



digital forensics centre

Digital Forensics involves the process of analysing digital data whilst preserving its evidential authenticity so that it may be effectively used in civil, criminal or internal disciplinary proceedings. It is a synthesis of science and law, requiring specialist knowledge, hardware and software.

Equally important is that we conclude each phase of work by articulating our findings in a well researched, concisely written jargon-free report.

Our experts are both experienced practitioners and academics in the discipline which offers you reassurance that, as witnesses, our credibility is unrivalled.

Digital devices

We have experience in analysing computers, mobile phones, PDAs, games consoles, MP3 players, Sky+ boxes and a plethora of different digital storage media. We also have experts in video analysis.



Our clients

We have worked on behalf of law enforcement, criminal defence teams, both claimants and defendants in civil matters and employers enforcing disciplinary procedures.

Sample cases handled

Criminal; fraud, paedophilia and other crimes against children, terrorism, theft of intellectual property, harassment, murder.

Civil; computer misuse, contract disputes, family proceedings, contravention of employer's policies.

Points of interest

- Our initial advice is free – call us as soon as you think you have a problem
- Don't be tempted to start to investigate any device/data yourself – there is a high likelihood of rendering it inadmissible and/or open to challenge in any proceedings
- Data you consider deleted may be fully recoverable as evidence
- We aim to resolve civil disputes by negotiation, avoiding protracted and costly proceedings
- We can act for one party or as Single Joint Experts
- Our reports are concise and jargon-free

The Faculty delivers both full-time and part-time BSc and MSc courses in Forensic Computing.

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so what does it cost?

The following are only examples of our fees. Please contact us for an accurate quotation.

The initial 30 minutes consultation to explore your problem is free.

Forensic duplication

Creating a primary evidential image of a hard disk in accordance with court-approved standards AND undertaking an initial basic analysis in accordance with client requirements to establish the presence of incriminating or exculpatory evidence.

£500 per disk up to 100GB

Initial analysis ONLY of a previously acquired image.

£250 per disk up to 100GB

Detailed Analysis and Reporting

Estimation of the time required to satisfy your requirements is made post-initial analysis or during case conferences. It is common for analysis phases and your requirements of each phase to have an agreed limit in terms of time and cost.

Charged at agreed hourly rate

Civil Cases – Instructed by one party

Initial review of papers, a short consultation and a written appraisal.

£1,000

Civil Cases – Instructed as Single Joint Expert

Review papers submitted and provide a preliminary report.

£1,500

Civil Cases – Instructed as Single Joint Expert (in person)

Review papers submitted and meet to explore the issues, concluding in an initial assessment.

£2,500

Criminal Defence Cases

As 'Initial Analysis' and 'Detailed Analysis and Reporting' above.

Quotations provided for Legal Services Commission approval

Forensic Experts

Our experts have experience in over 100 cases and references are available from previous clients. As academics, our experts remain up to date with the latest research, methodologies and forensic tools.

A small selection of the companies and authorities we have worked with:

Agilent Technologies Air France Anglo-Europe Computer AstraZeneca BASF BBC British Airways
British Oceanographic Data Centre Britvic Caterpillar CERN Co-Create EuroCopter Hewlett Packard JCB Kraft Lloyds TSB
Logica Microsoft Office of the Deputy Prime Minister Perkins Engines Siemens South West Trains Synchro Systems Virgin Radio