overall processing time of a piece of evidence that may otherwise undergo a fruitless comprehensive analysis.



The chief difference between rapid and comprehensive analysis is that rapid analysis relies on loosely defined search parameters to help quickly narrow the search for items of interest. This narrowing of scope helps the Client to better define goals for a comprehensive search or classify the media as ignorable.

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