

Version 5.2

User Manual

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Release Notes

Welcome to LLIMAGER 5.2 released on July 2025, with the following updates:

- Developed a Mac installation app to prepare new installations via Macs
- Under-the-Hood Enhancements for a Faster, Smoother Experience
- Acquisition log updates

Preface

LLIMAGER is a cutting-edge solution for mac forensic imaging. As a complete rewrite in version 4.x. , LLIMAGER has been meticulously crafted to meet the demanding needs of digital investigators, e-discovery services providers, law enforcement professionals, and cybersecurity experts. Powered by Apple's Swift language, it combines robust functionality with an intuitive user interface, making it the go-to tool for acquiring and preserving digital evidence. Whether you're conducting criminal investigations, e-discovery, or incident response, LLIMAGER empowers you to extract critical data from Mac systems with precision and efficiency.

LLIMAGER was created in response to emerging trends in macOS forensic imaging such as limited "dead box" options, and Apple's macOS security enhancements that tend to restrict access.

It was designed to meet the need for robust and comprehensive forensic imaging of Mac computers, capable of capturing targeted folders (logical images) and active space from all APFS synthesized volumes and HFS+ volumes.

LLIMAGER is user-friendly and easy enough for entry level digital forensics examiners. The application leverages built-in Mac utilities, providing a versatile solution compatible with a wide range of macOS versions, both past and present. This ensures the tool remains functional across diverse system configurations.

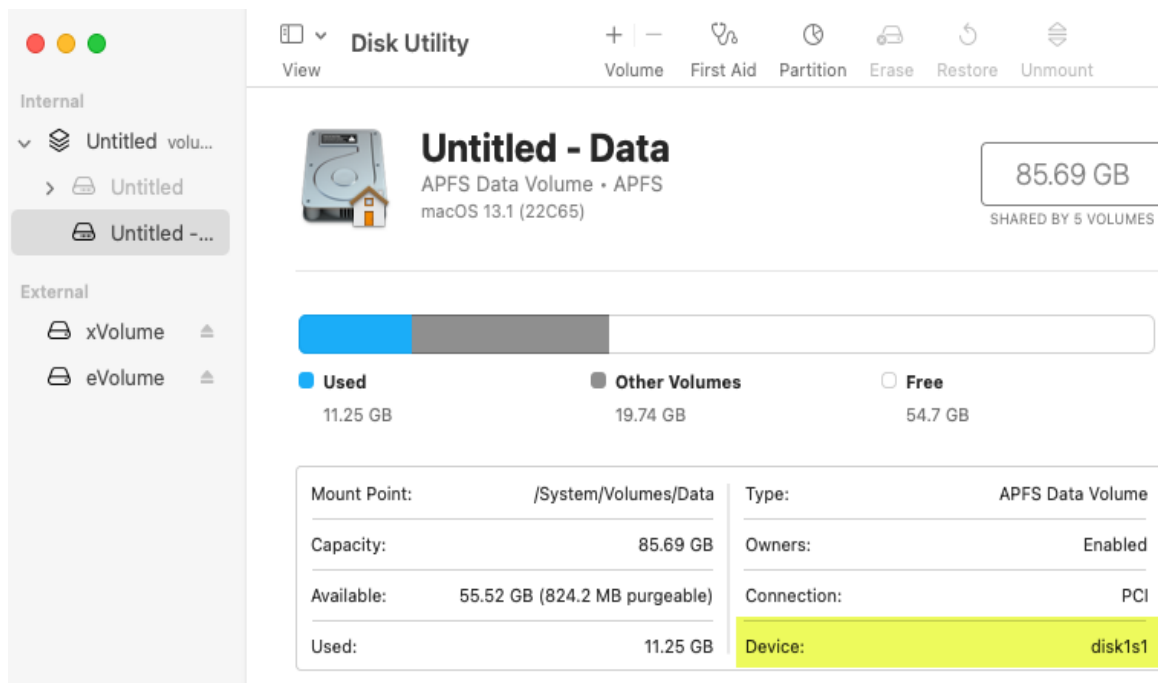
Terminology

Sparse image file: a native macOS image format that is dynamic and used within the Mac environment. The file grows as data is added to the image, taking up only as much disk space as stored in it.

DMG file: a native macOS disk image format like the sparse image but less versatile. It is used primarily to distribute software to Mac users. It is more compatible with other commercial software and can be imported into any modern forensic applications.

Device Identifier (ID): the term used herein refers to the unique identifier used by the operating system to identify a mounted storage device with a disk number (disk1, disk1s1, etc.). This can be located using the Disk Utility as seen highlighted in the following picture.

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USB Label / Name: This is the name of a mounted partition, physical or virtual. It can be found using Finder, on the left side of the window. Note that a disk can have more than one partition, hence, each partition will be mounted with its own name.

LLIMAGER USB Drive: This is a USB drive with the two DMG files containing the executable file of the same name, and the license key file. The executable is “llimager.app”.

Supported Mac Hardware

Live Image (booted from internal disk)

LLIMAGER works with Intel-based Macs and new Silicon processors including M4s.

Before You Start

The Mac native Apple Software Restore (ASR) utility is used for the imaging process, thus basically any Mac can be imaged from an admin authenticated session on the Mac computer, and there should be no issues with Apple data encryption, be it FileVault of T2 chipset, or Apple new hardware M1/M2/M3/M4.

The imaging process will first create a sparse image container and use it as the destination of the disk's image. Once the imaging of the disk has completed, the sparse image will be used to create a compressed

read-only DMG file that can be processed with popular forensic and e-discovery pre-processing applications¹.

The application does not provide an option to encrypt the DMG, as encrypted DMGs are not currently supported by many forensics' applications.

In the event a DMG image must be securely encrypted, the following options are recommended:

1. Usage of a hardware-encrypted external USB disk to save the unencrypted image.
2. Encrypt the DMG and place it on a normal unencrypted disk.
3. Copy the unencrypted image to a compatible encrypted container on a normal USB disk.

The image format is limited to those used by Apple, in our case, DMG. Other applications can be used to convert the DMG to other formats (e01, ...).

Requirements

- **A local admin password** for the Mac computer to be imaged.
- **LLIMAGER must have "Full Disk Access" permission** (set this in: Settings > Privacy & Security > Full Disk Access)
- **LLIMAGER USB disk:** Containing a copy of the imager executable "llimager.app" and the required license file (llimager.lic).
- **Temporary Image USB disk (if used):** Since LLIMAGER creates a temporary sparse Image, the optimal method of acquisition is to have a holding disk for it. The disk can either be the LLIMAGER USB or another dedicated USB drive. In both cases, enough free space is required, which should be equivalent *to the total used space plus 10% or larger*.
- **Destination USB disk:** external disks formatted with exFAT are recommended to be used as the destination of the disk image (for compatibility between Operating Systems). Of course, any Mac writeable partition format will work.
 - *The USB disk should have free space equal to or greater than twice the size of the source device's used space plus 10%.* If a separate Temporary Image USB disk is used, each should have free space equal to at least the size of the used space plus 10% of the source device. Use these guides as a rule:

Source Size	Source Space Used	Minimum Disk Size (when using One Destination Disk for Temp & DMG)	Minimum Disk Size (when using two Destination Disks for Temp & DMG)
500GB	50GB	110GB	55GB, 55GB
500GB	400GB	880GB	440GB, 440GB
2TB	120GB	264GB	132GB, 132GB

¹ Forensic applications change over time, and support for image types may vary. Test the image produced by LLIMAGER during the trial period to ensure compatibility with your application(s).

- **The best practice with respect to optimal performance is to use two USB disks, one for the sparse image, and one for the final converted DMG. This will significantly reduce the time to convert the sparse image to the DMG file.**
- When using two USB disks, each must have a unique name.

Live System Boot

Boot the computer normally and login using an account with admin privileges. This is the most straightforward option. An admin password is needed however to run the application.

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Refer to the pertinent scenario below.

USB SSD/HDD Version

- Login as an admin into the target Mac computer and connect the LLIMAGER USB SSD drive that contains the copy of the imager (Ilimager.app, manual and license key file).
- Connect the destination disk(s) – refer to Requirements section for details on options and best practices.
- Open Finder to identify the destination USB volume names for the sparse image, and for the DMG by opening Finder.
- On the LLIMAGER USB SSD, navigate to /Ilimager and double click on “Ilimager.app” .
- Proceed to image.

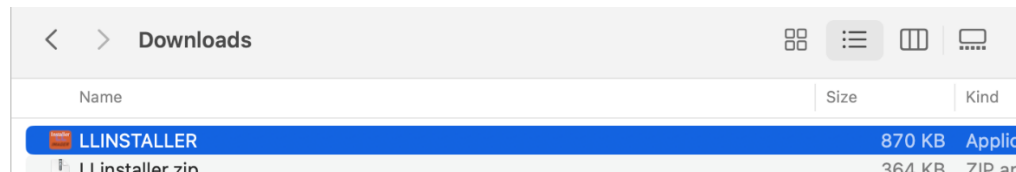
User-Supplied USB SSD/HDD Version

- Prepare LLIMAGER on a Window Computer:
 - Inserting an SSD into a Windows computer and create an exFAT partition named “Ilimager” (case sensitive). This can be a relatively small partition, e.g., 35GB.
 - Create a folder named “Ilimager”, which when mounted on a mac, should result in “/Volumes/Ilimager/Ilimager” and on Windows “\Ilimager”.
 - Download the most current version of LLIMAGER from “www.illimager.com/download” and unzip into “/Ilimager”
 - Optional: If you plan to use the “Send To Cloud” feature to copy images to AWS, Google Cloud or Azure, you will need the Cloud Library, and must download the most current version from “www.illimager.com/download” and unzip into the “/Ilimager” folder which should appear as “/Ilimager/IlimagerCloudServices/” (**case sensitive**).
 - Copy the purchased license file (Ilimager.lic) into “\Ilimager”.

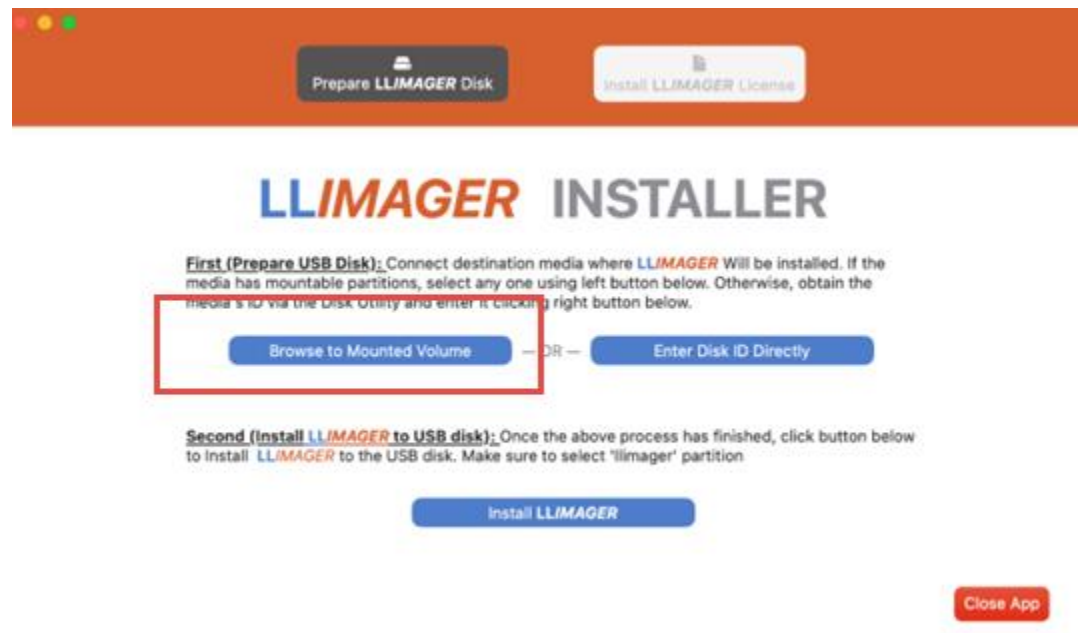
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- Your disk is now properly loaded, and you can open the manual or download it from “[llimager.com/resources/llimager-manual](https://www.llimager.com/resources/llimager-manual)”
- Prepare LLIMAGER on a Mac Computer:
 - Download the LLIMAGER Mac installer from the Download page <https://www.llimager.com/download>
 - Insert your User-Supplied USB SSD and run LLINSTALLER.app that was downloaded and follow these instructions.

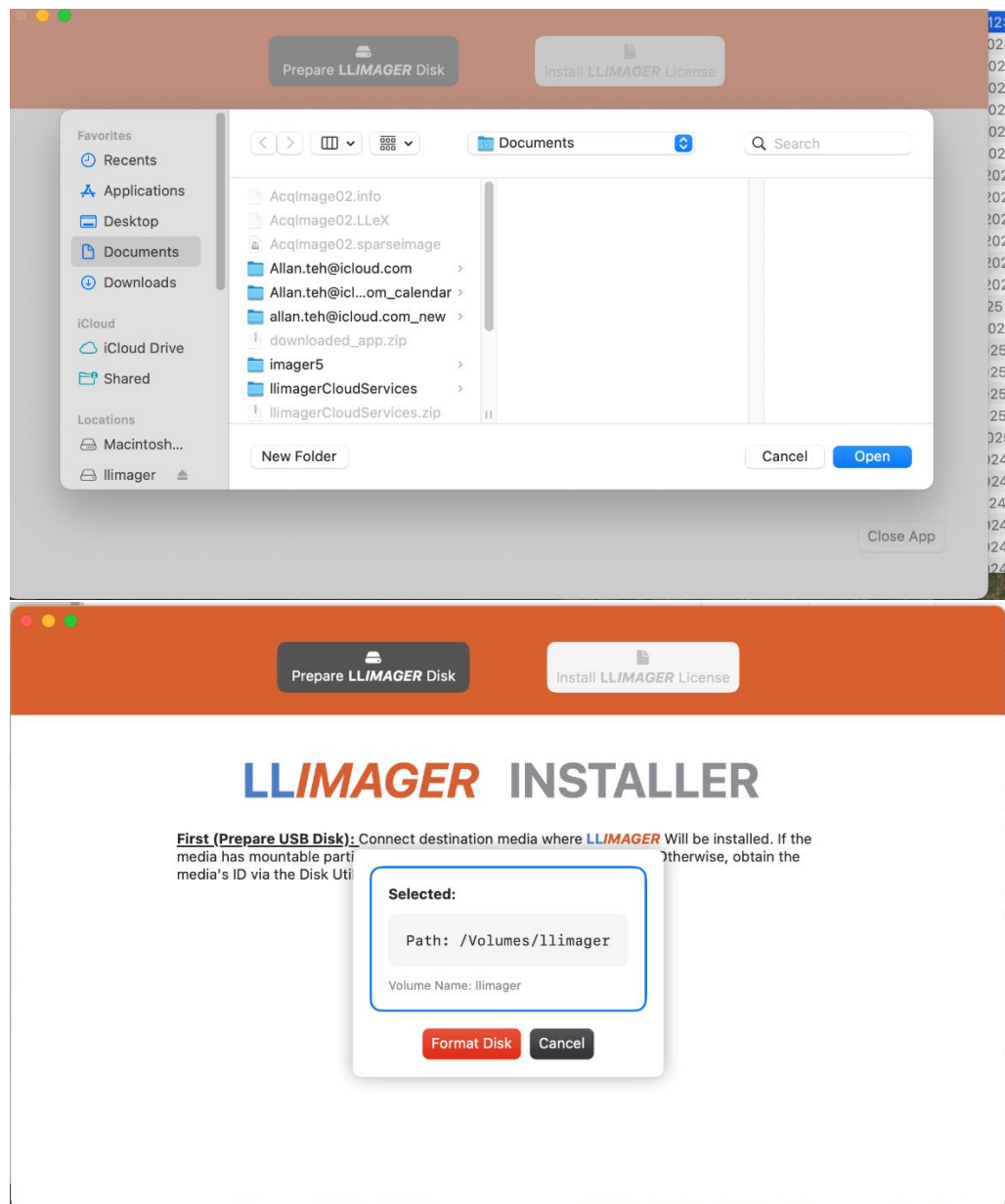
Run LLINSTALLER:



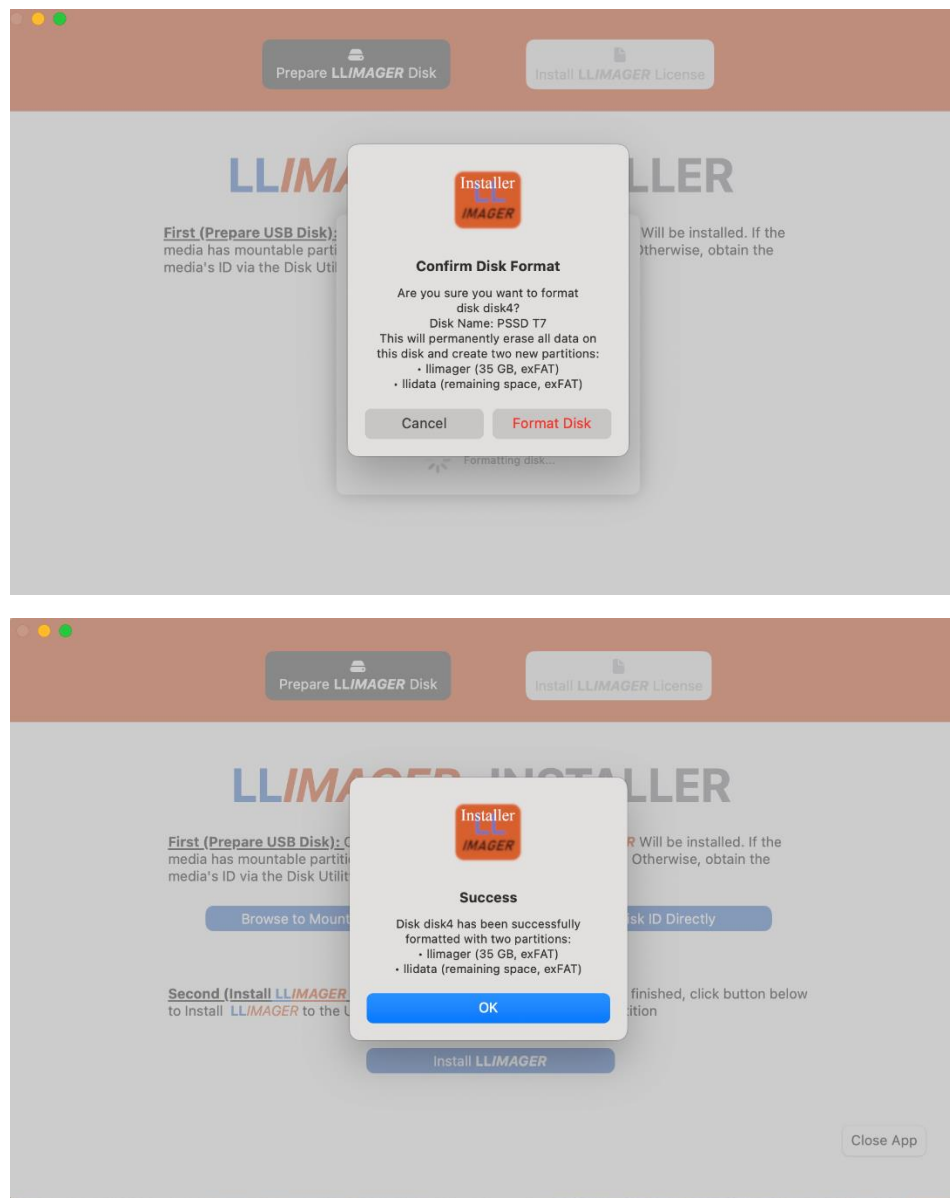
Select “Browse to Mounted Volume” and choose any partition on it. *Note, this process will destroy all data on the disk.* Thereafter, confirm the Format option and Format; see below.



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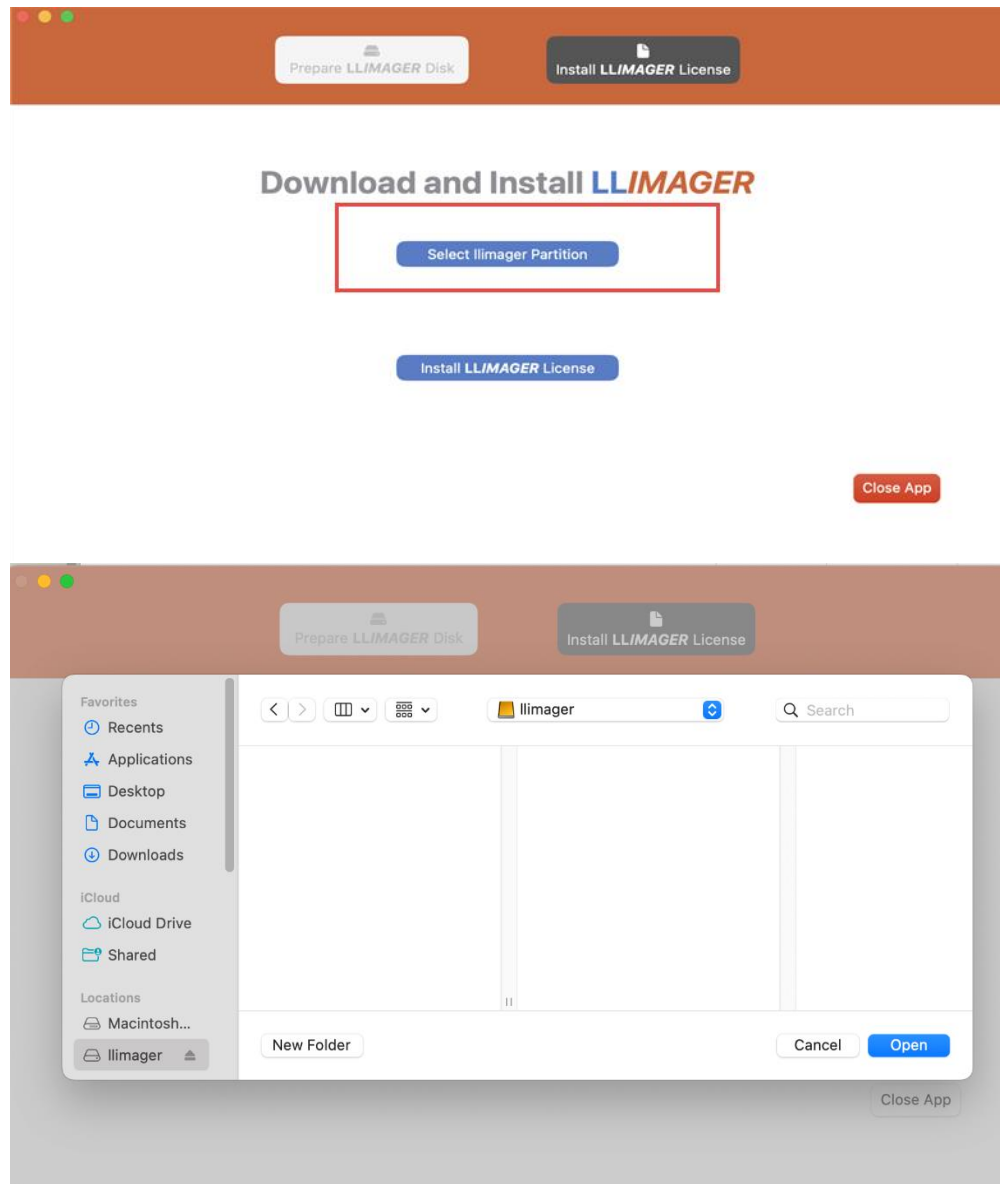
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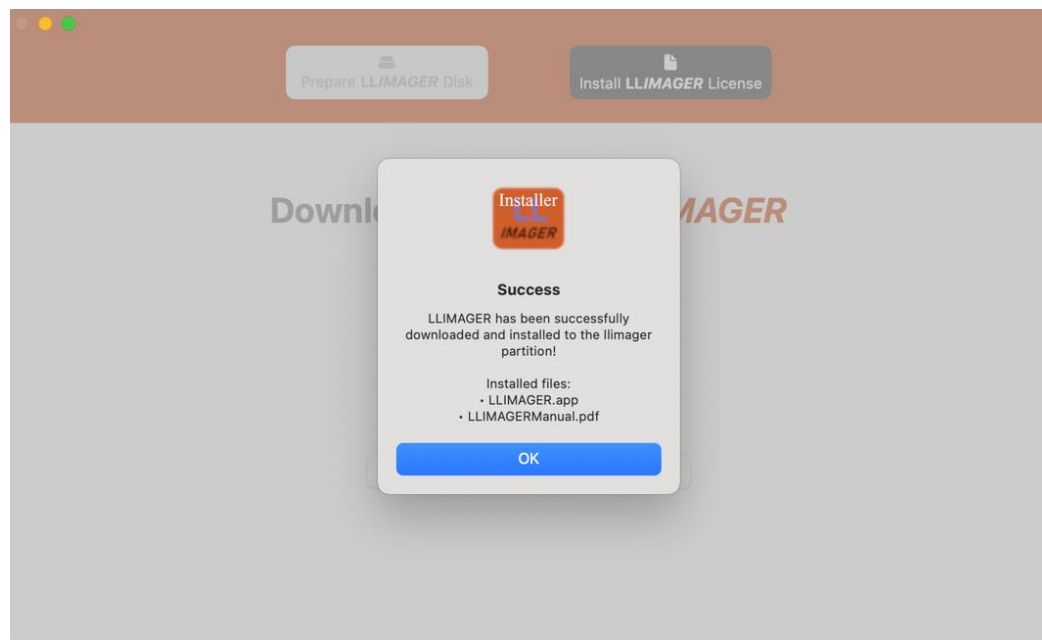
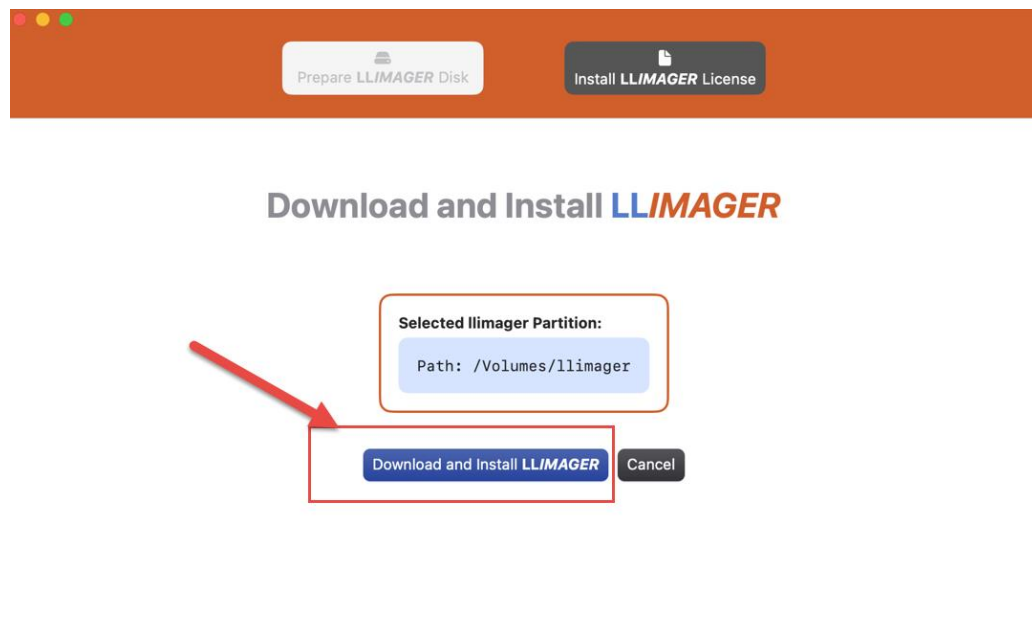
This disk is now ready for LLIMAGER.

Select, "Select Ilimager Partition" and point to any partition (Ilimager or Ildata) on the newly prepared disk and choose the "Download and Install LLIMAGER" button. Upon completion, the disk will be prepared; see below.

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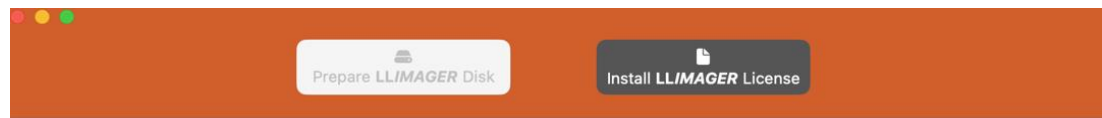


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After clicking OK, it is time to apply the license file which should be in your possession. Select "Install LLIMAGER License" and point to the purchased or trial license file and click open.

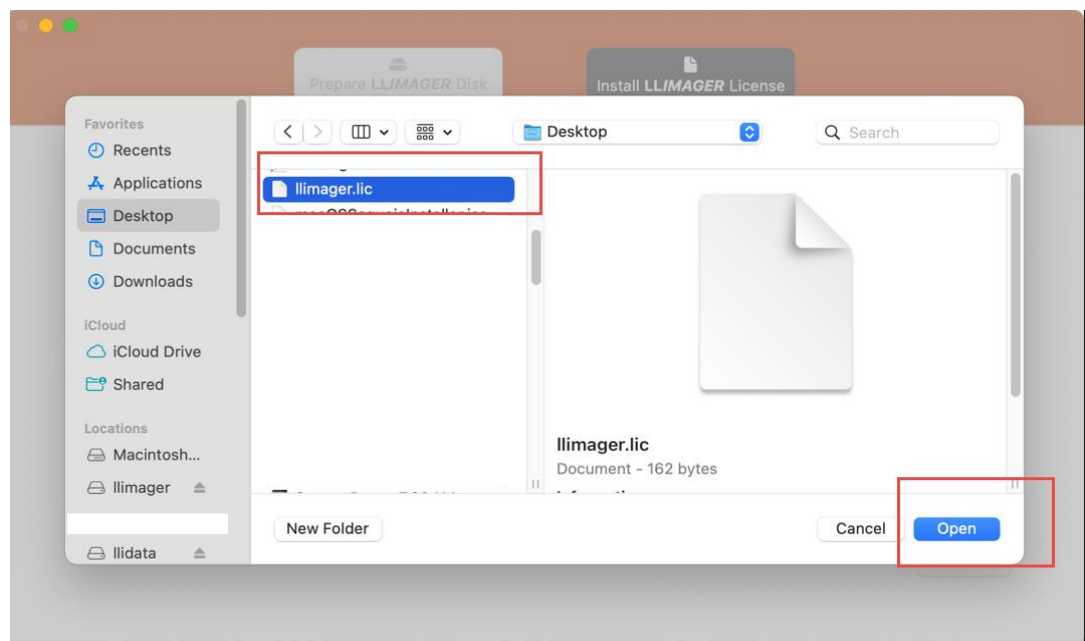
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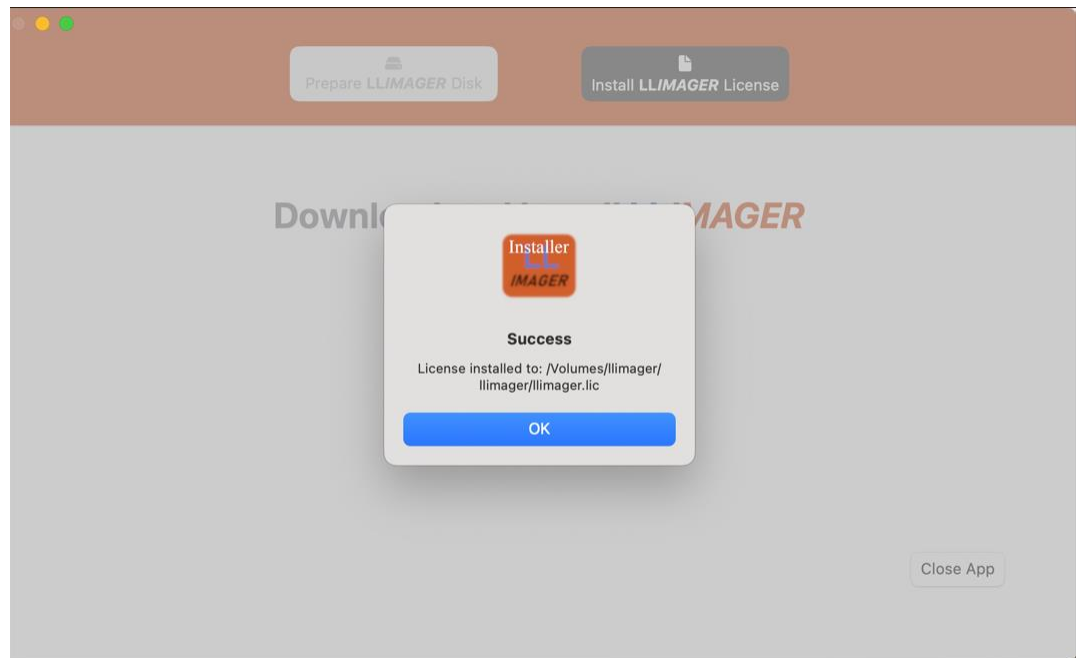


Download and Install LLIMAGER



Close App





- Login as an admin into the target Mac computer.
- Connect the user-supplied USB SSD drive that contains the copy of the imager (llimager.app, manual and license key file).
- Connect the destination disk(s) – refer to Requirements section for details on options and best practices.
- Open Finder to identify the destination USB volume names for the sparse image, and for the DMG by opening Finder.
- On your USB SSD, navigate to /llimager and double-click on “llimager.app”.

WARNING: if you receive an error message, “llimager.app is damaged and can't be opened” or “The application “LLIMAGER” can't be opened” you have run into a mac quarantine issue and you need to reload the software from a Windows computer; see FAQ #1 on our website.

- Proceed to image.

Trial Version (Preparing LLIMAGER on Windows)

- Login to a Windows computer.

- Download the trial from “llimager.com/trial-1” on to the internal disk and after receiving the license file (llimager.lic) from e-Forensics, you are ready to proceed.
- Prepare your USB Flash or SSD by:
 - Insert Flash/SSD into a Windows and create a small (~35GB) exFAT partition named “llimager” (case sensitive)
 - Create a folder named “llimager”, which should result in “\llimager”
 - While in Windows, download the most current version of LLIMAGER from “llimager.com/download” and unzip into “\llimager”
 - Copy the trial license file (llimager.lic) into “\llimager”.
 - Your trial version disk is now properly loaded, and you can open the manual or download it from “llimager.com/resources/llimager-manual”
- Login as an admin into the target Mac computer.
- Connect your USB Flash/SSD drive that contains the trial copy of the imager (llimager.app, manual and license key file).
- Connect the destination disk(s) – refer to Requirements section for details on options and best practices.
- Open Finder to identify the destination USB volume names for the sparse image, and for the DMG by opening Finder.
- On your USB Flash/SSD, navigate to /llimager and double-click on “llimager.app”.
- **WARNING: if you receive an error message, “llimager.app is damaged and can't be opened” or “The application “LLIMAGER” can't be opened” you have run into a mac quarantine issue and you need to reload the software from a Windows computer; see FAQ #1 on our website.**
- Proceed to image.

Trial Version (Preparing LLIMAGER on a Mac)

- Login to a Mac computer with internet access.
- Download the trial from “llimager.com/trial-1” on to the internal disk and after receiving the license file (llimager.lic) from e-Forensics, you are ready to proceed.
- Prepare your USB Flash or SSD by following the instructions “Prepare LLIMAGER on a Mac Computer” on page 7.

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- Login as an admin into the target Mac computer.
- Connect your USB Flash/SSD drive that contains the trial copy of the imager (llimager.app, manual and license key file).
- Connect the destination disk(s) – refer to Requirements section for details on options and best practices.
- Open Finder to identify the destination USB volume names for the sparse image, and for the DMG by opening Finder.
- On your USB Flash/SSD, navigate to /llimager and double-click on “llimager.app”.
- **WARNING: if you receive an error message, “llimager.app is damaged and can't be opened” or “The application “LLIMAGER” can't be opened” you have run into a mac quarantine issue and you need to reload the software from a Windows computer; see FAQ #1 on our website.**
- Proceed to image.

NOTE: What to do if a window pops up with the message “llimager cannot be opened because it is from an unidentified developer” or any other message related to security restrictions.

Temporarily disable Gatekeeper and try running the app again. Once the imaging is completed, exit the application, and re-enable Gatekeeper. To disable, or re-enable Gatekeeper, open a Terminal window, and use one of the following commands accordingly to disable/enable, an admin password is required:

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sudo spctl --master-disable
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sudo spctl --master-enable
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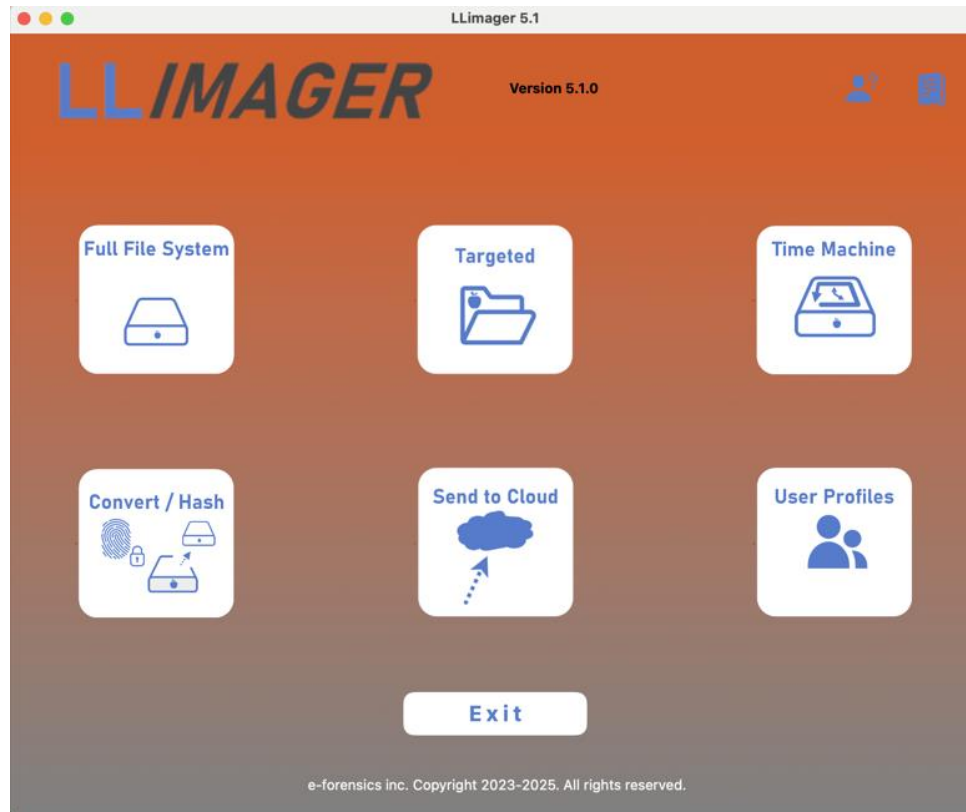
The application starts by requesting a password from a user with admin rights, followed by a best practices checklist. The password will be used throughout the usage of the app in any of the task's selection where it is required.

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The Main Menu:



Full File System - This option is equivalent to a full file system and allows the entire process of imaging the computer's hard disk volumes' active space, saving the image to a Mac sparse image container and then conversion of the image to a compressed DMG file, and calculating the hash value of the DMG file. During the process, there will be an option to fully automate the process by creating the final DMG or to just generate the sparse file.

Targeted - This option allows the imaging of targeted files/folders on the computer's hard disk, saving the image to a compressed read-only DMG file, and calculating the hash value of the DMG file. It includes granular selection of documents and folders based on custom file types (extensions) and file system dates such as the birth time (creation), modified, accessed and the change time (inode delta). Moreover, profiles are available to save selections for future jobs.

Time Machine - A Time Machine-based disk image of the near-full data volume, including Trash folders, can be created using this feature. Unlike standard Time Machine backups, LLIMAGER includes all Trash folders, which are typically excluded, and packages the image into a single DMG file. Note, Time Machine omits specific system, log, and cache files, thus this option is better suited for e-discovery rather than digital forensics workflows.

Convert/ Hash - This option allows the process of converting a sparse image file to a compressed DMG file, and to calculate the hash value of the DMG file.

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Send to Cloud – Allows uploading of images to AWS, Google Cloud or Microsoft Azure using authentication keys and giving option to securely saving credentials for future uploads. Note, you can preview the upload speed on the environment where the upload process will be occurring.

User Profiles - This option allows the imaging of targeted user profile(s), saving the image to a ZIP or DMG file, and calculating the hash value.

Exit - This option will exit the application.

Menu Option (Full File System)

Identify and input information about the device to be imaged, and the destination USBs where the image will be saved (see figure below). Additionally, provide information related to the case, name of the image and folders to use to save the file, select to convert or not to DMG, and choose to hash, and type of hash. The following picture shows the requested information.

The screenshot displays the LLIMAGER application window. On the left, the 'Full File System' menu option is selected, represented by a disk icon. The main area is divided into two sections: 'Case Information' on the left and 'Image Information' on the right. The 'Case Information' section includes fields for Case (ACME), Evidence (ACME01), Agent (John Doe), Case ID (321543), and Notes (MacBook Pro assigned to Jane D). The 'Image Information' section includes a text field for the image name (ACME01), a 'Live Image' checkbox (checked), a 'Select Source' dropdown (synthesized disk3s1s1 20.5 GB), a 'View Storage Devices Info' button, a 'Dest' field (/Volumes/llidata/Acme1), a 'Convert to DMG' checkbox (checked), an 'Uncheck to choose a different path for final image' checkbox (checked), a 'Path' field (Diff path to DMG), a 'Hash file' section with radio buttons for SHA256, SHA1, MD5, and NO-HASH (SHA256 is selected), and a 'Collect SysDiagnose' checkbox (checked). Red arrows labeled A through G point to the following elements: A points to the image name field; B points to the Agent field; C points to the 'View Storage Devices Info' button; D points to the 'Dest' field; E points to the 'Convert to DMG' checkbox; F points to the 'SHA256' radio button; and G points to the 'Collect SysDiagnose' checkbox. At the bottom of the 'Image Information' section are 'Review' and 'Cancel' buttons. The footer of the application window reads 'e-forensics inc. Copyright 2023-2024. All rights reserved.'

See the below description of each section.

A – Related to the image. Name assigned to the image files (sparse and DMG)

B – Related to the case. Case name, evidence number, agent, case ID and notes.

C – Related to the *device to be imaged*. Requires the selection of the device ID to be imaged. The app will verify the device and display the volume name, and the GB size of the device.

D – Related to the *destination of the sparse image and DMG file*. Requires the selection of the USB label (partition) to be used to save the files. The app will verify the device and display the device ID.

E – Select to convert or not to DMG, and to save to the same disk as the sparse or to a different disk.

F – Related to *hashing of the DMG file*. Specify if hashing should be done and type.

G – Option to collect macOS sysdiagnose.


Note, there are power saving settings on the computer that may interfere and break the imaging process, these settings are temporarily disabled during the image.

After completing the selections, click on Review and a summary of the information provided will be displayed. See the following picture:

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Full File System



Case Information Entered

Case: Marks and Marks

Evidence: MMAF01

Agent: John Doe

Case ID: 1212-770

Notes: MacBook Pro SN: 12321343

Review Image Information

Image Name: Acqimage98

Image path: /Volumes/llidata

Live Image: true

Device to be imaged: synthesized disk1s5s1 11.9 GB

DMG to be produced: true

Path for DMG:

Selected Hash: SHA256

Mac computer to be imaged

Model Name: MacBook Pro

Model Identifier: MacBookPro14,1

Memory: 8 GB

Serial Number (...): FVFXNML4HV22

Hardware UUID: E871A50D-38A7-500B-88C3-11821EC0874D

SOURCE

Mounted: Yes

Volume Used Space: 11.9 GB (11915608064 Bytes) (exactly 23272672 512-Byte-Units)

Device Identifier: disk1s5s1

Mount Point: /

Container Free Space: 25.3 GB (25301921792 Bytes) (exactly 49417816 512-Byte-Units)

Allocation Block Size: 4096 Bytes

Container Total Space: 121.0 GB (121018208256 Bytes) (exactly 236363688 512-Byte-Units)

Volume UUID: B8CE8BAA-4A75-42F3-8F8F-89412A84C937

Volume Name: Macintosh HD

DESTINATION

Mount Point: /Volumes/llidata

Volume Used Space: 3.6 GB (3638034432 Bytes) (exactly 710536 512-Byte-Units) (0.2%)

Volume Free Space: 2.0 TB (2002760761344 Bytes) (exactly 3911642112 512-Byte-Units) (99.8%)

Mounted: Yes

Volume Name: llidata

Device Identifier: disk2s2

Volume Total Space: 2.0 TB (2006398795776 Bytes) (exactly 3918747648 512-Byte-Units)

Allocation Block Size: 131072 Bytes

Volume UUID: 4215DA95-54DE-3730-B6A5-44D08E3E515A

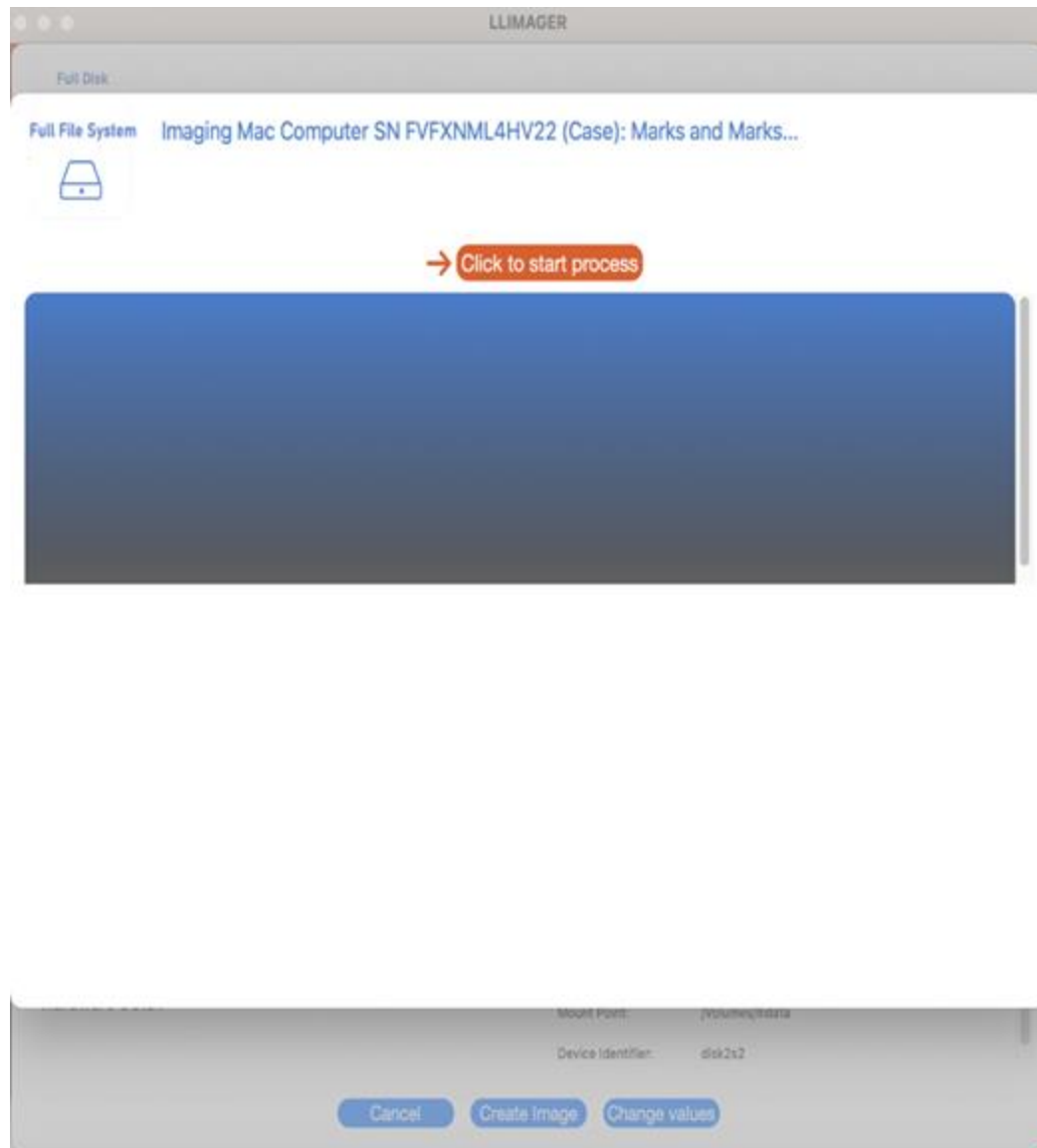
Cancel

Create Image

Change values

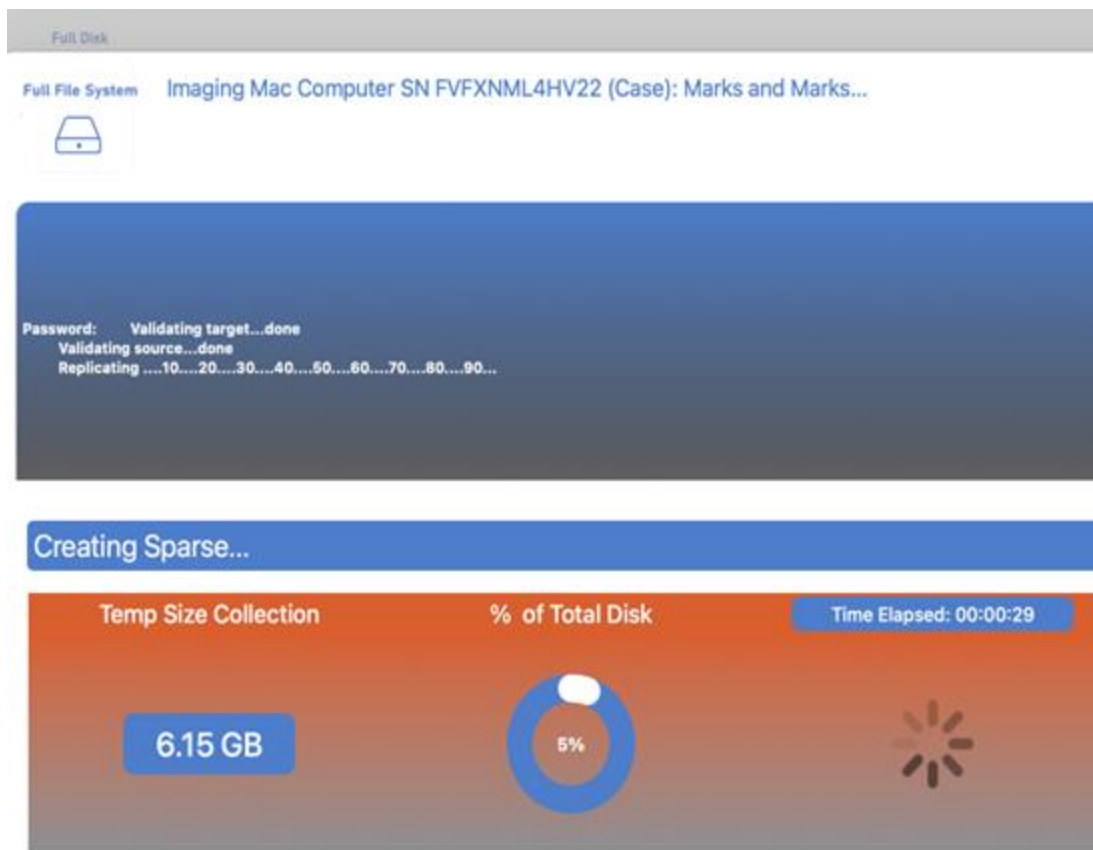
After validating and accepting the information, click on “Create Image” and the following will appear:

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Click on “Click to start process” and as the process commences, a progress screen indicating that the sparse image is being generated will appear -- see below:

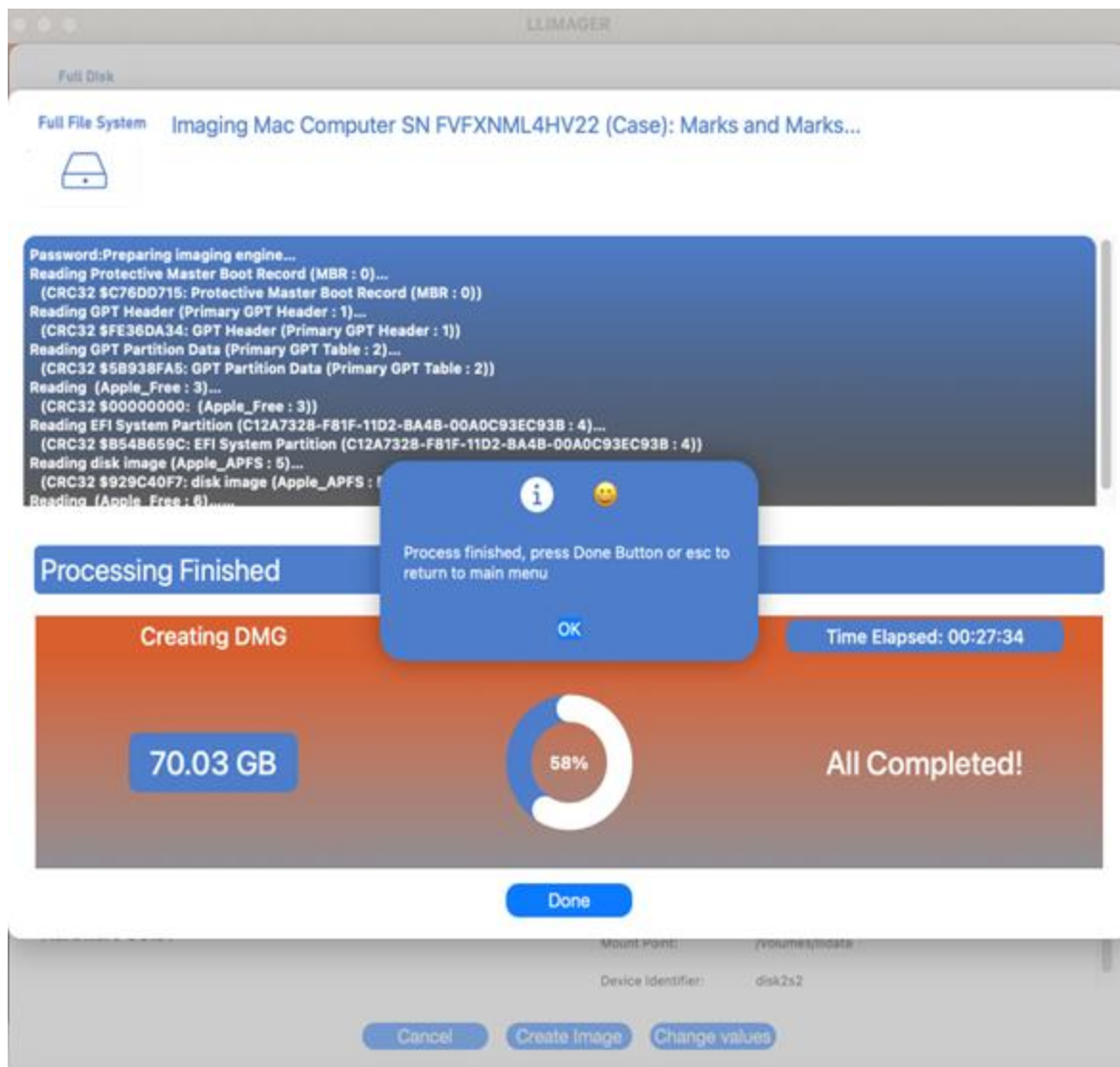
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Once the sparse image is completed, if “Convert to DMG” was selected, LLIMAGER will proceed to create the DMG.

After the DMG conversion is completed, LLIMAGER will proceed to hash the DMG if “Hash file” was selected -- see below:

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Menu Option (Targeted)

Input the image destination name and location of the destination logical DMG file. Additionally, choose to hash and type of hash. The following picture shows the requested information.

The screenshot shows the LLIMAGER application window with the 'Targeted' menu option selected. The interface is split into two main panels. The left panel, titled 'Case Information', contains input fields for 'Case Name', 'Evidence', 'Agent', 'Case ID', and a 'Notes' section. The right panel, titled 'Target files Information', contains a text field for the image name (labeled A), a 'Select Files/Folders' button (labeled B), a 'Path' field (labeled C), a 'Hash file' section with radio buttons for SHA256, SHA1, MD5, and NO-HASH (labeled D), and an 'Apply Filter' toggle switch (labeled E). At the bottom are 'Review' and 'Cancel' buttons. A vertical blue bar separates the two panels.

See below for a description of each section.

A – Specify the name of the image.

B – Related to the *source files/folders*. Requires selection of the source files/folders to acquire.

C – Related to the *destination of the DMG* file. Requires selection of path where the DMG will be saved.

D – Related to *hashing of the DMG* file. Specify if the DMG will be hashed then specify the type of hash.

E – For granular selections and saving to profile.

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After completing the selections, a summary of the information provided; see below.

The screenshot shows the LLIMAGER application window. At the top left, there is a 'Targeted' button with a folder icon. The main area is divided into two columns. The left column contains 'Case Information Entered' and 'Mac computer to be imaged'. The right column contains 'SOURCE' and 'DESTINATION'. At the bottom, there are three buttons: 'Cancel', 'Create Image', and 'Change values'.

Case Information Entered		SOURCE
Case:	Case Name	/Users/otheradminwf98/Documents
Evidence:	Evidence	/Users/otheradminwf98/Desktop/test/TestFile2Copy.numbers
Agent:	Agent	
Case ID:	Case ID	
Notes:		

Mac computer to be imaged		DESTINATION
Model Name:	MacBook Air	Mount Point: /Volumes/llidata
Model Identifier:	Mac15,12	Allocation Block Size: 512 Bytes
Memory:	8 GB	Mounted: Yes
Serial Number (...)	MH7QRH74Q4	Volume UUID: 4215DA95-54DE-3730-B6A5-44DD8E3E515A
Hardware UUID:	BE58C0C7-446D-50D2-B60B-46095516383D	Volume Total Space: 2.0 TB (2006398926848 Bytes) (exactly 3918747904 512-Byte-Units)
		Volume Used Space: 1.2 TB (1231877832704 Bytes) (exactly 2406011392 512-Byte-Units) (61.4%)

Cancel Create Image Change values

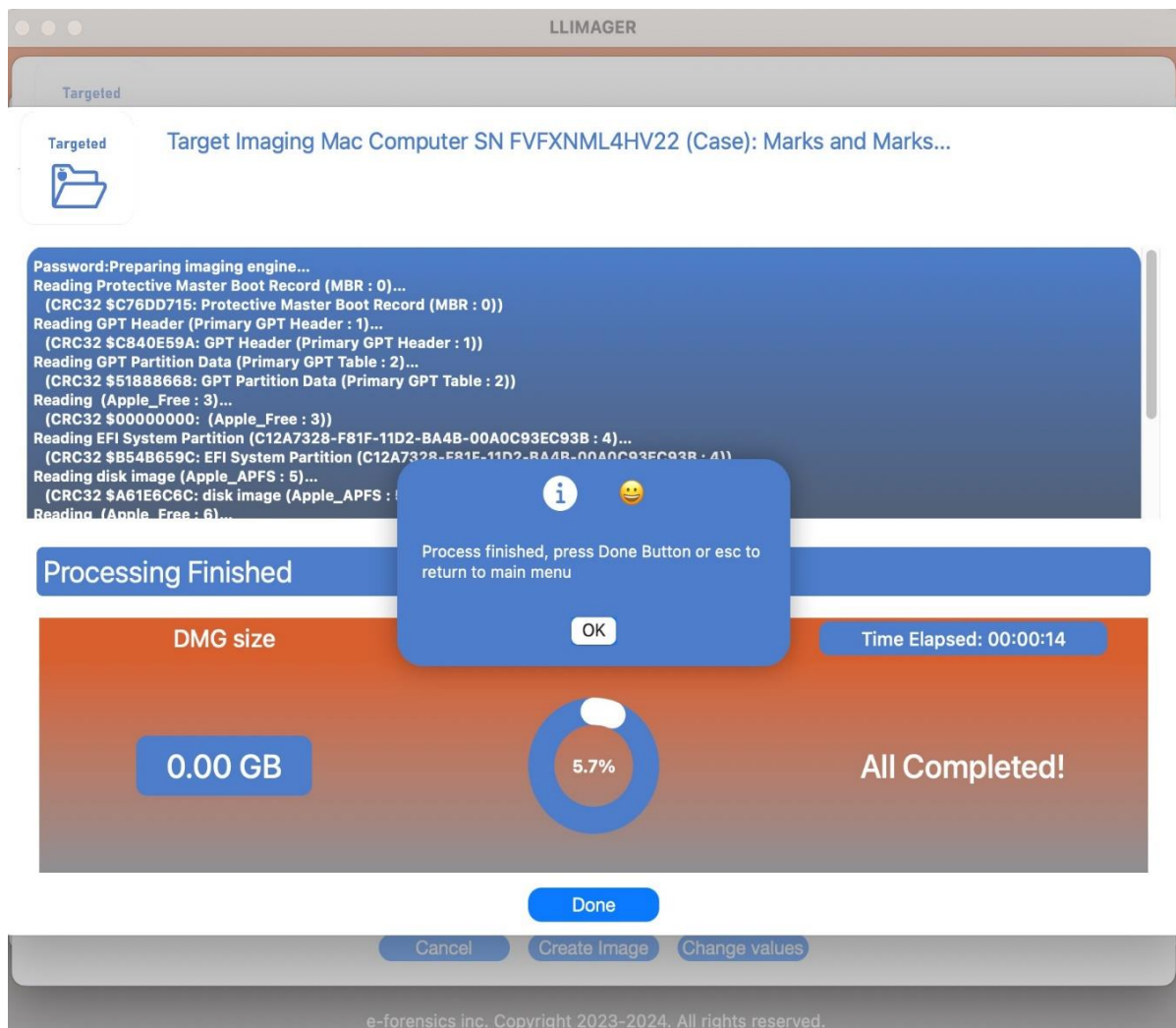
After validating and accepting the information, click on “Create Image” and the following will appear:

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Click on “Click to start process” and as the process commences, a progress screen indicating that the DMG logical image is being generated will appear -- see below:

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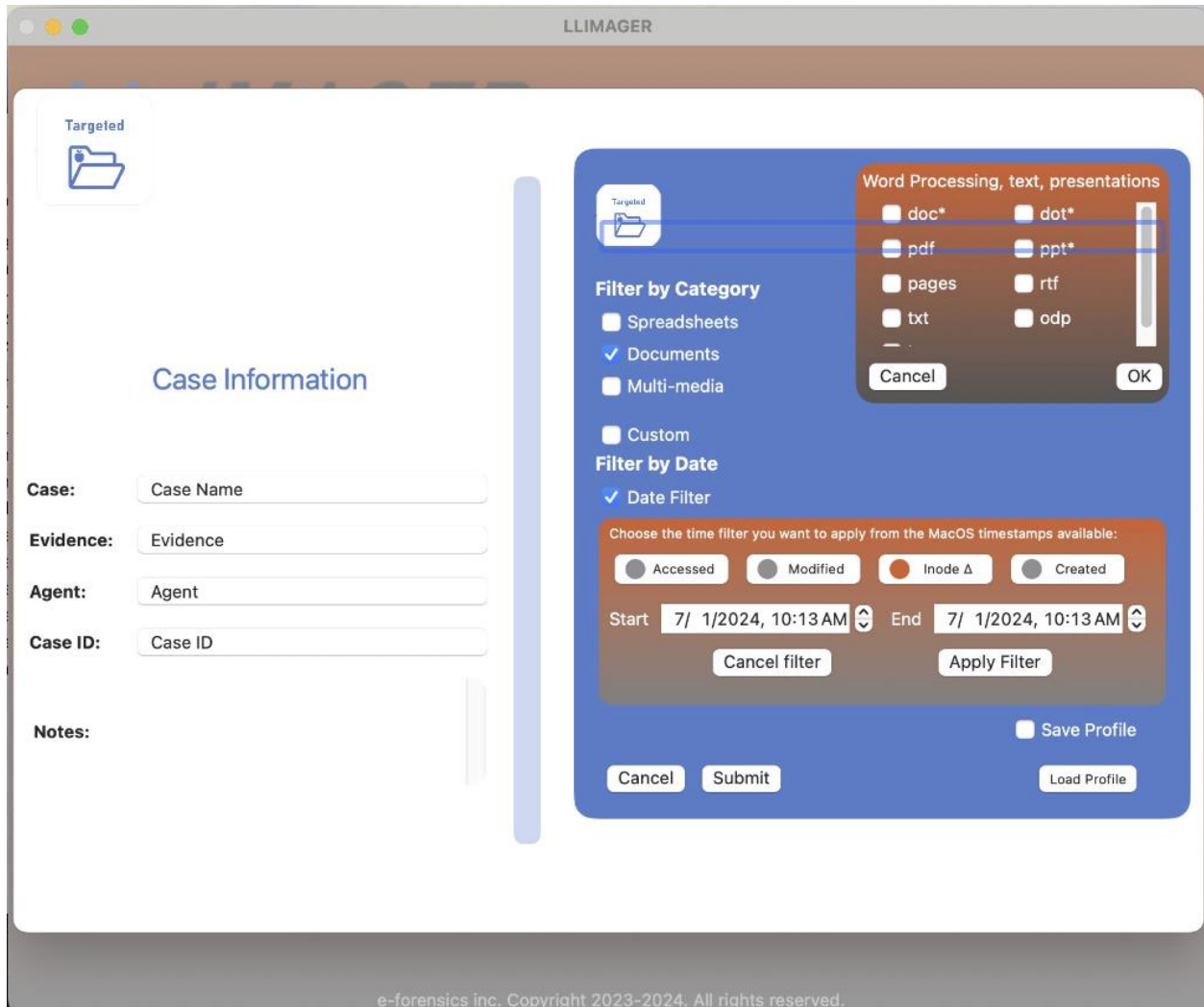


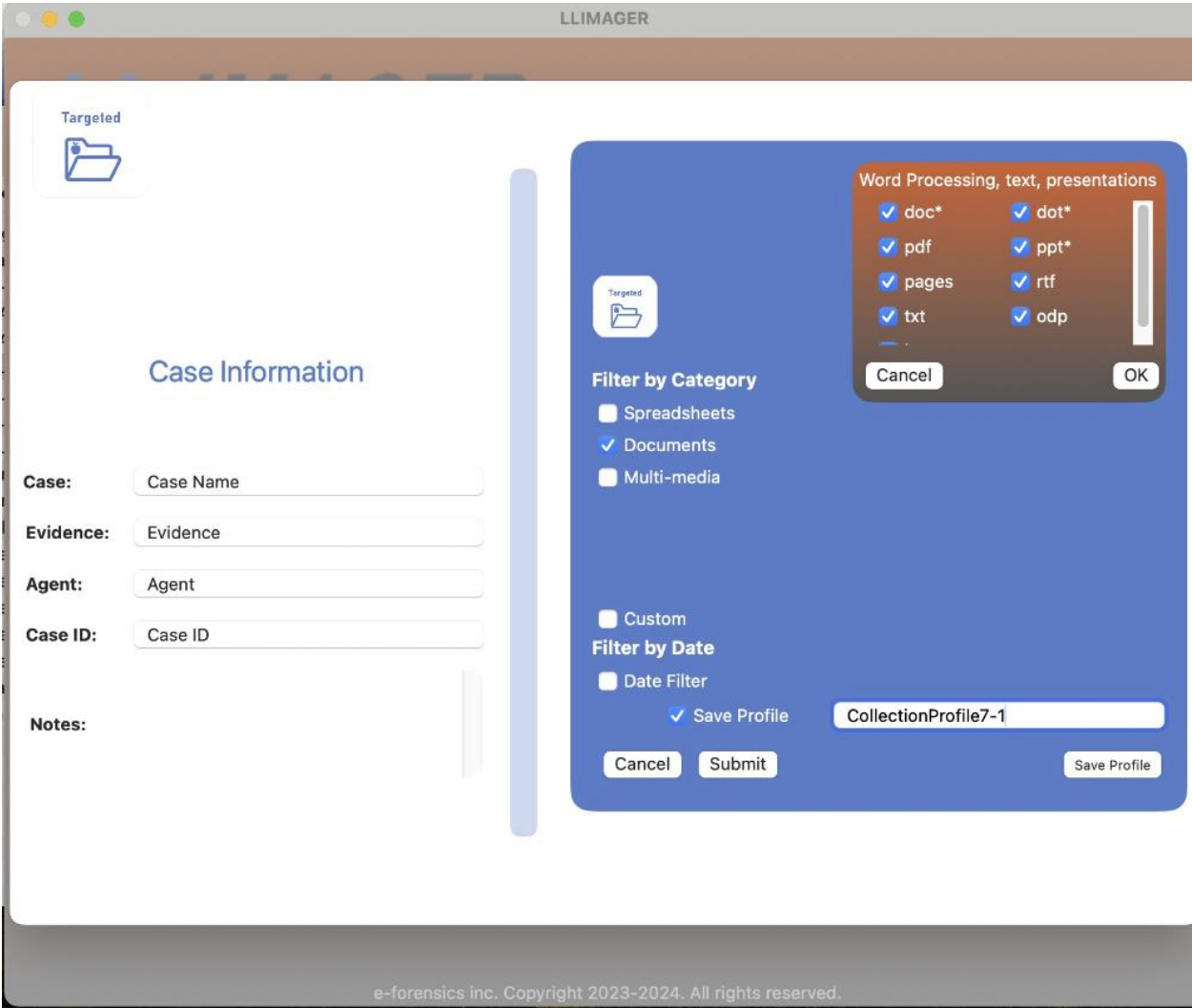
Menu Option (Targeted – Using Filtering)

As of release 4.1.04, LLIMAGER includes enhanced filtering for improved digital forensics and e-discovery collection workflows. The filtering includes:

- File System dates:
 - Access Time (st_atime): This represents the last time the file's data was read or accessed.
 - Modification Time (st_mtime): This indicates the last time the file's content was modified.
 - Change Time (st_ctime): This reflects the last time the file's metadata was changed. This includes permission modifications, ownership changes, or any other alterations to the file's properties outside the content itself.
 - Birth Time (st_birthtime also referred to as st_ctime on some systems). This can be a bit confusing because depending on the file system implementation, st_ctime might sometimes refer to the birth time (creation time) on some systems.
- File Types:
 - File Categories:
 - Spreadsheets: common spreadsheet file extension names
 - Documents: common word processing, presentation, and text file extensions
 - Multi-Media: common audio, video and images file extensions
 - Custom: add custom file extensions.
- Profiles: Option to save filtered selections to a customer profile name.

Below is the screenshot representing the filtering options and saving to a profile:





Menu Option (Time Machine)

Note, Time Machine backups, while valuable for general data recovery, intentionally exclude certain system folders and files to optimize backup size and performance.

Specifically, Time Machine omits volatile data within `/private/var/folders/`, temporary files from `/private/var/tmp/` and `/private/tmp/`, cache files from `/Library/Caches/` and `/Users/*/Library/Caches/`, and all user and system trash folders (`~/Trash`, `/Volumes/*/Trashes/`, and `/.Trashes/`). This exclusion of temporary and system-generated data is designed to focus on backing up essential user documents and settings.

However, LLIMAGER Time Machine backups do collect the Trash folders and bundles into the final DMG. Thus, making it a suitable image for e-discovery and depending on the scope, some digital forensics workflows.

To proceed with the Time Machine imaging, Input the image destination name and location of the destination logical DMG file. Additionally, choose to hash and type of hash. The following picture shows the requested information.

The screenshot shows the 'Time Machine Backup Image Information' dialog box in LLImager 5.1. The dialog is divided into two main sections: 'Case Information' on the left and 'Time Machine Backup Image Information' on the right. A vertical blue line separates the two sections. Annotations A, B, C, and D are placed on the dialog:

- A**: Points to the empty text field for the backup image name.
- B**: Points to the 'Evidence' text field in the 'Case Information' section.
- C**: Points to the 'Destination for TM Backup' text field.
- D**: Points to the 'Hash TM Backup file' section, specifically the 'SHA256' radio button.

The 'Case Information' section includes fields for 'Case Name', 'Evidence', 'Agent', 'Case ID', and a 'Notes' text area. The 'Time Machine Backup Image Information' section includes a 'Select...' button for the destination and three radio buttons for hashing: 'SHA256' (selected), 'SHA1', and 'MD5'. At the bottom are 'Review' and 'Cancel' buttons. The footer reads 'e-forensics Inc. Copyright 2023-2025. All rights reserved.'

See below for a description of each section.

A – Specify the name of the image.

B -- Related to the case. Case name, evidence number, agent, case ID and notes.

C – Related to the *destination of the Time Machine DMG* file. Requires selection of path where the DMG will be saved.

D – Related to *hashing of the DMG* file. Specify if the DMG will be hashed then specify the type of hash.

After completing the selections, a summary of the information provided; see below.

Time Machine

Case Information Entered

Case: Time Square Tower
Evidence: TMBTS_01
Agent: Jane Doe
Case ID: TST01
Notes: MacBook SN:727262626, Time Machine Targeted

Mac computer to be imaged

Model Name: MacBook Air
Model Identifier: Mac15,12
Memory: 8 GB
Serial Number (sys...): MH7QRH74Q4
Hardware UUID: BE58C0C7-446D-50D2-B60B-46095516383D
Main Disk Size: 235.0 GB
Available size: 40.0 GB
OS version: 15.3.0

SOURCE

Mounted: Yes
Container Free Space: 30.4 GB (30420246528 Bytes) (exactly 59414544 512-Byte-Units)
Volume UUID: 07A7C158-1D67-49F3-9271-FA186B69E21C
Mount Point: /
Volume Used Space: 11.6 GB (11555373056 Bytes) (exactly 22569088 512-Byte-Units)
Device Identifier: disk3s1s1
Volume Name: Macintosh HD
Container Total Space: 245.1 GB (245107195904 Bytes) (exactly 478724992 512-Byte-Units)
Allocation Block Size: 4096 Bytes

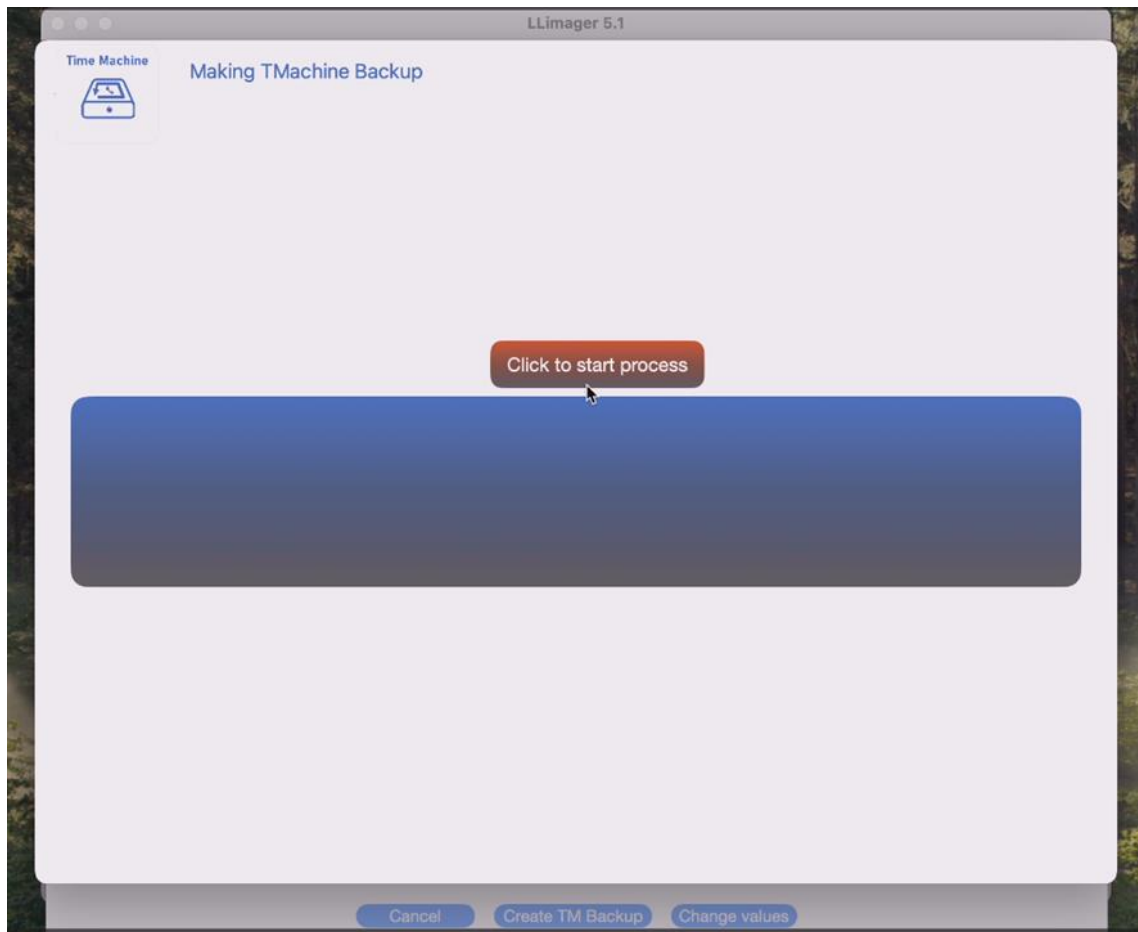
DESTINATION

Container Free Space: 1.4 TB (1406475599872 Bytes) (exactly 2747022656 512-Byte-Units)
Mount Point: /Volumes/llidata
Mounted: Yes
Volume Used Space: 593.4 GB (593413738496 Bytes) (exactly 1159011208 512-Byte-Units)
Volume UUID: 480AAE18-05FE-4408-9B5E-DEC84A55F0CF
Volume Name: llidata
Container Total Space: 2.0 TB (2000189177856 Bytes) (exactly 3906619488 512-Byte-Units)
Allocation Block Size: 4096 Bytes
Device Identifier: disk6s1

Buttons: Cancel, Create TM Backup, Change values

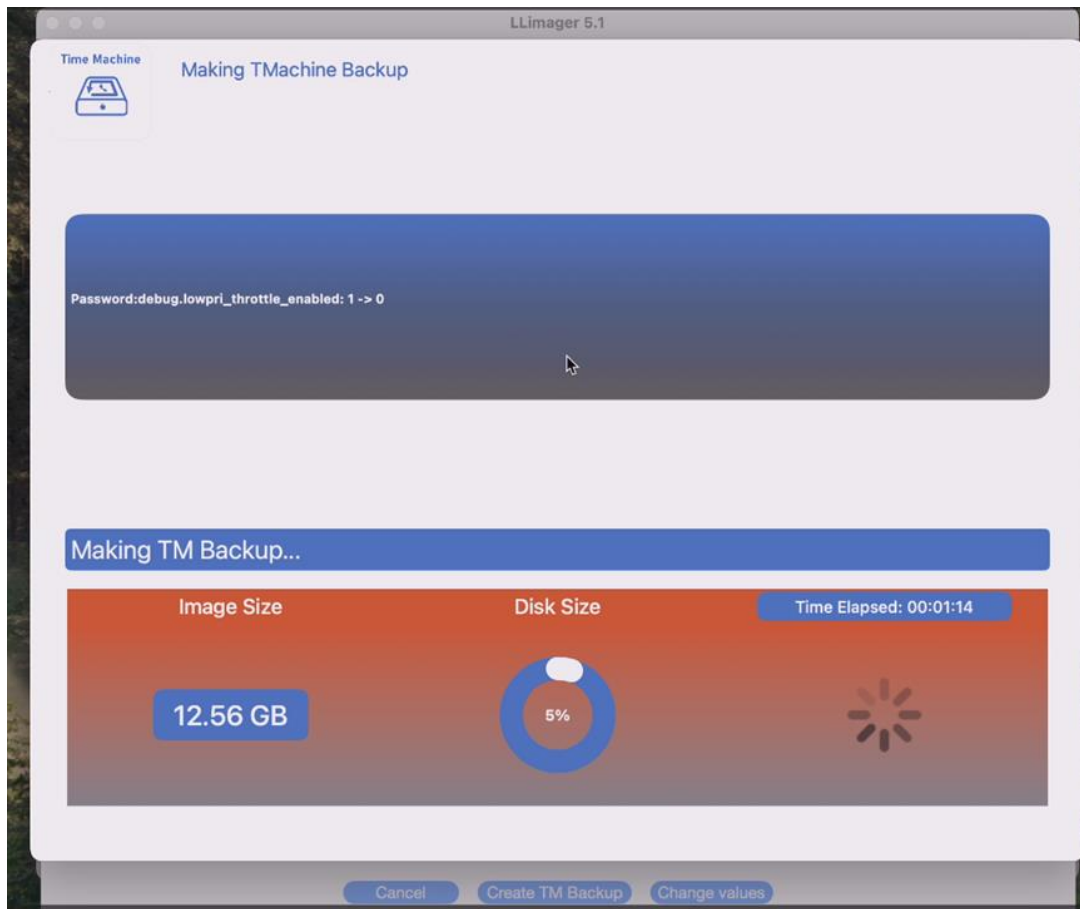
After validating and accepting the information, click on “Create TM Backup” and the following will appear:

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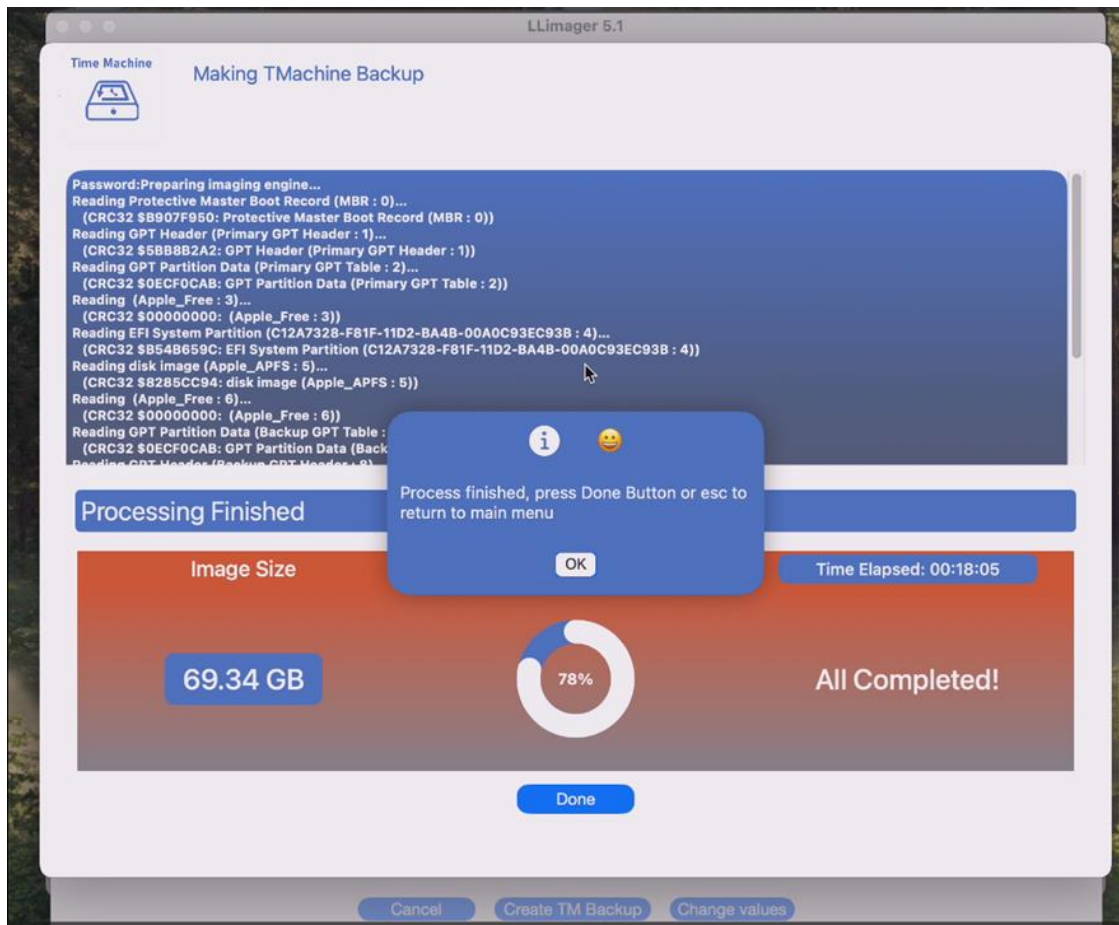
Click on “Click to start process” and as the process commences, a progress screen indicating that the DMG logical image is being generated will appear -- see below:

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When complete, the following will appear:

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The produced acquisition log will appear as below:

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ACQUISITION DETAIL

Case Summary

Case Name:	Case Name
Evidence Name:	Evidence
Agent Name:	Agent
Case ID:	Case ID

Start Time: 2025-03-05 10:35:16

Time Machine Backup Information

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RESULTS

Sparse image process-----

Start time: 2025-03-05 10:35:21
End time: 2025-03-05 10:48:57
Image size: 90.52 GB

Sparse image created: /Volumes/llidata/TMB/testTMB70.sparseimage

DMG image process -----

Start time: 2025-03-05 10:49:38
End time: 2025-03-05 10:56:13
Image size: 71.37 GB

DMG image created: /Volumes/llidata/TMB/testTMB70.dmg

Hash DMG image process -----

Start time: 2025-03-05 10:56:14
End time: 2025-03-05 10:57:27
SHA256 hash: 18de59a06e2c0d6e106104ec0c904ac00d60755fa5bb94a63fa3bff1aae1016a

Menu Option (Convert/Hash)

This feature is available to convert the temp file (sparse image) to a DMG.

The screenshot shows the LLImager 5.1 application window with the 'Convert / Hash' menu option selected. The interface is divided into two main sections: 'Case Information' on the left and a selection area on the right. The 'Case Information' section contains four input fields: 'Case:' with a placeholder 'Enter case name', 'Evidence:' with the value 'Evidence', 'Agent:' with the value 'Agent', and 'Case ID:' with the value 'Case ID'. Below these fields is a 'Notes:' label and a text area. The right section is titled 'Please select Convert to DMG or Hash file' and contains three buttons: 'Convert' (selected with an orange radio button), 'Calc Hash' (with a white radio button), and 'Select' (a blue button). The application title bar at the top reads 'LLImager 5.1'. The footer at the bottom states 'e-forensics inc. Copyright 2023-2025. All rights reserved.'

Input the DMG file name and location of the destination logical DMG file. The following picture shows the requested information.

The screenshot shows the 'Convert Sparse to DMG' window in LLIMAGER. A vertical blue line with four red arrows points to specific fields, labeled A, B, C, and D. A red vertical bar is also present on the left side of the 'Case Information' section.

Convert / Hash

Convert Sparse to DMG

Case Information

Case: Marks and Marks
Evidence: MMFAF01
Agent: John Doe
Case ID: 1212-770
MacBook Pro SN: 12321343
Notes:

A →

B ← Image Name: Converted2DMG

C ← Select only one sparse image: /Volumes/llidata/Acqimage98.sparseimage
Total Size: 93,909,782,528 bytes

D ← Path: DESTINATION path

Delete Selected

Select...

Hash file
☒ SHA256 ☐ SHA1 ☐ MD5 ☐ NO-HASH

Review Cancel

See below for a description of each section.

A – Specify case related information

B – Related to the name to give the DMG file.

C – Related to the source sparse image to be converted.

D – The path where the destination DMG will be stored.

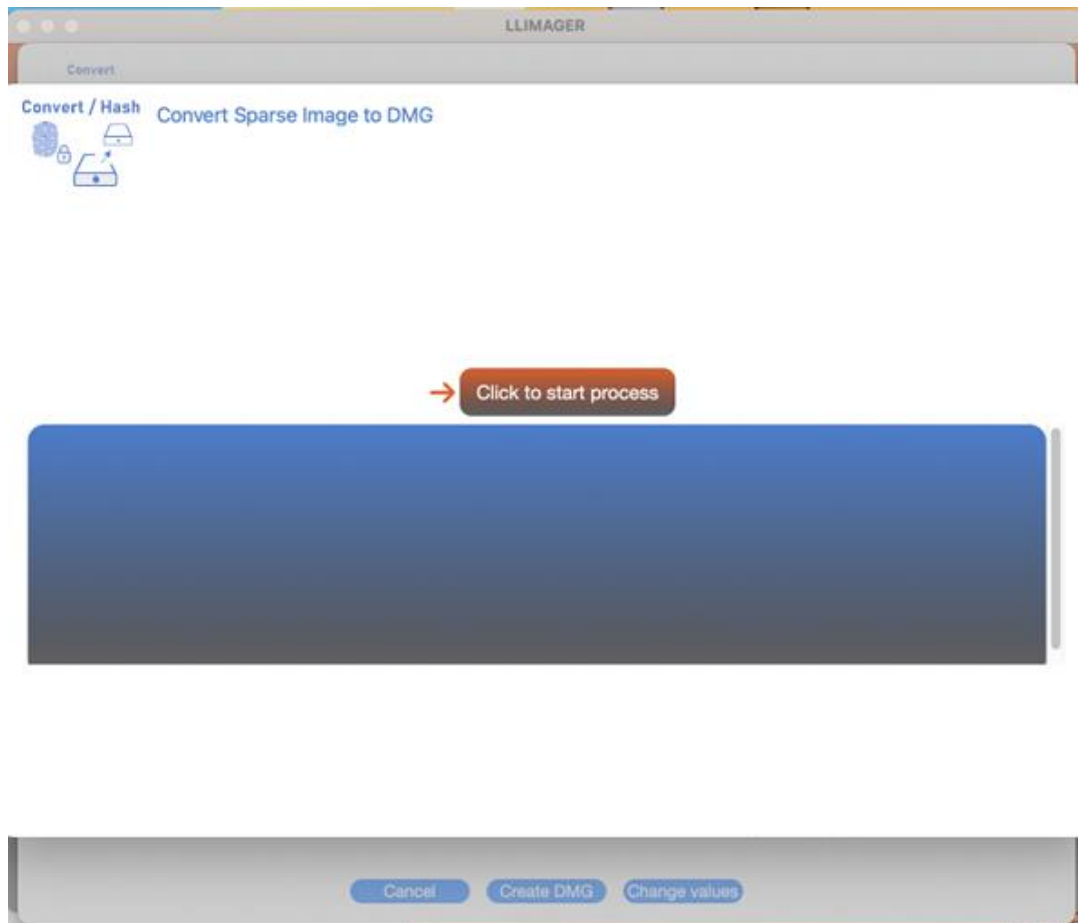
After completing the selections, click on Review for summary of the information provided; see below.

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Convert / Hash

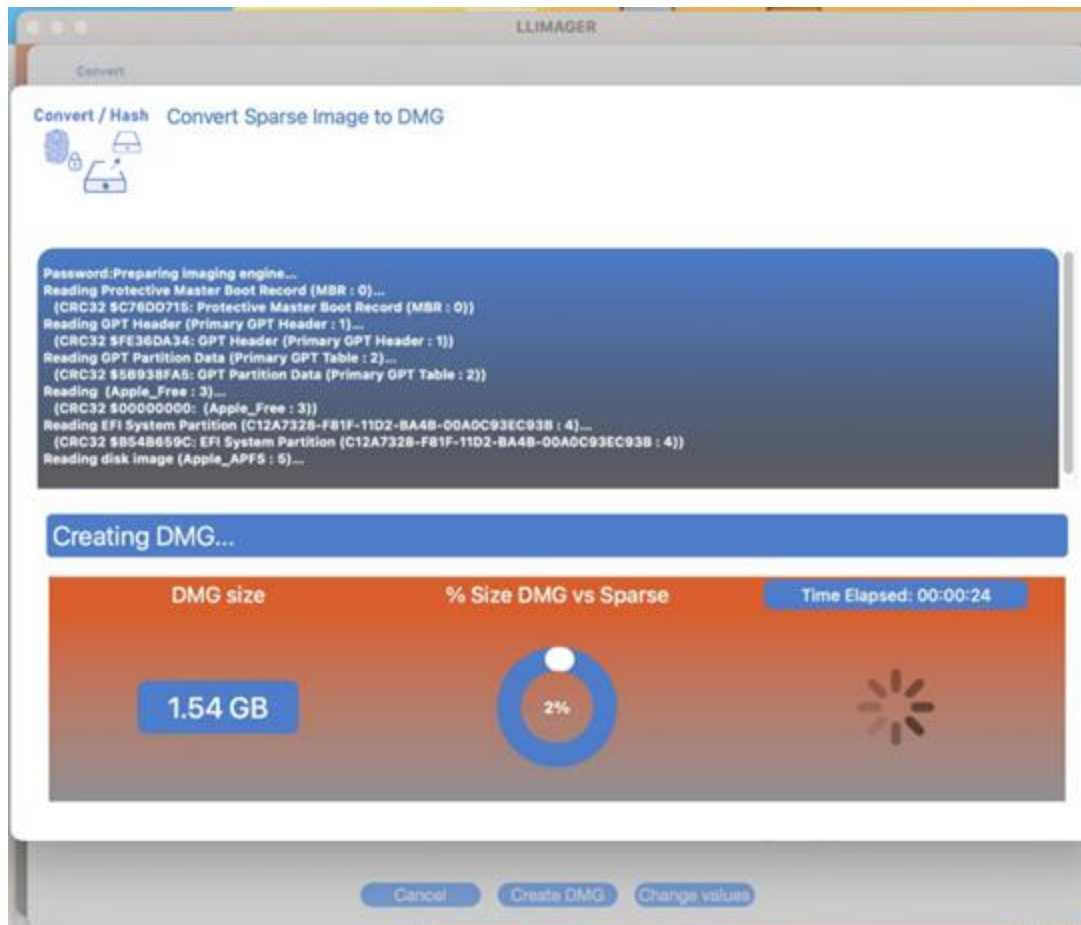
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Upon completion, the following will appear:

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Menu Option (Convert/Hash)

The hash option is used to calculate the hash of a file, be it sparse image, DMG or any other type, and the following picture shows the fields and selection options:

The screenshot shows the 'Convert / Hash' menu option in the LLIImager 5.1 application. The interface is divided into two main sections: 'Case Information' on the left and a selection area on the right. The 'Case Information' section contains several input fields: 'Case:' with the value 'Mark and Marks', 'Evidence:' with 'MMFAF01', 'Agent:' with 'John Doe', and 'Case ID:' with '1212-770'. Below these fields is a text area for 'Notes:' containing 'MacBook Pro SN:212314'. The right section is titled 'Please select Convert to DMG or Hash file' and features two radio buttons: 'Convert' (selected) and 'Calc Hash'. A 'Select' button is located to the right of these options. The application title bar at the top reads 'LLImager 5.1'.

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Convert / Hash

Case Information

Case: Mark and Marks

Evidence: MMFAF01

Agent: John Doe

Case ID: 1212-770

MacBook Pro SN:212314

Notes:

Please select Convert to DMG or Hash file

☒ Convert ☐ Calc Hash

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Convert / Hash

Hash DMG or other files

A ← File Name for hash report:

Targeted hash file/image **B** ←

/Volumes/llidata/Converted2DMG/Converted2DMG.dmg	70,034,418,415 bytes
Total Size	70,034,418,415 bytes

C ← Path:

D ← Hash file

☒ SHA256 ☐ SHA1 ☐ MD5

Case Information

Case:

Evidence:

Agent:

Case ID:

MacBook Pro SN: 12321343

Notes:

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See below for a description of each section.

A – Specify the name of the hash report file.

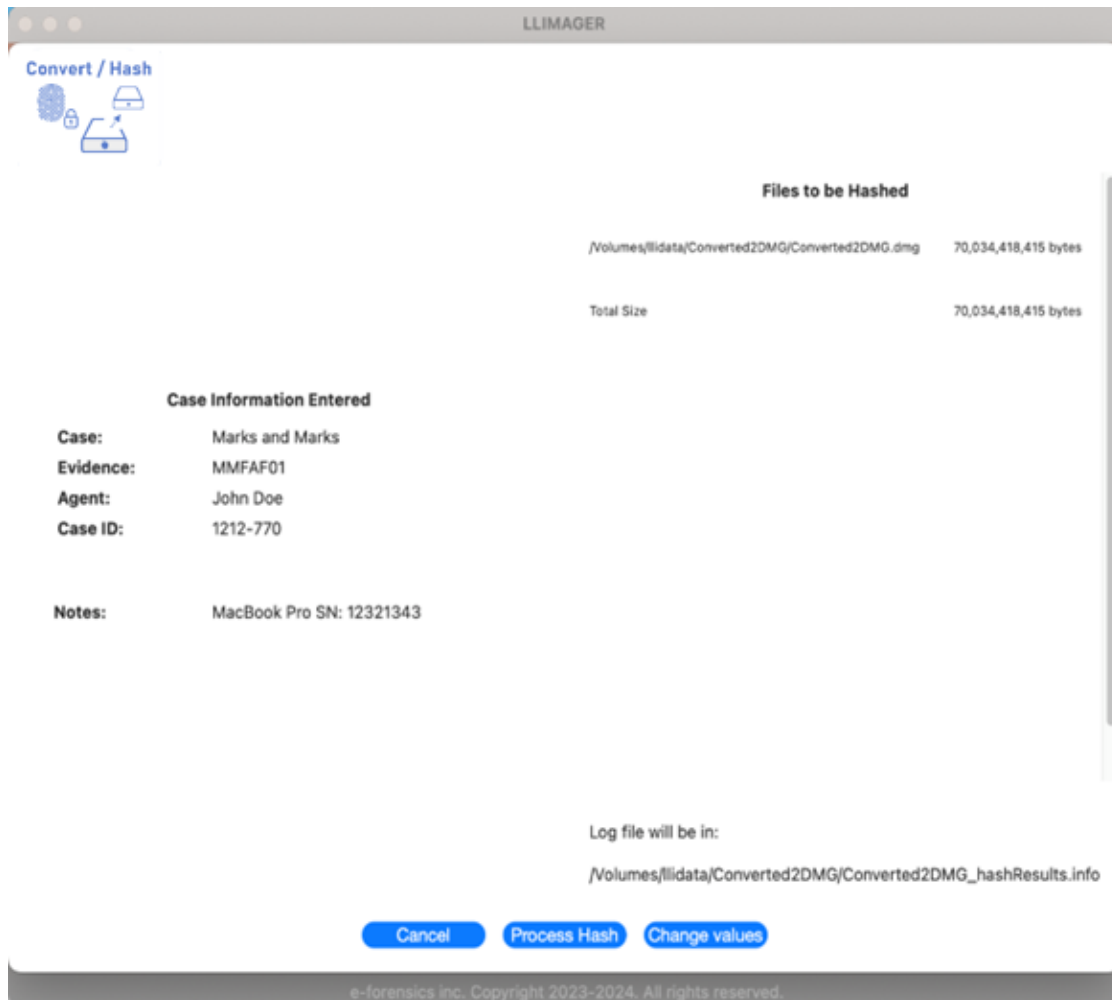
B – Related to the *source files/folders*. Requires selection of the source files to hash.

C – Related to the *destination of the hash report* file. Requires selection of path hash report destination folder.

D – Related to *hashing type*. Specify the type of hash.

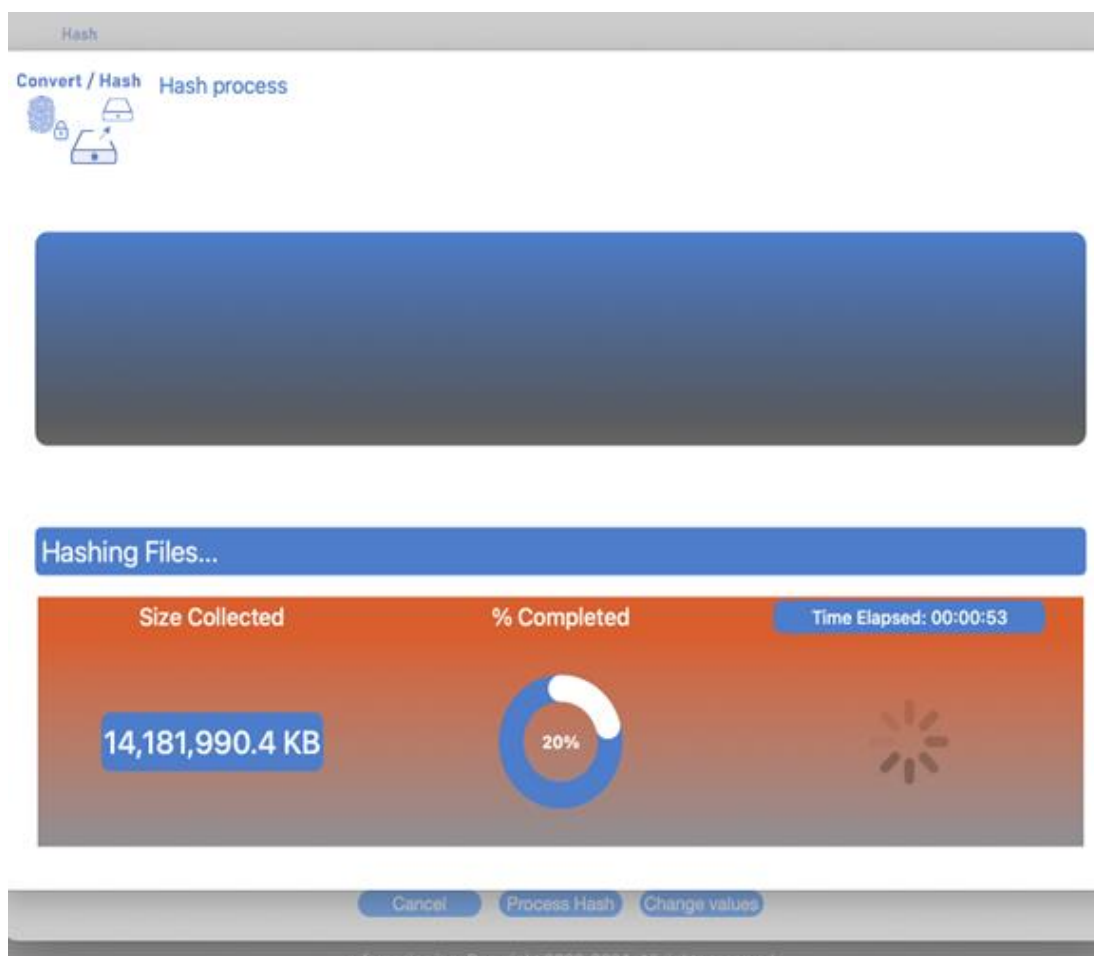
After completing the selections, a summary of the information is provided; see below.

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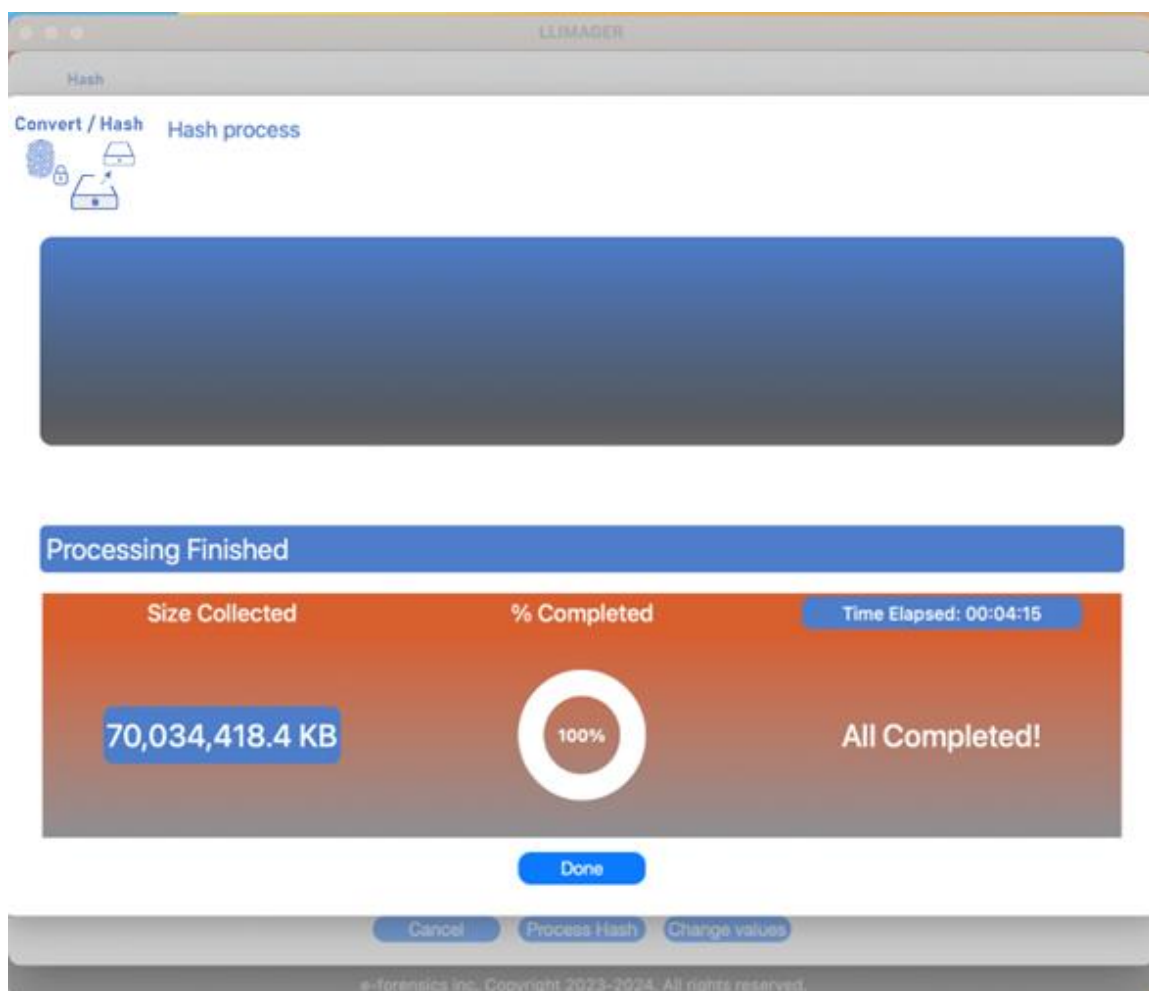


Proceed to click on "Process Hash" and the following will appear:

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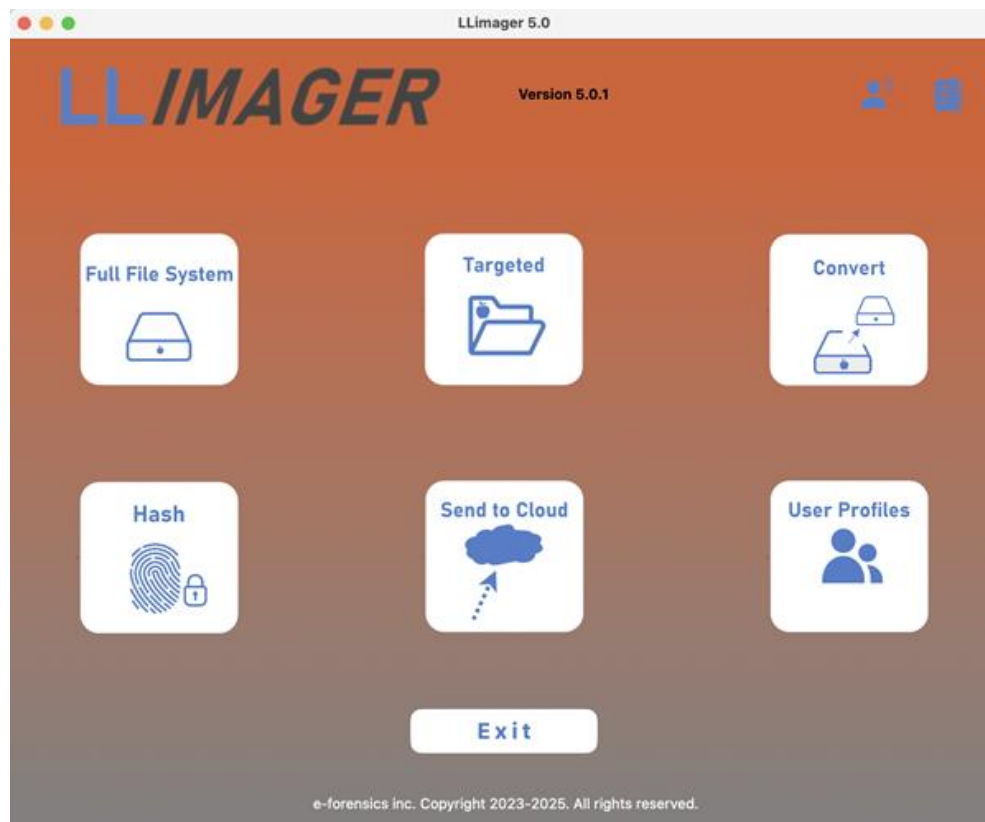
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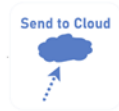
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Menu Option (Send To Cloud)

For examiners and e-discovery services providers with cloud storage availability, LLIMAGER has added a feature to copy images to AWS, Google Cloud or Azure.



Upon clicking the "Send to Cloud" button, the main interface displays two primary sections. The left pane provides general information regarding the prerequisites for utilizing each supported cloud service, while the right pane presents the service selection interface.



aws

AWS - S3

To upload files or folders to AWS using LLIMAGER you will need to have two keys associated with your S3 service, usually called 'clientID' and 'ClientSecret'. You may login into your aws account for details.

Google Cloud Platform

To upload files or folders to GCP using LLIMAGER you will need to have created a service account and get the service account credentials, which comes is a JSON file containing the required keys to use the upload service. Please refer to your GCP account for details.



Azure

Azure

To upload files or folders to Azure using LLIMAGER you need the storage account name and one of the two available keys for accessing that account. Please refer to your Azure account for details.

Cloud Service Data

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Google Cloud

Azure

Preview
Upload Speed

Review

Cancel

Specific authentication requirements for each service are as follows:

- **Amazon Web Services (AWS):** Uploads to AWS require two credentials: a Client ID and a Secret ID. These credentials can be readily obtained by the user through the AWS Management Console.
- **Google Cloud Platform (GCP):** Uploads to GCP require a credential JSON file, accessible through the user's Google Cloud account.
- **Azure Storage:** Uploads to Azure Storage necessitate two credentials: the Account Name and one of the two Secret Keys associated with that account. These keys are provided by Azure.

For enhanced security and streamlined access, all credentials can be securely stored (password-protected) on the LLIMAGER device.

Furthermore, the interface provides a preview of the anticipated upload speeds within the target environment.

For example, to use AWS:

Cloud Service Data

This is a screenshot of a dialog box titled 'Enter AWS-S3 data' with the AWS logo in the top left. It contains several input fields and checkboxes. The first two are 'Enter AWS Access Key' and 'Enter AWS Secret Key', each with a toggle icon on the right. Below these are two checkboxes: 'Use Stored Credentials?' and 'Use existing Bucket?'. Then there is a 'New Bucket' label followed by a text field containing 'Create NEW AWS Bucket Name'. Below that is an 'AWS region' label followed by a text field containing 'Region? Leave in blank to use default'. At the bottom left is a checkbox labeled 'Save Credentials?'. At the bottom right are two buttons: 'Cancel' and 'OK'.

The two required AWS credentials, Client ID and Secret ID, should be entered in the designated fields. Users have the option to select an existing bucket or create a new one.


For most users, utilizing the default AWS region is recommended. This can be achieved by leaving the AWS Region field blank.

This is a second screenshot of the 'Enter AWS-S3 data' dialog box, similar to the first one. In this version, the 'Save Credentials?' checkbox at the bottom left is checked with a blue checkmark. To its right, a new text field has appeared, containing the text 'Password? (min 6 char)'. This new field and the checked checkbox are enclosed in a yellow dashed rectangular border. The 'Cancel' and 'OK' buttons remain at the bottom right.

To save the AWS credentials for future use, click "Save Credentials?" and a password prompt will appear to add a password.

Previously saved credentials can be retrieved by clicking "Use Stored Credentials?" Note, selecting "Use Stored Credentials" disables "Save Credentials".

Upon pressing the OK button, the next step is to select the image or folder to be uploaded; see below:



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Azure
To upload files or folders to Azure using LLIMAGER you need the storage account name and one of the two available keys for accessing that account. Please refer to your Azure account for details.

Cloud Service Data

AWS selected

Select files or folder to be transferred

Source: /Volumes/llimager/llimager/v3.8 Browse

Preview Upload Speed
Review
Cancel

Once the credentials have been entered, and the file or folder to upload has been selected, the review screen is presented showing all fields entered (credential masked) for review. Once satisfied click the Transfer File button; see below:

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AWS - S3

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Google Cloud Platform



To upload files or folders to GCP using LLIMAGER you will need to have created a service account and get the service account credentials, which comes is a JSON file containing the required keys to use the upload service. Please refer to your GCP account for details.



Azure

To upload files or folders to Azure using LLIMAGER you need the storage account name and one of the two available keys for accessing that account. Please refer to your Azure account for details.



AWS-S3 data

AWS Access Key: AK*****WM4N

AWS Secret Key: XKD*****hhVnC

AWS Region: Default Region

New Bucket: newbucketawsjan0304

To be uploaded

/Volumes/llimager/llimager/v3.8

Size: 26.97 MB

No upload test speed was done in previous screen

Cancel

Transfer File

Change values



Transfer to Cloud Services

Click to Transfer

Below is a sample of the transfer log:

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T R A N S F E R L O G D E T A I L S

----- Upload to AWS S3 process -----

AWS credentials used -----

ClientID: AK*****MM4N
SecretID: XK*****hVnC

AWS transfer information -----

Source IP: 73.139.37.91
Source City: Wellington
Source Country: US
Source Loc: 26.6587,-80.2414
Time Zone: America/New_York

Upload to AWS process completed -----

AWS bucket used: newbucketfm30109-01

Uploaded File/Folder Path: /Volumes/llimager 1/llimager/v3.8

Uploaded File/Folder Count: 4

Uploaded File/Folder size: 26.97 MB

Start time: 2025-01-08 17:38:54
End time: 2025-01-08 17:39:15

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Transfer to Cloud Services

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upload: Volumes/llimager/llimager/v3.8/_LLimager_v3.8
Completed 0 Bytes/27.0 MiB (0 Bytes/s) with 3 file(s) remaining
Completed 256.0 KiB/27.0 MiB (276.6 KiB/s) with 3 file(s) remaining
Completed 512.0 KiB/27.0 MiB (540.8 KiB/s) with 3 file(s) remaining
Completed 768.0 KiB/27.0 MiB (779.5 KiB/s) with 3 file(s) remaining
Completed 1.0 MiB/27.0 MiB (976.0 KiB/s) with 3 file(s) remaining
Completed 1.2 MiB/27.0 MiB (927.8 KiB/s) with 3 file(s) remaining
Completed 1.5 MiB/27.0 MiB (983.6 KiB/s) with 3 file(s) remaining
Completed 1.8 MiB/27.0 MiB (892.1 KiB/s) with 3 file(s) remaining
Completed 2.0 MiB/27.0 MiB (988.9 KiB/s) with 3 file(s) remaining
Completed 2.2 MiB/27.0 MiB (1.1 MiB/s) with 3 file(s) remaining
Completed 2.5 MiB/27.0 MiB (1.1 MiB/s) with 3 file(s) remaining
Completed 2.8 MiB/27.0 MiB (1.1 MiB/s) with 3 file(s) remaining
Completed 3.0 MiB/27.0 MiB (1.2 MiB/s) with 3 file(s) remaining
Completed 3.2 MiB/27.0 MiB (1.3 MiB/s) with 3 file(s) remaining
Completed 3.5 MiB/27.0 MiB (1.3 MiB/s) with 3 file(s) remaining
```

(All Done!) ---> /Volumes/

Process finished, press Done Button or esc to return to main menu

Bytes Transferred

27.00 MB

OK

Time Elapsed: 00:00:20

100%

All Completed!

26.97 MB and 4 files transferred

Done

Menu Option (Profiles)

Aside from Targeted collections, LLIMAGER offers a forensic collection of user profiles from macOS systems.

The application presents a list of all available user profiles on the target system, allowing the examiner to select one or more profiles for extraction. Upon selection, the chosen profiles are collected and packaged into a single archive. Users can choose between two archive formats: ZIP or DMG (Apple Disk Image). This functionality enables efficient and comprehensive collection of user data for forensic analysis; see below:

User Profiles

Select User

efi-admin	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	<input type="checkbox"/>
	<input type="checkbox"/>

No users selected

Select Cancel

☒ Create a ZIP ☐ Create a DMG

Review Cancel

User Profiles



Case Information

Case:

Evidence:

Agent:

Case ID:

Notes:

User Profiles

Select User

efi-admin	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Administrator	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
...	<input type="checkbox"/>

Selected Users:
efi-admin

Select

Cancel

☒ Create a ZIP

☐ Create a DMG

Review

Cancel

Disk Acquisition Log Sample

The following is a sample of the disk acquisition log.

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ACQUISITION DETAIL
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Case Summary

Case Name:      Marks and Marks
Evidence Name:   MMAF01
Agent Name:      John Doe
Case ID:         1212-770

Case Notes:      MacBook Pro SN: 12321343

Start Time:      2024-04-05 10:28:51

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Hardware information

Serial Number:   FVFXNML4HV22|
Model Name:      MacBook Pro
Model Ident.:    MacBookPro14,1
Memory:          8 GB
Device UUID:     EB71A5DD-3BA7-500B-88C3-11821EC0874D

-----

Source Disk Information

Device Identifier:  disk1s5s1
Device Node:       /dev/disk1s5s1
Whole:             No
Part of Whole:     disk1

Volume Name:       Macintosh HD
Mounted:           Yes
Mount Point:       /

Partition Type:    41504653-0000-11AA-AA11-00306543ECAC
File System Personality: APFS
Type (Bundle):     apfs
Name (User Visible): APFS
Owners:            Enabled
```


OS Can Be Installed: No
Booter Disk: disk1s2
Recovery Disk: disk1s3
Media Type: Generic
Protocol: PCI-Express
SMART Status: Verified
Volume UUID: B8CE8BAA-4A75-42F3-BF8F-89412A84C937
Disk / Partition UUID: B8CE8BAA-4A75-42F3-BF8F-89412A84C937

Disk Size: 121.0 GB (121018208256 Bytes) (exactly 236363688 512-Byte-Units)
Device Block Size: 4096 Bytes

Volume Used Space: 11.9 GB (11915608064 Bytes) (exactly 23272672 512-Byte-Units)
Container Total Space: 121.0 GB (121018208256 Bytes) (exactly 236363688 512-Byte-Units)
Container Free Space: 25.3 GB (25298644992 Bytes) (exactly 49411416 512-Byte-Units)
Allocation Block Size: 4096 Bytes

Media OS Use Only: No
Media Read-Only: Yes
Volume Read-Only: Yes (read-only mount flag set)

Device Location: Internal
Removable Media: Fixed

Solid State: Yes
Hardware AES Support: No

This disk is an APFS Volume Snapshot. APFS Information:
APFS Snapshot Name: com.apple.os.update-A17B27811581529D33626973A757590AE0168469175C377BE4B1C7BDFDED1E84
APFS Snapshot UUID: B8CE8BAA-4A75-42F3-BF8F-89412A84C937
APFS Container: disk1
APFS Physical Store: disk0s2
Fusion Drive: No
APFS Volume Group: 890F1145-BA72-4388-B74E-D0E7C79835AB
EFI Driver In macOS: 2142140009000000
Encrypted: No
FileVault: Yes
Sealed: Broken
Locked: No

APFS Snapshots are defined upon this APFS Volume. Snapshot list:
Snapshot UUID: B8CE8BAA-4A75-42F3-BF8F-89412A84C937
Name: com.apple.os.update-A17B27811581529D33626973A757590AE0168469175C377BE4B1C7BDFDED1E84
XID: 58627287
Snapshot UUID: D56BC470-A1BF-436F-8F17-D82DA8C35346
Name: com.apple.os.update-MSUPPrepareUpdate
XID: 59597868

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RESULTS

Sparse image process-----

Start time: 2024-04-05 10:28:54
End time: 2024-04-05 10:39:12
Image size: 93.91 GB

Sparse image created: /Volumes/llidata/Acqimage98.sparseimage

DMG image process-----

Start time: 2024-04-05 10:39:20
End time: 2024-04-05 10:56:29
Image size: 70.03 GB

DMG image created: /Volumes/llidata/Acqimage98.dmg

Hash DMG process-----

Start time: 2024-04-05 10:56:29
End time: 2024-04-05 11:00:36
SHA256 hash: 83b5601089817ea0fe72492e16d4e453cfbad051431ff93b40b03953f83c37e0

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Targeted Acquisition Log Sample

The following is a sample of the targeted folders acquisition log.

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ACQUISITION DETAIL

Case Summary

Case Name: Case Name
Evidence Name: Evidence
Agent Name: Agent
Case ID: Case ID

Start Time: 2024-07-01 08:58:00

Hardware information

Serial Number: MH7QRH74Q4
Model Name: MacBook Air
Model Ident.: Mac15,12
Memory: 8 GB
Device UUID: BE58C0C7-446D-50D2-B60B-46095516383D

Targeted Files and Folders Information

/Users/otheradminwf98/Documents
/Users/otheradminuser/Downloads
/Users/otherstandarduser/Desktop

Collecting only files with extensions:
numbers doc* pdf pages txt dot* ppt* rtf odp keynote
and within the following Inode & timestamps(ct):
Start date: 2024-06-25 08:56 --> End Date: 2024-06-25 20:56

RESULTS

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Extract process -----

Start time: 2024-07-01 08:58:04
End time: 2024-07-01 08:58:05
Image size: 15.73 MB

DMG image process -----

Start time: 2024-07-01 08:58:08
End time: 2024-07-01 08:58:12
Image size: 3.74 MB

Hash DMG image process -----

Start time: 2024-07-01 08:58:12
End time: 2024-07-01 08:58:12
SHA256 value: 6b1ef479f51f28a3a620a09be472014c1fbf51fd3dfe4f8c735400ca933f58d8

Changelog

July 20, 2023: Commercial Version 3.5 (beta core)

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November 14, 2023: Manual documentation update regarding resolution of LImager being damaged and can't open.

November 17, 2023: Update to EULA

December 8, 2023: Commercial Version 3.8: Major update

- Transparent management of System sleeping time.
- Removed the required input requesting confirmation to erase the sparse after selecting to run in Unattended mode.
- Updated messages during the process to make warning messages more notable.
- Updated the imaging of targeted folders.
- Changed the process to save all targeted folders into one DMG.
- Enhanced error trapping.
- Updates to the acquisition log file.
- Other minor changes to enhance performance.
- Manual documentation update regarding resolution of LImager_M1 being damaged and can't open.

April 8, 2024: Complete rewrite to GUI using in Swift.

July 1, 2024: 4.1.03: Major update

- Granular targeted imaging
- Enhanced performance
- Improved error trapping and reporting
- Updated acquisition log

July 10, 2024: Bug fix to correct failed acquisitions due to copying to destination folders created by the user with a space in the name.

September 3, 2024: Updates to the trial version which includes watermarking of image. Added option to collect sysdiagnose.

January 10, 2025: 5.01: Major update

- Copy images to Cloud storage

- Collect User Profiles
- Improved error trapping and reporting
- Updated acquisition log

March 13, 2025: 5.1: Minor update

- Added Time Machine-based Imaging
- Improved error trapping and reporting
- Updated acquisition log

July 1, 2025: 5.2: Major update

- Developed a Mac installation app to prepare new installations via Macs
- Under-the-Hood Enhancements for a Faster, Smoother Experience
- Improved error trapping and reporting
- Updated acquisition log

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