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## Mobile Forensic Tools Evaluation for Digital Crime Investigation

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*Abstract*— Instant Messaging is a popular smartphone's application. One example of Instant Messaging application is WhatsApp. WhatsApp is widely used judging from its users that reach more than 1 Billion users in January 2017. WhatsApp's security recently has been updated with latest encryption type and technology by implementing end-to-end encryption. The number of users or possible crime target and security features in WhatsApp can lead to crime by people that have criminal intentions. Investigators need to use mobile forensic methodologies and tools for investigating smartphone and to find crime evidences. However, investigators often facing challenges during investigation because incompatibility between forensic tools and mobile technology. This research will conduct an experiment using available forensic tools with NIST forensic method for extracting latest WhatsApp's artifacts. Forensics tools capabilities will be evaluated and compared to find its strengths and weaknesses.

Keywords-mobile forensic, whatsapp, extraction.

#### I. INTRODUCTION

Smartphones experience rapid development along with the development of technology. Smartphones are slowly beginning to replace the role of computers with the increasing number of features and applications available on mobile devices [1]. Trend of smartphone usage is expected to increase seen from the features offered by smartphones such as various applications, power usage, process speed, pricing, practicality and ease of carrying. The latest generation of smartphones has the ability and power far above its predecessors that make smartphones now can be used for household activity or office work [2]. Fig. 1 shows the number of smartphone and computer device users. We can see the number of smartphone users has obtained increasing significant number compared to the number of computer users. Starting in 2014 the number of smartphone users began to outperform the number of computer users [1].

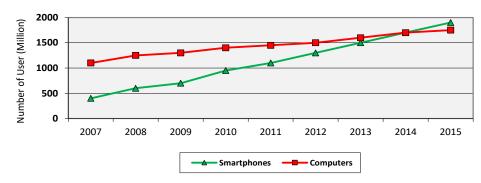


Fig. 1 Number of computer and smartphone users

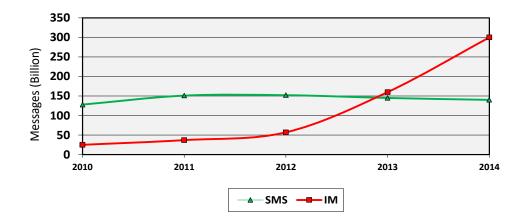


Fig. 2 Number of Messages Sent Using SMS and IM in United Kingdom

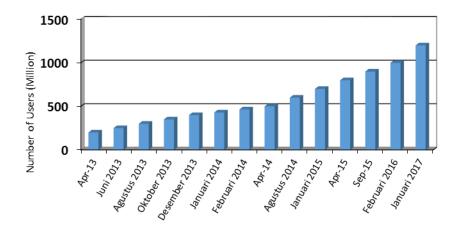


Fig. 3 Number of WhatsApp Users

The Instant Messaging (IM) application is one of the most commonly used applicatons for mobile device users. IM begins to replace the role of Short Message Services (SMS) to communicate through message delivery. Fig. 2 shows the trend of message delivery with SMS and IM in the UK. The number of message delivery using SMS from 2010 to 2014 tend to experience stable conditions. While the number of message delivery using IM has increased significantly starting in 2012 with the number of messages sent for 57 billion messages/year until 2014 with messages sent for 300 billion/year [3].

WhatsApp is one of the popular IM applications and is used by lots of people to communicate. Fig. 3 shows an increase in the number of WhatsApp users from 200 Million users in April 2013 to 1 Billion in February 2016 and 1.2 Billion in January 2017 [4]. According to [5], WhatsApp is a popular application with 60% of users, followed by Viber and Telegram.

WhatsApp cannot be separated from misuse as for criminal purposes. Under these circumstances the investigator will check out WhatsApp's artifact to look for evidence of a criminal offense. The case of "cyanide coffee" is one example of the case where the WhatsApp artifacts were analyzed to search for evidence in the investigation [6]. To conduct an analysis the investigator needs to use a method along with a forensically tested tools. Investigators should be able to extract the artifacts, decryption, and analyze the data contained within the mobile device to assist the investigation process because data such as conversation messages and images can be evidence [7].

References [8] conducted an analysis of forensic mobile technologies and forensic tools. Forensic analysis has several constraints such as hardware differences, security features, technological lag and forensic tool costs, anti-forensic techniques, and many other. In April 2016, WhatsApp implemented an end-to-end encryption feature that came with the latest encryption. This feature makes the sent messages to be encrypted and can only be read by those eligible to receive the message. This security feature provides difficulties and challenges for forensic investigators and analysis because the available forensics tools must be able to keep up with the development of whatsApp technology [9].

There are several studies on mobile forensic analysis. References [10] conducted forensic analysis of Telegram, Line, and KakaoTalk applications on Android devices. They tried to conduct a forensic analysis process on unencrypted conversations and encrypted conversations. The tools used in the research were ADB (Android Debugging Bridge), SQLite Browser, Hex Editor Neo, Busybox, Root Browser, Nandroid Backup, Shark for Root, dex2jar. References [10] used a methodology from McKemmish which has 4 stages: Identification, Preservation, Analysis, and Presentation. References [10] managed to investigate unencrypted and encrypted conversations from all three applications.

References [11] attempted to perform a forensic analysis on WhatsApp version 2.11.186 which has been equipped with .crypt encryption. The tools used were WhatsApp Xtract for the extraction and decryption process, and SQLite Browser for the analysis process. The researcher succeeded in extraction and .crypt decryption.

References [12] conducted a forensic analysis on WhatsApp that has used .crypt7 encryption. The tools used in the research were ADB, WhatsApp Key/DB Extractor 2.2, WhatsApp Viewer, WhatsApp Extract, dan SQLite Spy. Researchers managed to extract and decrypt WhatsApp artifacts. Researchers reminded about the importance of paying attention to the development and changes in mobile technology to be able to perform forensic analysis.

References [13] evaluated and compared 2 forensic methodologies, ISO/IEC methodology and NIST methodology. Ajijola, et al concluded that there is no methodology covering all forensic issues. The ISO/IEC methodology has advantages over non-technical processes and problems. NIST has the advantage of selecting and using forensic tools. Each methodology needs to be constantly updated following the development of digital technology.

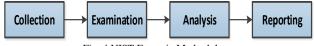
Looking at the background, the dynamics of mobile technology, previous research, and mobile forensic challenges, researchers will try to conduct comparative evaluation forensic tools that serve to extract artifacts in the form of messages, images, videos and documents with NIST forensic methodology in the latest version of WhatsApp in Android-based devices. The tools used are ADB, WhatsApp Key/DB Extractor 4.7, and Belkasoft Evidence (trial version). Forensic tools are tested to run the WhatsApp database extraction and decryption process that has been updated with .crypt12 end-to-end encryption. The results of extraction, decryption, and validation of forensic tools will be compared in order to have the conclusions.

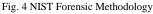
#### II. METHODOLOGY

The purpose of this research was to evaluate and compare the Belkasoft Evidence (trial version) and WhatsApp Key/DB Extractor forensic tools, especially in terms of the extraction capabilities of the latest WhatsApp artifacts on Android-based devices that have used .crypt12 encryption.

#### A. Research Steps

This research used a research step made by the National Institute of Stanford and Technology [7]. The NIST research stage consists of 4 stages as in Fig. 4.





- 1) *Collection:* In the collection stage, there will be the acquisition of evidence, preservation of evidence, preparation of objects and research tools.
- 2) *Examination*: At the examination stage, there will be process of identifying data that can be used as evidence. After determining which data will be taken, the data retrieval process will be done in a forensically tested way.
- 3) Analysis: The data which have been taken will be analyzed to look for things that can be used as evidence and then conclusion will be taken
- Reporting: The last stage of the forensic step is to report forensic activity from beginning to the end along with the results of the analysis into the form of a written report or oral report.

This research focused on the examination stage. The examination stage is further elaborated into several stages as in Fig. 5. Identification is done to find data or artifacts to be taken and possibly produce evidence to assist investigation. After determining the data or artifacts to be taken, it will proceed to the data retrieval process.

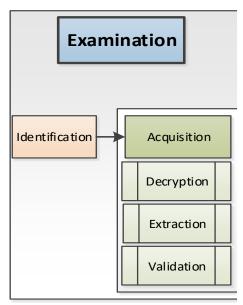


Fig. 5 Steps of Examination

WhatsApp has been equipped with an encryption feature that aims to hide messages [14]. This encryption feature can interfere with the investigation process. Therefore, a tool that can perform decryption and data extraction is needed. Validation using repeatability and reproducibility according to the NIST method will be performed to ensure that the results of the extraction process performed are correct and there is no data manipulation. Repeatability is done by repeated extraction processes in time adjacent to the same object and forensic tool. While reproducibility is done by using the same object but with different forensic tools.

#### B. Research Tools

The hardware and software used to experiment on the extraction of WhatsApp artifacts from an Android-based device can be seen in Table 1.

No.	Tool and Device	Information
1	Samsung Galaxy S4 GT-I9500 with 5.0.1 Lollipop operation system	Smartphone device for experiment
2	WhatsApp ver. 2.17.147	Instant Messaging application
3	Workstation with operational system of Windows 7 64 Bit, Intel i5-4440, 4,00 GB	Computer device for extraction and analysis
4	USB Cable	USB connector to connect smartphone device and computer
5	Android Debugging Bridge	Software to support a communication between smartphone and computer
6	WhatsApp Key/DB Extractor 4.7	Extraction tool
7	Belkasoft Evidence (ver trial)	Extraction and analysis tool
8	SQLite Studio	Analysis tool

TABLE I RESEARCH TOOLS AND DEVICES

#### C. Experiment Simulation

The experiments were conducted in a closed and noise free condition, meaning that the smartphone device was changed to Airplane Mode. With Airplane Mode the device will not be able to receive outside calls and messaging. This is important to maintain the authenticity and integrity of the data. The workstations used are not connected to the Internet and are free from malware that may influence the results of the experiment.

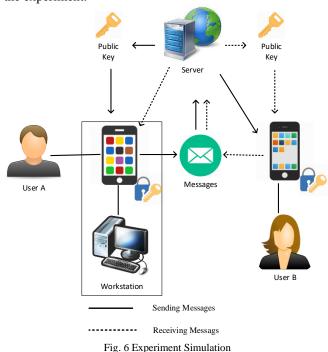


Fig. 6 describes the simulation of the experimental tool. To send a message to User B, User A will request a public key on the server which will then be used for message encryption. User B then uses the private key to decrypt the message.

User A's Smartphone will be used for forensic analysis. Smartphones with the Android 5.0.1 operating system and WhatsApp 2.17.147 are used for everyday activities such as sending and receiving messages, pictures, videos, and documents which will be connected using a USB cable with workstations that use Windows 64 Bits, ADB, WhatsApp Key/DB Extractor 4.7, and Belkasoft Evidence.

#### **III. RESULTS AND DISCUSSION**

#### A. Extraction results using Belkasoft Evidence

In experiments conducted using Belkasoft Evidence (trial ver) the message artifact of WhatsApp text was not obtained, but video, image, and document artifacts were successfully obtained. Information about the video artifact can be seen in the properties column. Belkasoft provides video file information such as file name, file size, and access date. The size of the extracted video file has different video pixel duration and size according to the original file on the smartphone. Video artifacts can be played and viewed so that it is helpful in the investigation process in the search of evidence as described in Fig. 7. Image artifacts can be zoomed to see clearer images and help with double clicking as well as displaying information from image files such as filename, access date, pixel size, and file size as in Fig. 8. The pixel size and file size of the image artifact match the original size of the original file on the smartphone.

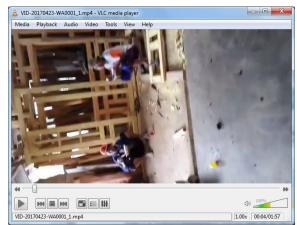


Fig. 7 Video artifact detail of Belkasoft Evidence

Metadata information from documents such as maker name, software used, file name, and file size can be known. The document artifact can be opened so that the investigator can see the contents of the document.

#### B. Extraction results using Belkasoft Evidence

WhatsApp Key / DB Extractor only manages to get text message artifacts and images. No video and document

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Fig. 8 Picture artifact detail of Belkasoft Evidence

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Fig. 9 WhatsApp Key/DB Extractor Message Artifact

artifacts were found. Fig. 9 shows the text message artifacts that were successfully obtained. The text message artifact is in the file "msgstore.db".

Information such as message sender, message recipient, message content, time of sending or receiving messages, and file attachment can be known. Such information will be very useful in the investigation process. WhatsApp Key/DB Extractor manage to get the existing group information in WhatsApp. Groups' name and members can be found in the artefact. WhatsApp Key / DB Extractor manages to get the entire contact WhatsApp information in the "wa.db" file artifact. Contact artifacts are opened by using SQLite Studio as shown in Fig. 10. Contact details such as phone numbers and contact names are known.

The image artifact is obtained using the WhatsApp Key/DB Extractor. Just like Belkasoft Evidence, WhatsApp Key/DB Extractor also shows information from image files such as filename, access date, pixel size, and file size. The image can be zoomed by double click but the zoomed image will break as shown in Fig. 11. This is because the pixel size

of the image obtained only measures 56 x 100 pixels or in accordance with the thumbnail size in WhatsApp. The size applies to all extracted images using WhatsApp Key/DB Extractor.

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Fig. 10 WhatsApp Contact List Artifact

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	Profile path	D:\MTI\Software Forensik\WhatsApp-Ke
	Profile type	WhatsApp (Instant Messengers)
and the second	Size	2851
	Valid image height	100
and the second	Valid image width	56

Fig. 11 WhatsApp Key/DB Extractor Picture Detail

#### C. Discussion

Table 2 shows the artifacts obtained. WhatsApp Key / DB Extractor only manages to extract text message and images artifacts. Message information such as message body, message recipient, message sender, chat group, chat group participant, all contacts on WhatsApp either name or phone number is successfully obtained. This is certainly very useful in helping the investigation process to look for evidence of crime. WhatsApp Key/DB Extractor managed to get the image artifact, but in size of 56 x 100 pixels. Unlike the WhatsApp Key/DB Extractor, Belkasoft Evidence (trial ver) manages to get images, video and document artifacts.

TABLE III Forensic Tools Comparison

Artifact Type	Belkasoft Evidence	WhatsApp Key/DB
	(trial ver)	Extractor
Text Message	-	$\checkmark$
Image	$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$
Video	$\checkmark$	-
Document	$\checkmark$	-

Image artifacts obtained using Belkasoft Evidence (trial ver) have better quality than WhatsApp Key/DB Extractor artifacts. Belkasoft Evidence (trial ver) does not get text message artifacts.

The extraction results using Belkasoft (trial ver) and WhatsApp Key/DB Extractor are repeated to ensure the similarity of the results obtained. This needs to be done to test the validation of results from forensic tools according to the NIST method. From the validation test result, both Belkasoft Evidence (trial ver) and WhatsApp Key/DB Extractor meet validation test of repeatability and reproducibility as in Table 3.

TABLE IIIII Forensic Tools Validation

Tools Validation	Belkasoft Evidence (trial ver)	WhatsApp Key/DB Extractor
Repeatable	$\checkmark$	
Reproducible	$\checkmark$	

#### **IV. CONCLUSIONS**

Based on the results of testing conducted on WhatsApp 2.17.147 with .crypt12 encryption, Belkasoft Evidence (trial ver) and WhatsApp Key/DB Extractor meet validation test of repeatability and reproducibility. WhatsApp Key/DB Extractor dominates in the extraction ability of text message artifacts. Belkasoft Evidence (trial ver) has advantages in extraction abilities for images, videos, and documents. Further research on WhatsApp artifact extraction abilities in non-Android platforms needs to be done considering the WhatsApp application is available for many platforms.

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*Abstract*— Instant Messaging is a popular smartphone's application. One example of Instant Messaging application is WhatsApp. WhatsApp is widely used judging from its users that reach more than 1 Billion users in January 2017. WhatsApp's security recently has been updated with latest encryption type and technology by implementing end-to-end encryption. The number of users or possible crime target and security features in WhatsApp can lead to crime by people that have criminal intentions. Investigators need to use mobile forensic methodologies and tools for investigating smartphone and to find crime evidences. However, investigators often facing challenges during investigation because incompatibility between forensic tools and mobile technology. This research will conduct an experiment using available forensic tools with NIST forensic method for extracting latest WhatsApp's artifacts. Forensics tools capabilities will be evaluated and compared to find its strengths and weaknesses.

Keywords-mobile forensic, whatsapp, extraction.

#### I. INTRODUCTION

Smartphones experience rapid development along with the development of technology. Smartphones are slowly beginning to replace the role of computers with the increasing number of features and applications available on mobile devices [1]. Trend of smartphone usage is expected to increase seen from the features offered by smartphones such as various applications, power usage, process speed, pricing, practicality and ease of carrying. The latest generation of smartphones has the ability and power far above its predecessors that make smartphones now can be used for household activity or office work [2]. Fig. 1 shows the number of smartphone and computer device users. We can see the number of smartphone users has obtained increasing significant number compared to the number of computer users. Starting in 2014 the number of smartphone users began to outperform the number of computer users [1].

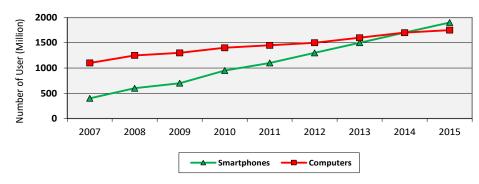


Fig. 1 Number of computer and smartphone users

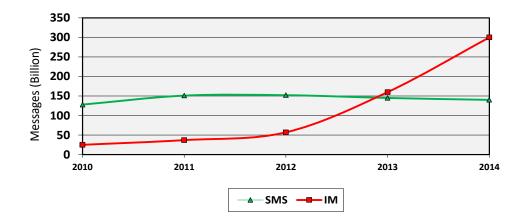


Fig. 2 Number of Messages Sent Using SMS and IM in United Kingdom

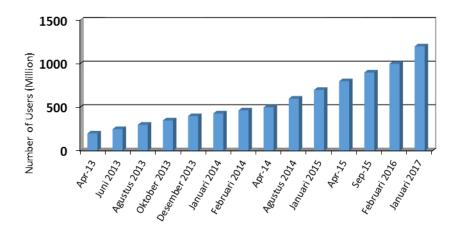


Fig. 3 Number of WhatsApp Users

The Instant Messaging (IM) application is one of the most commonly used applicatons for mobile device users. IM begins to replace the role of Short Message Services (SMS) to communicate through message delivery. Fig. 2 shows the trend of message delivery with SMS and IM in the UK. The number of message delivery using SMS from 2010 to 2014 tend to experience stable conditions. While the number of message delivery using IM has increased significantly starting in 2012 with the number of messages sent for 57 billion messages/year until 2014 with messages sent for 300 billion/year [3].

WhatsApp is one of the popular IM applications and is used by lots of people to communicate. Fig. 3 shows an increase in the number of WhatsApp users from 200 Million users in April 2013 to 1 Billion in February 2016 and 1.2 Billion in January 2017 [4]. According to [5], WhatsApp is a popular application with 60% of users, followed by Viber and Telegram.

WhatsApp cannot be separated from misuse as for criminal purposes. Under these circumstances the investigator will check out WhatsApp's artifact to look for evidence of a criminal offense. The case of "cyanide coffee" is one example of the case where the WhatsApp artifacts were analyzed to search for evidence in the investigation [6]. To conduct an analysis the investigator needs to use a method along with a forensically tested tools. Investigators should be able to extract the artifacts, decryption, and analyze the data contained within the mobile device to assist the investigation process because data such as conversation messages and images can be evidence [7].

References [8] conducted an analysis of forensic mobile technologies and forensic tools. Forensic analysis has several constraints such as hardware differences, security features, technological lag and forensic tool costs, anti-forensic techniques, and many other. In April 2016, WhatsApp implemented an end-to-end encryption feature that came with the latest encryption. This feature makes the sent messages to be encrypted and can only be read by those eligible to receive the message. This security feature provides difficulties and challenges for forensic investigators and analysis because the available forensics tools must be able to keep up with the development of whatsApp technology [9].

There are several studies on mobile forensic analysis. References [10] conducted forensic analysis of Telegram, Line, and KakaoTalk applications on Android devices. They tried to conduct a forensic analysis process on unencrypted conversations and encrypted conversations. The tools used in the research were ADB (Android Debugging Bridge), SQLite Browser, Hex Editor Neo, Busybox, Root Browser, Nandroid Backup, Shark for Root, dex2jar. References [10] used a methodology from McKemmish which has 4 stages: Identification, Preservation, Analysis, and Presentation. References [10] managed to investigate unencrypted and encrypted conversations from all three applications.

References [11] attempted to perform a forensic analysis on WhatsApp version 2.11.186 which has been equipped with .crypt encryption. The tools used were WhatsApp Xtract for the extraction and decryption process, and SQLite Browser for the analysis process. The researcher succeeded in extraction and .crypt decryption.

References [12] conducted a forensic analysis on WhatsApp that has used .crypt7 encryption. The tools used in the research were ADB, WhatsApp Key/DB Extractor 2.2, WhatsApp Viewer, WhatsApp Extract, dan SQLite Spy. Researchers managed to extract and decrypt WhatsApp artifacts. Researchers reminded about the importance of paying attention to the development and changes in mobile technology to be able to perform forensic analysis.

References [13] evaluated and compared 2 forensic methodologies, ISO/IEC methodology and NIST methodology. Ajijola, et al concluded that there is no methodology covering all forensic issues. The ISO/IEC methodology has advantages over non-technical processes and problems. NIST has the advantage of selecting and using forensic tools. Each methodology needs to be constantly updated following the development of digital technology.

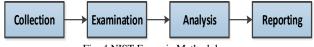
Looking at the background, the dynamics of mobile technology, previous research, and mobile forensic challenges, researchers will try to conduct comparative evaluation forensic tools that serve to extract artifacts in the form of messages, images, videos and documents with NIST forensic methodology in the latest version of WhatsApp in Android-based devices. The tools used are ADB, WhatsApp Key/DB Extractor 4.7, and Belkasoft Evidence (trial version). Forensic tools are tested to run the WhatsApp database extraction and decryption process that has been updated with .crypt12 end-to-end encryption. The results of extraction, decryption, and validation of forensic tools will be compared in order to have the conclusions.

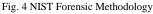
#### II. MATERIAL AND METHOD

The purpose of this research was to evaluate and compare the Belkasoft Evidence (trial version) and WhatsApp Key/DB Extractor forensic tools, especially in terms of the extraction capabilities of the latest WhatsApp artifacts on Android-based devices that have used .crypt12 encryption.

#### A. Research Steps

This research used a research step made by the National Institute of Stanford and Technology [7]. The NIST research stage consists of 4 stages as in Fig. 4.





- 1) *Collection:* In the collection stage, there will be the acquisition of evidence, preservation of evidence, preparation of objects and research tools.
- 2) *Examination*: At the examination stage, there will be process of identifying data that can be used as evidence. After determining which data will be taken, the data retrieval process will be done in a forensically tested way.
- 3) Analysis: The data which have been taken will be analyzed to look for things that can be used as evidence and then conclusion will be taken
- 4) *Reporting*: The last stage of the forensic step is to report forensic activity from beginning to the end along with the results of the analysis into the form of a written report or oral report.

This research focused on the examination stage. The examination stage is further elaborated into several stages as in Fig. 5. Identification is done to find data or artifacts to be taken and possibly produce evidence to assist investigation. After determining the data or artifacts to be taken, it will proceed to the data retrieval process.

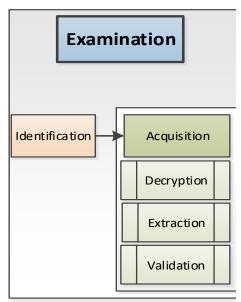


Fig. 5 Steps of Examination

WhatsApp has been equipped with an encryption feature that aims to hide messages [14]. This encryption feature can interfere with the investigation process. Therefore, a tool that can perform decryption and data extraction is needed. Validation using repeatability and reproducibility according to the NIST method will be performed to ensure that the results of the extraction process performed are correct and there is no data manipulation. Repeatability is done by repeated extraction processes in time adjacent to the same object and forensic tool. While reproducibility is done by using the same object but with different forensic tools.

#### B. Research Tools

The hardware and software used to experiment on the extraction of WhatsApp artifacts from an Android-based device can be seen in Table 1.

No.	Tool and Device	Information
1	Samsung Galaxy S4 GT-I9500 with 5.0.1 Lollipop operation system	Smartphone device for experiment
2	WhatsApp ver. 2.17.147	Instant Messaging application
3	Workstation with operational system of Windows 7 64 Bit, Intel i5-4440, 4,00 GB	Computer device for extraction and analysis
4	USB Cable	USB connector to connect smartphone device and computer
5	Android Debugging Bridge	Software to support a communication between smartphone and computer
6	WhatsApp Key/DB Extractor 4.7	Extraction tool
7	Belkasoft Evidence (ver trial)	Extraction and analysis tool
8	SQLite Studio	Analysis tool

TABLE I RESEARCH TOOLS AND DEVICES

#### C. Experiment Simulation

The experiments were conducted in a closed and noise free condition, meaning that the smartphone device was changed to Airplane Mode. With Airplane Mode the device will not be able to receive outside calls and messaging. This is important to maintain the authenticity and integrity of the data. The workstations used are not connected to the Internet and are free from malware that may influence the results of the experiment.

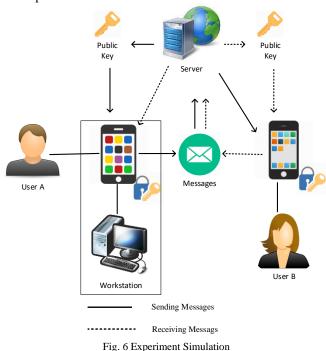


Fig. 6 describes the simulation of the experimental tool. To send a message to User B, User A will request a public key on the server which will then be used for message encryption. User B then uses the private key to decrypt the message.

User A's Smartphone will be used for forensic analysis. Smartphones with the Android 5.0.1 operating system and WhatsApp 2.17.147 are used for everyday activities such as sending and receiving messages, pictures, videos, and documents which will be connected using a USB cable with workstations that use Windows 64 Bits, ADB, WhatsApp Key/DB Extractor 4.7, and Belkasoft Evidence. Each forensic tools will conduct extraction process twice to ensure the validity of forensic tools.

#### III. RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

#### A. Extraction results using Belkasoft Evidence

In experiments conducted using Belkasoft Evidence (trial ver) the message artifact of WhatsApp text was not obtained, but video, image, and document artifacts were successfully obtained. Information about the video artifact can be seen in the properties column. Belkasoft provides video file information such as file name, file size, and access date. The size of the extracted video file has different video pixel duration and size according to the original file on the smartphone. Video artifacts can be played and viewed so that it is helpful in the investigation process in the search of evidence as described in Fig. 7. Image artifacts can be zoomed to see clearer images and help with double clicking as well as displaying information from image files such as filename, access date, pixel size, and file size as in Fig. 8. The pixel size and file size of the image artifact match the original size of the original file on the smartphone.

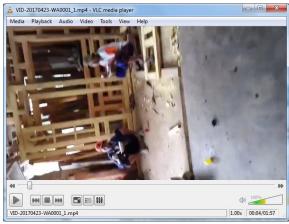


Fig. 7 Video artifact detail of Belkasoft Evidence

Metadata information from documents such as creator's name, software used, file name, and file size can be known. The document artifact can be opened so that the investigator can see the contents of the document.

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Fig. 8 Picture artifact detail of Belkasoft Evidence

#### B. Extraction results using WhatsApp Key/DB Extractor

WhatsApp Key / DB Extractor only manages to get text message artifacts and images. No video and document artifacts were found. Fig. 9 shows the text message artifacts that were successfully obtained. The text message artifact is in the file "msgstore.db".

Information such as message sender, message recipient, message content, time of sending or receiving messages, and file attachment can be known. Such information will be very useful in the investigation process. WhatsApp Key/DB Extractor manage to get the existing group information in WhatsApp. Groups' name and members can be found in the artefact. WhatsApp Key / DB Extractor manages to get the entire contact WhatsApp information in the "wa.db" file artifact. Contact artifacts are opened by using SQLite Studio as shown in Fig. 10. Contact details such as phone numbers and contact names are known.

The image artifact is obtained using the WhatsApp Key/DB Extractor. Just like Belkasoft Evidence, WhatsApp Key/DB Extractor also shows information from image files such as filename, access date, pixel size, and file size. The image can be zoomed by double click but the zoomed image will break as shown in Fig. 11. This is because the pixel size of the image obtained only measures 56 x 100 pixels or in accordance with the thumbnail size in WhatsApp. The size applies to all extracted images using WhatsApp Key/DB Extractor.

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Fig. 9 WhatsApp Key/DB Extractor Message Artifact

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Fig. 10 WhatsApp Contact List Artifact

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Fig. 11 WhatsApp Key/DB Extractor Picture Detail

#### C. Discussion

Table 2 shows the artifacts obtained. WhatsApp Key / DB Extractor only manages to extract text message and images artifacts. Message information such as message body, message recipient, message sender, chat group, chat group participant, all contacts on WhatsApp either name or phone number is successfully obtained. This is certainly very useful in helping the investigation process to look for evidence of crime. WhatsApp Key/DB Extractor managed to get the image artifact, but in size of 56 x 100 pixels.

TABLE III Forensic Tools Comparison

Artifact Type	Belkasoft Evidence	WhatsApp Key/DB
	(trial ver)	Extractor
Text Message	-	$\checkmark$
Image	$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$
Video	$\checkmark$	-
Document	√	-

Unlike the WhatsApp Key/DB Extractor, Belkasoft Evidence (trial ver) manages to get images, video and document artifacts. Image artifacts obtained using Belkasoft Evidence (trial ver) have better quality than WhatsApp Key/DB Extractor artifacts. Belkasoft Evidence (trial ver) does not get text message artifacts.

The extraction results using Belkasoft Evidence (trial ver) and WhatsApp Key/DB Extractor are repeated to ensure the similarity of the results obtained. This needs to be done to test the validation of results from forensic tools according to the NIST method. Table 3 and Table 4 shows the number of artifacts obtained using Belkasoft Evidence (trial ver) and WhatsApp Key/DB Extractor. Experiments conducted using Belkasoft Evidence (trial ver) resulted in the same number of artifacts as shown in Table 3. Table 4 shows the number of artifacts obtained using WhatsApp Key/DB Extractor.

TABLE III Belkasoft Evidence (trial ver) Artifacts Comparison

Artifact Type	Belkasoft Evidence (trial ver) 1 <sup>st</sup> Extraction	Belkasoft Evidence (trial ver) 2 <sup>nd</sup> Extraction
Text Message	-	-
Image	2086	2086
Video	43	43
Document	26	26

TABLE IV WHATSAPP KEY/DB EXTRACTOR ARTIFACTS COMPARISON

Artifact Type	WhatsApp Key/DB Extractor 1 <sup>st</sup> Extraction	WhatsApp Key/DB Extractor 2 <sup>nd</sup> Extraction
Text Message	44	44
Image	3	3
Video	-	-
Document	-	-

From the validation test result, both Belkasoft Evidence (trial ver) and WhatsApp Key/DB Extractor meet validation test of repeatability and reproducibility as in Table 5. Belkasoft Evidence (trial ver) and WhatsApp Key/DB Extractor are conducted to perform extraction twice to check repeatability test. Both Belkasoft Evidence (trial ver) and WhatsApp Key/DB Extractor meet repeatability test since each tools' tests have the same number of artifacts. Although the number of artifacts from each forensic tools are different, Belkasoft Evidence (trial ver) and WhatsApp Key/DB Extractor meet reproducibility test because same image files are found in both artifacts from each forensic tools.

TABLE V Forensic Tools Validation

Tools Validation	Belkasoft Evidence (trial ver)	WhatsApp Key/DB Extractor
Repeatable	$\checkmark$	
Reproducible		

#### IV. CONCLUSION

Based on the results of testing conducted on WhatsApp 2.17.147 with .crypt12 encryption, Belkasoft Evidence (trial ver) and WhatsApp Key/DB Extractor meet validation test of repeatability and reproducibility. WhatsApp Key/DB Extractor dominates in the extraction ability of text message artifacts. Belkasoft Evidence (trial ver) has advantages in extraction abilities for images, videos, and documents. Further research on WhatsApp artifact extraction abilities in non-Android platforms needs to be done considering the WhatsApp application is available for many platforms.

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*Abstract*— Instant Messaging is a popular smartphone's application. One example of Instant Messaging application is WhatsApp. WhatsApp is widely used judging from its users that reach more than 1 Billion users in January 2017. WhatsApp's security recently has been updated with latest encryption type and technology by implementing end-to-end encryption. The number of users or possible crime target and security features in WhatsApp can lead to crime by people that have criminal intentions. Investigators need to use mobile forensic methodologies and tools for investigating smartphone and to find crime evidences. However, investigators often facing challenges during investigation because incompatibility between forensic tools and mobile technology. This research will conduct an experiment using available forensic tools with NIST forensic method for extracting latest WhatsApp's artifacts. Forensics tools capabilities will be evaluated and compared to find its strengths and weaknesses.

Keywords-mobile forensic, whatsapp, extraction.

#### I. INTRODUCTION

Smartphones experience rapid development along with the development of technology. Smartphones are slowly beginning to replace the role of computers with the increasing number of features and applications available on mobile devices [1]. Trend of smartphone usage is expected to increase seen from the features offered by smartphones such as various applications, power usage, process speed, pricing, practicality and ease of carrying. The latest generation of smartphones has the ability and power far above its predecessors that make smartphones now can be used for household activity or office work [2]. Fig. 1 shows the number of smartphone and computer device users. We can see the number of smartphone users has obtained increasing significant number compared to the number of computer users. Starting in 2014 the number of smartphone users began to outperform the number of computer users [1].

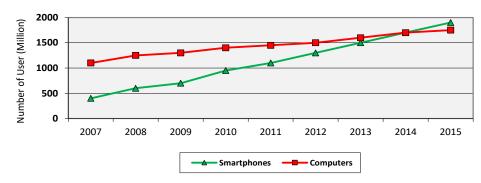


Fig. 1 Number of computer and smartphone users

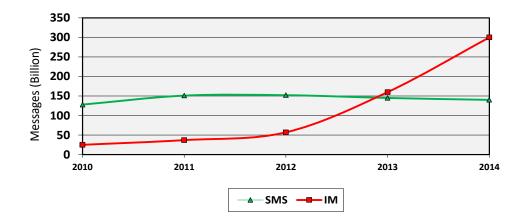


Fig. 2 Number of Messages Sent Using SMS and IM in United Kingdom

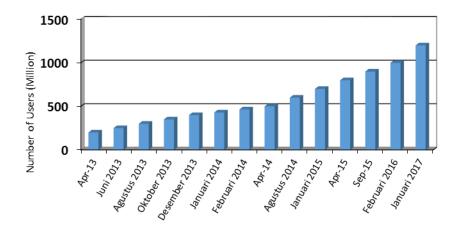


Fig. 3 Number of WhatsApp Users

The Instant Messaging (IM) application is one of the most commonly used applicatons for mobile device users. IM begins to replace the role of Short Message Services (SMS) to communicate through message delivery. Fig. 2 shows the trend of message delivery with SMS and IM in the UK. The number of message delivery using SMS from 2010 to 2014 tend to experience stable conditions. While the number of message delivery using IM has increased significantly starting in 2012 with the number of messages sent for 57 billion messages/year until 2014 with messages sent for 300 billion/year [3].

WhatsApp is one of the popular IM applications and is used by lots of people to communicate. Fig. 3 shows an increase in the number of WhatsApp users from 200 Million users in April 2013 to 1 Billion in February 2016 and 1.2 Billion in January 2017 [4]. According to [5], WhatsApp is a popular application with 60% of users, followed by Viber and Telegram.

WhatsApp cannot be separated from misuse as for criminal purposes. Under these circumstances the investigator will check out WhatsApp's artifact to look for evidence of a criminal offense. The case of "cyanide coffee" is one example of the case where the WhatsApp artifacts were analyzed to search for evidence in the investigation [6]. To conduct an analysis the investigator needs to use a method along with a forensically tested tools. Investigators should be able to extract the artifacts, decryption, and analyze the data contained within the mobile device to assist the investigation process because data such as conversation messages and images can be evidence [7].

References [8] conducted an analysis of forensic mobile technologies and forensic tools. Forensic analysis has several constraints such as hardware differences, security features, technological lag and forensic tool costs, anti-forensic techniques, and many other. In April 2016, WhatsApp implemented an end-to-end encryption feature that came with the latest encryption. This feature makes the sent messages to be encrypted and can only be read by those eligible to receive the message. This security feature provides difficulties and challenges for forensic investigators and analysis because the available forensics tools must be able to keep up with the development of whatsApp technology [9].

There are several studies on mobile forensic analysis. References [10] conducted forensic analysis of Telegram, Line, and KakaoTalk applications on Android devices. They tried to conduct a forensic analysis process on unencrypted conversations and encrypted conversations. The tools used in the research were ADB (Android Debugging Bridge), SQLite Browser, Hex Editor Neo, Busybox, Root Browser, Nandroid Backup, Shark for Root, dex2jar. References [10] used a methodology from McKemmish which has 4 stages: Identification, Preservation, Analysis, and Presentation. References [10] managed to investigate unencrypted and encrypted conversations from all three applications.

References [11] attempted to perform a forensic analysis on WhatsApp version 2.11.186 which has been equipped with .crypt encryption. The tools used were WhatsApp Xtract for the extraction and decryption process, and SQLite Browser for the analysis process. The researcher succeeded in extraction and .crypt decryption.

References [12] conducted a forensic analysis on WhatsApp that has used .crypt7 encryption. The tools used in the research were ADB, WhatsApp Key/DB Extractor 2.2, WhatsApp Viewer, WhatsApp Extract, dan SQLite Spy. Researchers managed to extract and decrypt WhatsApp artifacts. Researchers reminded about the importance of paying attention to the development and changes in mobile technology to be able to perform forensic analysis.

References [13] evaluated and compared 2 forensic methodologies, ISO/IEC methodology and NIST methodology. Ajijola, et al concluded that there is no methodology covering all forensic issues. The ISO/IEC methodology has advantages over non-technical processes and problems. NIST has the advantage of selecting and using forensic tools. Each methodology needs to be constantly updated following the development of digital technology.

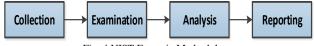
Looking at the background, the dynamics of mobile technology, previous research, and mobile forensic challenges, researchers will try to conduct comparative evaluation forensic tools that serve to extract artifacts in the form of messages, images, videos and documents with NIST forensic methodology in the latest version of WhatsApp in Android-based devices. The tools used are ADB, WhatsApp Key/DB Extractor 4.7, and Belkasoft Evidence (trial version). Forensic tools are tested to run the WhatsApp database extraction and decryption process that has been updated with .crypt12 end-to-end encryption. The results of extraction, decryption, and validation of forensic tools will be compared in order to have the conclusions.

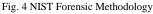
#### II. MATERIAL AND METHOD

The purpose of this research was to evaluate and compare the Belkasoft Evidence (trial version) and WhatsApp Key/DB Extractor forensic tools, especially in terms of the extraction capabilities of the latest WhatsApp artifacts on Android-based devices that have used .crypt12 encryption.

#### A. Research Steps

This research used a research step made by the National Institute of Stanford and Technology [7]. The NIST research stage consists of 4 stages as in Fig. 4.





- 1) *Collection:* In the collection stage, there will be the acquisition of evidence, preservation of evidence, preparation of objects and research tools.
- 2) *Examination*: At the examination stage, there will be process of identifying data that can be used as evidence. After determining which data will be taken, the data retrieval process will be done in a forensically tested way.
- 3) Analysis: The data which have been taken will be analyzed to look for things that can be used as evidence and then conclusion will be taken
- 4) *Reporting*: The last stage of the forensic step is to report forensic activity from beginning to the end along with the results of the analysis into the form of a written report or oral report.

This research focused on the examination stage. The examination stage is further elaborated into several stages as in Fig. 5. Identification is done to find data or artifacts to be taken and possibly produce evidence to assist investigation. After determining the data or artifacts to be taken, it will proceed to the data retrieval process.

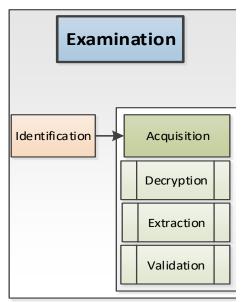


Fig. 5 Steps of Examination

WhatsApp has been equipped with an encryption feature that aims to hide messages [14]. This encryption feature can interfere with the investigation process. Therefore, a tool that can perform decryption and data extraction is needed. Validation using repeatability and reproducibility according to the NIST method will be performed to ensure that the results of the extraction process performed are correct and there is no data manipulation. Repeatability is done by repeated extraction processes in time adjacent to the same object and forensic tool. While reproducibility is done by using the same object but with different forensic tools.

#### B. Research Tools

The hardware and software used to experiment on the extraction of WhatsApp artifacts from an Android-based device can be seen in Table 1.

No.	Tool and Device	Information
1	Samsung Galaxy S4 GT-I9500 with 5.0.1 Lollipop operation system	Smartphone device for experiment
2	WhatsApp ver. 2.17.147	Instant Messaging application
3	Workstation with operational system of Windows 7 64 Bit, Intel i5-4440, 4,00 GB	Computer device for extraction and analysis
4	USB Cable	USB connector to connect smartphone device and computer
5	Android Debugging Bridge	Software to support a communication between smartphone and computer
6	WhatsApp Key/DB Extractor 4.7	Extraction tool
7	Belkasoft Evidence (ver trial)	Extraction and analysis tool
8	SQLite Studio	Analysis tool

TABLE I RESEARCH TOOLS AND DEVICES

#### C. Experiment Simulation

The experiments were conducted in a closed and noise free condition, meaning that the smartphone device was changed to Airplane Mode. With Airplane Mode the device will not be able to receive outside calls and messaging. This is important to maintain the authenticity and integrity of the data. The workstations used are not connected to the Internet and are free from malware that may influence the results of the experiment.

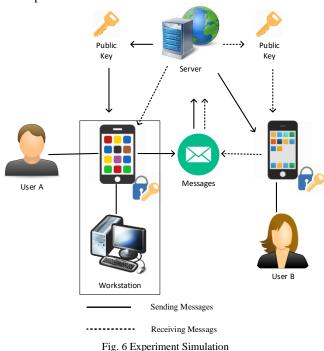


Fig. 6 describes the simulation of the experimental tool. To send a message to User B, User A will request a public key on the server which will then be used for message encryption. User B then uses the private key to decrypt the message.

User A's Smartphone will be used for forensic analysis. Smartphones with the Android 5.0.1 operating system and WhatsApp 2.17.147 are used for everyday activities such as sending and receiving messages, pictures, videos, and documents which will be connected using a USB cable with workstations that use Windows 64 Bits, ADB, WhatsApp Key/DB Extractor 4.7, and Belkasoft Evidence. Each forensic tools will conduct extraction process twice to ensure the validity of forensic tools.

#### III. RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

#### A. Extraction results using Belkasoft Evidence

In experiments conducted using Belkasoft Evidence (trial ver) the message artifact of WhatsApp text was not obtained, but video, image, and document artifacts were successfully obtained. Information about the video artifact can be seen in the properties column. Belkasoft provides video file information such as file name, file size, and access date. The size of the extracted video file has different video pixel duration and size according to the original file on the smartphone. Video artifacts can be played and viewed so that it is helpful in the investigation process in the search of evidence as described in Fig. 7. Image artifacts can be zoomed to see clearer images and help with double clicking as well as displaying information from image files such as filename, access date, pixel size, and file size as in Fig. 8. The pixel size and file size of the image artifact match the original size of the original file on the smartphone.

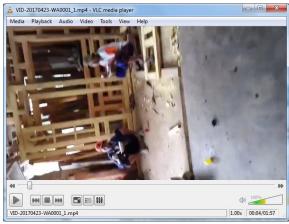


Fig. 7 Video artifact detail of Belkasoft Evidence

Metadata information from documents such as creator's name, software used, file name, and file size can be known. The document artifact can be opened so that the investigator can see the contents of the document.

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Fig. 8 Picture artifact detail of Belkasoft Evidence

#### B. Extraction results using WhatsApp Key/DB Extractor

WhatsApp Key / DB Extractor only manages to get text message artifacts and images. No video and document artifacts were found. Fig. 9 shows the text message artifacts that were successfully obtained. The text message artifact is in the file "msgstore.db".

Information such as message sender, message recipient, message content, time of sending or receiving messages, and file attachment can be known. Such information will be very useful in the investigation process. WhatsApp Key/DB Extractor manage to get the existing group information in WhatsApp. Groups' name and members can be found in the artefact. WhatsApp Key / DB Extractor manages to get the entire contact WhatsApp information in the "wa.db" file artifact. Contact artifacts are opened by using SQLite Studio as shown in Fig. 10. Contact details such as phone numbers and contact names are known.

The image artifact is obtained using the WhatsApp Key/DB Extractor. Just like Belkasoft Evidence, WhatsApp Key/DB Extractor also shows information from image files such as filename, access date, pixel size, and file size. The image can be zoomed by double click but the zoomed image will break as shown in Fig. 11. This is because the pixel size of the image obtained only measures 56 x 100 pixels or in accordance with the thumbnail size in WhatsApp. The size applies to all extracted images using WhatsApp Key/DB Extractor.

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Fig. 9 WhatsApp Key/DB Extractor Message Artifact

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Fig. 10 WhatsApp Contact List Artifact

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Fig. 11 WhatsApp Key/DB Extractor Picture Detail

#### C. Discussion

Table 2 shows the artifacts obtained. WhatsApp Key / DB Extractor only manages to extract text message and images artifacts. Message information such as message body, message recipient, message sender, chat group, chat group participant, all contacts on WhatsApp either name or phone number is successfully obtained. This is certainly very useful in helping the investigation process to look for evidence of crime. WhatsApp Key/DB Extractor managed to get the image artifact, but in size of 56 x 100 pixels.

TABLE III Forensic Tools Comparison

Artifact Type	Belkasoft Evidence (trial ver)	WhatsApp Key/DB Extractor
Text Message	-	
Image	$\checkmark$	
Video	$\checkmark$	-
Document	$\checkmark$	-

Unlike the WhatsApp Key/DB Extractor, Belkasoft Evidence (trial ver) manages to get images, video and document artifacts. Image artifacts obtained using Belkasoft Evidence (trial ver) have better quality than WhatsApp Key/DB Extractor artifacts. Belkasoft Evidence (trial ver) does not get text message artifacts.

The extraction results using Belkasoft Evidence (trial ver) and WhatsApp Key/DB Extractor are repeated to ensure the similarity of the results obtained. This needs to be done to test the validation of results from forensic tools according to the NIST method. Table 3 and Table 4 shows the number of artifacts obtained using Belkasoft Evidence (trial ver) and WhatsApp Key/DB Extractor. Experiments conducted using Belkasoft Evidence (trial ver) resulted in the same number of artifacts as shown in Table 3. Table 4 shows the number of artifacts obtained using WhatsApp Key/DB Extractor. Although the number of artifacts from Belkasoft Evidence (ver trial) and WhatsApp Key/DB Extractor are different, same image files can be found in the artifacts from Belkasoft Evidence (trial ver) and WhatsApp Key/DB Extractor.

TABLE III Belkasoft Evidence (trial ver) Artifacts Comparison

Artifact Type	Belkasoft Evidence (trial ver) 1 <sup>st</sup> Extraction	Belkasoft Evidence (trial ver) 2 <sup>nd</sup> Extraction
Text Message	-	-
Image	2086	2086
Video	43	43
Document	26	26

 TABLE IV

 WHATSAPP KEY/DB EXTRACTOR ARTIFACTS COMPARISON

Artifact Type	WhatsApp Key/DB Extractor 1 <sup>st</sup> Extraction	WhatsApp Key/DB Extractor 2 <sup>nd</sup> Extraction
Text Message	44	44
Image	3	3
Video	-	-
Document	-	-

From the validation test result, both Belkasoft Evidence (trial ver) and WhatsApp Key/DB Extractor meet validation test of repeatability and reproducibility as in Table 5. Belkasoft Evidence (trial ver) and WhatsApp Key/DB Extractor are conducted to perform extraction twice to check repeatability test. Both Belkasoft Evidence (trial ver) and WhatsApp Key/DB Extractor meet repeatability test since each tools' tests have the same number of artifacts. Although the number of artifacts from each forensic tools are different, Belkasoft Evidence (trial ver) and WhatsApp Key/DB Extractor meet reproducibility test because both artifacts have same image files.

TABLE V Forensic Tools Validation

Tools Validation	Belkasoft Evidence (trial ver)	WhatsApp Key/DB Extractor
Repeatable	$\checkmark$	
Reproducible		

#### IV. CONCLUSION

Based on the results of testing conducted on WhatsApp 2.17.147 with .crypt12 encryption, Belkasoft Evidence (trial ver) and WhatsApp Key/DB Extractor meet validation test of repeatability and reproducibility. WhatsApp Key/DB Extractor dominates in the extraction ability of text message artifacts. Belkasoft Evidence (trial ver) has advantages in extraction abilities for images, videos, and documents. Further research on WhatsApp artifact extraction abilities in non-Android platforms needs to be done considering the WhatsApp application is available for many platforms.

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*Abstract*— Instant Messaging is a popular smartphone's application. One example of Instant Messaging application is WhatsApp. WhatsApp is widely used judging from its users that reach more than 1 Billion users in January 2017. WhatsApp's security recently has been updated with latest encryption type and technology by implementing end-to-end encryption. The number of users or possible crime target and security features in WhatsApp can lead to crime by people that have criminal intentions. Investigators need to use mobile forensic methodologies and tools for investigating smartphone and to find crime evidences. However, investigators often facing challenges during investigation because incompatibility between forensic tools and mobile technology. This research will conduct an experiment using available forensic tools with NIST forensic method for extracting latest WhatsApp's artifacts. Forensics tools capabilities will be evaluated and compared to find its strengths and weaknesses.

Keywords-mobile forensic, whatsapp, extraction.

#### I. INTRODUCTION

Smartphones experience rapid development along with the development of technology. Smartphones are slowly beginning to replace the role of computers with the increasing number of features and applications available on mobile devices [1]. Trend of smartphone usage is expected to increase seen from the features offered by smartphones such as various applications, power usage, process speed, pricing, practicality and ease of carrying. The latest generation of smartphones has the ability and power far above its predecessors that make smartphones now can be used for household activity or office work [2]. Fig. 1 shows the number of smartphone and computer device users. We can see the number of smartphone users has obtained increasing significant number compared to the number of computer users. Starting in 2014 the number of smartphone users began to outperform the number of computer users [1].

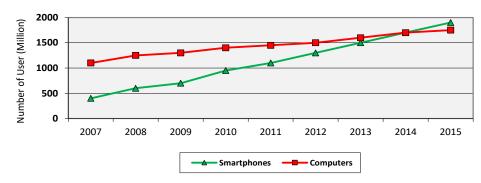


Fig. 1 Number of computer and smartphone users

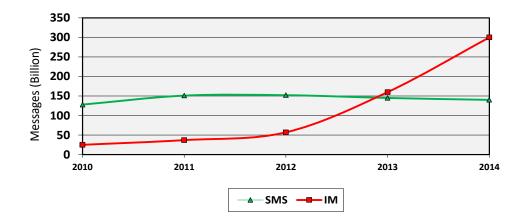


Fig. 2 Number of Messages Sent Using SMS and IM in United Kingdom

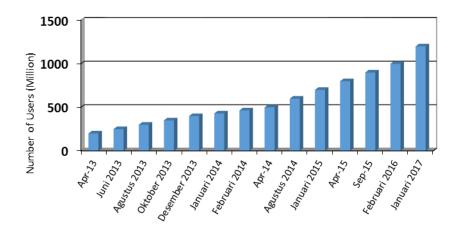


Fig. 3 Number of WhatsApp Users

The Instant Messaging (IM) application is one of the most commonly used applicatons for mobile device users. IM begins to replace the role of Short Message Services (SMS) to communicate through message delivery. Fig. 2 shows the trend of message delivery with SMS and IM in the UK. The number of message delivery using SMS from 2010 to 2014 tend to experience stable conditions. While the number of message delivery using IM has increased significantly starting in 2012 with the number of messages sent for 57 billion messages/year until 2014 with messages sent for 300 billion/year [3].

WhatsApp is one of the popular IM applications and is used by lots of people to communicate. Fig. 3 shows an increase in the number of WhatsApp users from 200 Million users in April 2013 to 1 Billion in February 2016 and 1.2 Billion in January 2017 [4]. According to [5], WhatsApp is a popular application with 60% of users, followed by Viber and Telegram.

WhatsApp cannot be separated from misuse as for criminal purposes. Under these circumstances the investigator will check out WhatsApp's artifact to look for evidence of a criminal offense. The case of "cyanide coffee" is one example of the case where the WhatsApp artifacts were analyzed to search for evidence in the investigation [6]. To conduct an analysis the investigator needs to use a method along with a forensically tested tools. Investigators should be able to extract the artifacts, decryption, and analyze the data contained within the mobile device to assist the investigation process because data such as conversation messages and images can be evidence [7].

References [8] conducted an analysis of forensic mobile technologies and forensic tools. Forensic analysis has several constraints such as hardware differences, security features, technological lag and forensic tool costs, anti-forensic techniques, and many other. In April 2016, WhatsApp implemented an end-to-end encryption feature that came with the latest encryption. This feature makes the sent messages to be encrypted and can only be read by those eligible to receive the message. This security feature provides difficulties and challenges for forensic investigators and analysis because the available forensics tools must be able to keep up with the development of whatsApp technology [9].

There are several studies on mobile forensic analysis. References [10] conducted forensic analysis of Telegram, Line, and KakaoTalk applications on Android devices. They tried to conduct a forensic analysis process on unencrypted conversations and encrypted conversations. The tools used in the research were ADB (Android Debugging Bridge), SQLite Browser, Hex Editor Neo, Busybox, Root Browser, Nandroid Backup, Shark for Root, dex2jar. References [10] used a methodology from McKemmish which has 4 stages: Identification, Preservation, Analysis, and Presentation. References [10] managed to investigate unencrypted and encrypted conversations from all three applications.

References [11] attempted to perform a forensic analysis on WhatsApp version 2.11.186 which has been equipped with .crypt encryption. The tools used were WhatsApp Xtract for the extraction and decryption process, and SQLite Browser for the analysis process. The researcher succeeded in extraction and .crypt decryption.

References [12] conducted a forensic analysis on WhatsApp that has used .crypt7 encryption. The tools used in the research were ADB, WhatsApp Key/DB Extractor 2.2, WhatsApp Viewer, WhatsApp Extract, dan SQLite Spy. Researchers managed to extract and decrypt WhatsApp artifacts. Researchers reminded about the importance of paying attention to the development and changes in mobile technology to be able to perform forensic analysis.

References [13] evaluated and compared 2 forensic methodologies, ISO/IEC methodology and NIST methodology. Ajijola, et al concluded that there is no methodology covering all forensic issues. The ISO/IEC methodology has advantages over non-technical processes and problems. NIST has the advantage of selecting and using forensic tools. Each methodology needs to be constantly updated following the development of digital technology.

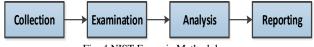
Looking at the background, the dynamics of mobile technology, previous research, and mobile forensic challenges, researchers will try to conduct comparative evaluation forensic tools that serve to extract artifacts in the form of messages, images, videos and documents with NIST forensic methodology in the latest version of WhatsApp in Android-based devices. The tools used are ADB, WhatsApp Key/DB Extractor 4.7, and Belkasoft Evidence (trial version). Forensic tools are tested to run the WhatsApp database extraction and decryption process that has been updated with .crypt12 end-to-end encryption. The results of extraction, decryption, and validation of forensic tools will be compared in order to have the conclusions.

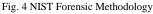
#### II. MATERIAL AND METHOD

The purpose of this research was to evaluate and compare the Belkasoft Evidence (trial version) and WhatsApp Key/DB Extractor forensic tools, especially in terms of the extraction capabilities of the latest WhatsApp artifacts on Android-based devices that have used .crypt12 encryption.

#### A. Research Steps

This research used a research step made by the National Institute of Stanford and Technology [7]. The NIST research stage consists of 4 stages as in Fig. 4.





- 1) *Collection:* In the collection stage, there will be the acquisition of evidence, preservation of evidence, preparation of objects and research tools.
- 2) *Examination*: At the examination stage, there will be process of identifying data that can be used as evidence. After determining which data will be taken, the data retrieval process will be done in a forensically tested way.
- 3) Analysis: The data which have been taken will be analyzed to look for things that can be used as evidence and then conclusion will be taken
- 4) *Reporting*: The last stage of the forensic step is to report forensic activity from beginning to the end along with the results of the analysis into the form of a written report or oral report.

This research focused on the examination stage. The examination stage is further elaborated into several stages as in Fig. 5. Identification is done to find data or artifacts to be taken and possibly produce evidence to assist investigation. After determining the data or artifacts to be taken, it will proceed to the data retrieval process.

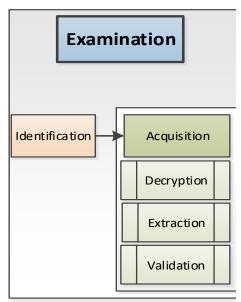


Fig. 5 Steps of Examination

WhatsApp has been equipped with an encryption feature that aims to hide messages [14]. This encryption feature can interfere with the investigation process. Therefore, a tool that can perform decryption and data extraction is needed. Validation using repeatability and reproducibility according to the NIST method will be performed to ensure that the results of the extraction process performed are correct and there is no data manipulation. Repeatability is done by repeated extraction processes in time adjacent to the same object and forensic tool. While reproducibility is done by using the same object but with different forensic tools.

#### B. Research Tools

The hardware and software used to experiment on the extraction of WhatsApp artifacts from an Android-based device can be seen in Table 1.

No.	Tool and Device	Information
1	Samsung Galaxy S4 GT-I9500 with 5.0.1 Lollipop operation system	Smartphone device for experiment
2	WhatsApp ver. 2.17.147	Instant Messaging application
3	Workstation with operational system of Windows 7 64 Bit, Intel i5-4440, 4,00 GB	Computer device for extraction and analysis
4	USB Cable	USB connector to connect smartphone device and computer
5	Android Debugging Bridge	Software to support a communication between smartphone and computer
6	WhatsApp Key/DB Extractor 4.7	Extraction tool
7	Belkasoft Evidence (ver trial)	Extraction and analysis tool
8	SQLite Studio	Analysis tool

TABLE I RESEARCH TOOLS AND DEVICES

#### C. Experiment Simulation

The experiments were conducted in a closed and noise free condition, meaning that the smartphone device was changed to Airplane Mode. With Airplane Mode the device will not be able to receive outside calls and messaging. This is important to maintain the authenticity and integrity of the data. The workstations used are not connected to the Internet and are free from malware that may influence the results of the experiment.

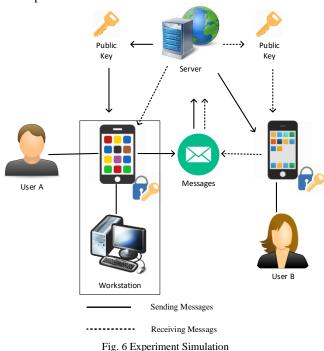


Fig. 6 describes the simulation of the experimental tool. To send a message to User B, User A will request a public key on the server which will then be used for message encryption. User B then uses the private key to decrypt the message.

User A's Smartphone will be used for forensic analysis. Smartphones with the Android 5.0.1 operating system and WhatsApp 2.17.147 are used for everyday activities such as sending and receiving messages, pictures, videos, and documents which will be connected using a USB cable with workstations that use Windows 64 Bits, ADB, WhatsApp Key/DB Extractor 4.7, and Belkasoft Evidence. Each forensic tools will conduct extraction process twice to ensure the validity of forensic tools.

#### III. RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

#### A. Extraction results using Belkasoft Evidence

In experiments conducted using Belkasoft Evidence (trial ver) the message artifact of WhatsApp text was not obtained, but video, image, and document artifacts were successfully obtained. Information about the video artifact can be seen in the properties column. Belkasoft provides video file information such as file name, file size, and access date. The size of the extracted video file has different video pixel duration and size according to the original file on the smartphone. Video artifacts can be played and viewed so that it is helpful in the investigation process in the search of evidence as described in Fig. 7. Image artifacts can be zoomed to see clearer images and help with double clicking as well as displaying information from image files such as filename, access date, pixel size, and file size as in Fig. 8. The pixel size and file size of the image artifact match the original size of the original file on the smartphone.

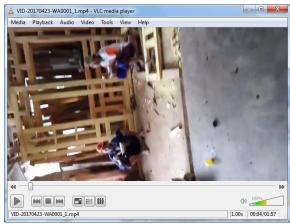


Fig. 7 Video artifact detail of Belkasoft Evidence

Metadata information from documents such as creator's name, software used, file name, and file size can be known. The document artifact can be opened so that the investigator can see the contents of the document.

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Fig. 8 Picture artifact detail of Belkasoft Evidence

#### B. Extraction results using WhatsApp Key/DB Extractor

WhatsApp Key / DB Extractor only manages to get text message artifacts and images. No video and document artifacts were found. Fig. 9 shows the text message artifacts that were successfully obtained. The text message artifact is in the file "msgstore.db".

Information such as message sender, message recipient, message content, time of sending or receiving messages, and file attachment can be known. Such information will be very useful in the investigation process. WhatsApp Key/DB Extractor manage to get the existing group information in WhatsApp. Groups' name and members can be found in the artefact. WhatsApp Key / DB Extractor manages to get the entire contact WhatsApp information in the "wa.db" file artifact. Contact artifacts are opened by using SQLite Studio as shown in Fig. 10. Contact details such as phone numbers and contact names are known.

The image artifact is obtained using the WhatsApp Key/DB Extractor. Just like Belkasoft Evidence, WhatsApp Key/DB Extractor also shows information from image files such as filename, access date, pixel size, and file size. The image can be zoomed by double click but the zoomed image will break as shown in Fig. 11. This is because the pixel size of the image obtained only measures 56 x 100 pixels or in accordance with the thumbnail size in WhatsApp. The size applies to all extracted images using WhatsApp Key/DB Extractor.

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Fig. 9 WhatsApp Key/DB Extractor Message Artifact

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Fig. 10 WhatsApp Contact List Artifact

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Fig. 11 WhatsApp Key/DB Extractor Picture Detail

#### C. Discussion

Table 2 shows the artifacts obtained. WhatsApp Key / DB Extractor only manages to extract text message and images artifacts. Message information such as message body, message recipient, message sender, chat group, chat group participant, all contacts on WhatsApp either name or phone number is successfully obtained. This is certainly very useful in helping the investigation process to look for evidence of crime. WhatsApp Key/DB Extractor managed to get the image artifact, but in size of 56 x 100 pixels.

TABLE III Forensic Tools Comparison

Artifact Type	Belkasoft Evidence (trial ver)	WhatsApp Key/DB Extractor
Text Message	-	
Image	$\checkmark$	
Video	$\checkmark$	-
Document	$\checkmark$	-

Unlike the WhatsApp Key/DB Extractor, Belkasoft Evidence (trial ver) manages to get images, video and document artifacts. Image artifacts obtained using Belkasoft Evidence (trial ver) have better quality than WhatsApp Key/DB Extractor artifacts. Belkasoft Evidence (trial ver) does not get text message artifacts.

The extraction results using Belkasoft Evidence (trial ver) and WhatsApp Key/DB Extractor are repeated to ensure the similarity of the results obtained. This needs to be done to test the validation of results from forensic tools according to the NIST method. Table 3 and Table 4 shows the number of artifacts obtained using Belkasoft Evidence (trial ver) and WhatsApp Key/DB Extractor. Experiments conducted using Belkasoft Evidence (trial ver) resulted in the same number of artifacts as shown in Table 3. Table 4 shows the number of artifacts obtained using WhatsApp Key/DB Extractor. Although the number of artifacts from Belkasoft Evidence (ver trial) and WhatsApp Key/DB Extractor are different, same image files can be found in the artifacts from Belkasoft Evidence (trial ver) and WhatsApp Key/DB Extractor.

TABLE III Belkasoft Evidence (trial ver) Artifacts Comparison

Artifact Type	Belkasoft Evidence (trial ver) 1 <sup>st</sup> Extraction	Belkasoft Evidence (trial ver) 2 <sup>nd</sup> Extraction
Text Message	-	-
Image	2086	2086
Video	43	43
Document	26	26

 TABLE IV

 WHATSAPP KEY/DB EXTRACTOR ARTIFACTS COMPARISON

Artifact Type	WhatsApp Key/DB Extractor 1 <sup>st</sup> Extraction	WhatsApp Key/DB Extractor 2 <sup>nd</sup> Extraction
Text Message	44	44
Image	3	3
Video	-	-
Document	-	-

From the validation test result, both Belkasoft Evidence (trial ver) and WhatsApp Key/DB Extractor meet validation test of repeatability and reproducibility as in Table 5. Belkasoft Evidence (trial ver) and WhatsApp Key/DB Extractor are conducted to perform extraction twice to check repeatability test. Both Belkasoft Evidence (trial ver) and WhatsApp Key/DB Extractor meet repeatability test since each tools' tests have the same number of artifacts. Although the number of artifacts from each forensic tools are different, Belkasoft Evidence (trial ver) and WhatsApp Key/DB Extractor meet reproducibility test because both artifacts have same image files.

TABLE V Forensic Tools Validation

Tools Validation	Belkasoft Evidence (trial ver)	WhatsApp Key/DB Extractor
Repeatable	$\checkmark$	
Reproducible		

#### IV. CONCLUSION

Based on the results of testing conducted on WhatsApp 2.17.147 with .crypt12 encryption, Belkasoft Evidence (trial ver) and WhatsApp Key/DB Extractor meet validation test of repeatability and reproducibility. WhatsApp Key/DB Extractor dominates in the extraction ability of text message artifacts. Belkasoft Evidence (trial ver) has advantages in extraction abilities for images, videos, and documents. Further research on WhatsApp artifact extraction abilities in non-Android platforms needs to be done considering the WhatsApp application is available for many platforms.

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