

# As We Are Many

The spooky USB stick



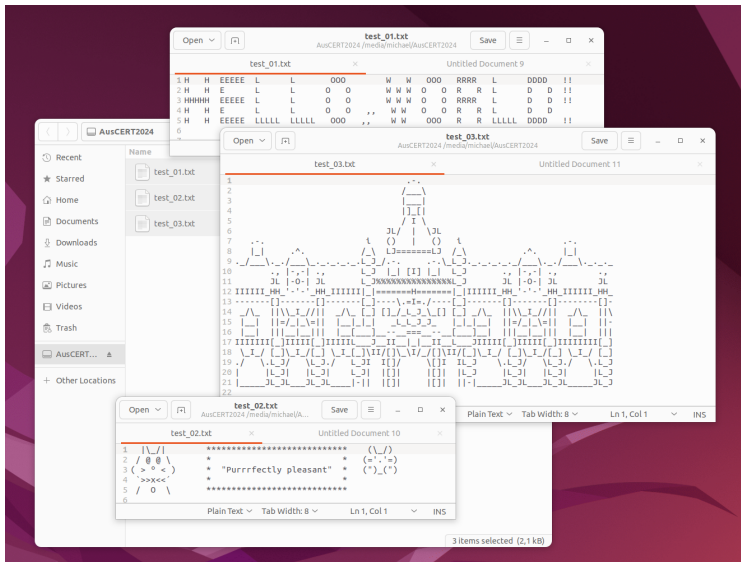
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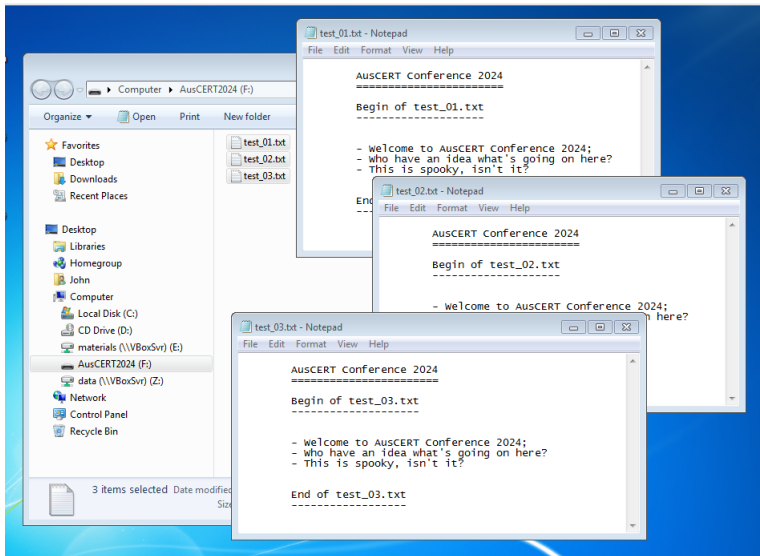
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# Live Demo



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# Investigation

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```
$ sudo dmesg -T -W
usb 3-9: new high-speed USB device number 8 using xhci_hcd
usb 3-9: Product: USB Flash Disk
usb-storage 3-9:1.0: USB Mass Storage device detected
sd 0:0:0:0: [sda] 15722496 512-byte logical blocks: (8.05 GB/7.50 GiB)
sda: sda1

$ sudo fdisk -l /dev/sda
Device      Boot  Start      End  Sectors  Size Id Type
/dev/sda1                144000 262143   118144  57,7M  7 HPFS/NTFS/exFAT

$ sudo mmls /dev/sda

$ mount | grep sda
/dev/sda1 on /media/michael/AusCERT2024 type ntfs3 (rw,nosuid, ....

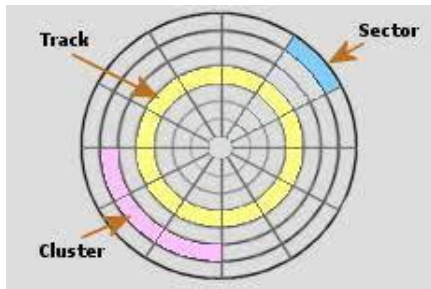
$ sudo fsstat /dev/sda1
File System Type: NTFS
Volume Serial Number: 7B702E352BD29E15
OEM Name: NTFS
Volume Name: AusCERT2024
Version: Windows XP
```



As We Are Many: Whats going on?

# Volume Boot Record - Boot Sector

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```
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||V| test_01.txt  
||B|      test_02.txt  
||R|      test_03.txt  
-----
```

```
~  
| Boot Sector
```

# Volume Boot Record - Boot Sector

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```
00000000: eb52 904e 5446 5320 2020 2000 0208 0000 .R.NTFS .....
00000010: 0000 0000 00f8 0000 0000 0000 0000 0000 .....
00000020: 0000 0000 8000 8000 ffff 0300 0000 0000 .....
00000030: 0400 0000 0000 0000 ff3f 0000 0000 0000 .....?.....
00000040: f600 0000 0100 0000 3c91 9a52 e282 f91a .....<..R....
00000050: 0000 0000 0e1f be71 7cac 22c0 740b 56b4 .....q|.".t.V.
00000060: 0ebb 0700 cd10 5eeb f032 e4cd 16cd 19eb .....^..2.....
00000070: fe54 6869 7320 6973 206e 6f74 2061 2062 .This is not a b
00000080: 6f6f 7461 626c 6520 6469 736b 2e20 506c ootable disk. Pl
00000090: 6561 7365 2069 6e73 6572 7420 6120 626f ease insert a bo
000000a0: 6f74 6162 6c65 2066 6c6f 7070 7920 616e otable floppy an
000000b0: 640d 0a70 7265 7373 2061 6e79 206b 6579 d..press any key
000000c0: 2074 6f20 7472 7920 6167 6169 6e20 2e2e to try again ..
000000d0: 2e20 0d0a 0000 0000 0000 0000 0000 0000 . .....
...
000001e0: 0000 0000 0000 0000 0000 0000 0000 0000 .....
000001f0: 0000 0000 0000 0000 0000 0000 0000 55aa .....U.
```

```
0 - 2          Size: 3      Jump to bootstrap code
3 - 0A        Size: 8      OEM-ID: NTFS
1B - 1C       Size: 2      Bytes per sector: 0x0002 -> 0x0200 (little endian)-> 512
1D           Size: 1      Sectors per cluster: 0x008 -> 4096 bytes per cluster
...
54           Bootstrap code
1FE          Size: 2      Signature: 0x55AA
```

# Master Boot Record & Partitioned Disk

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Track, Head, Cylinder, Sector, Block, Cluster

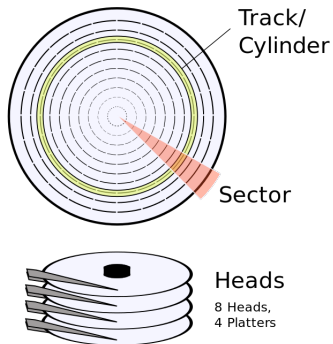


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# Master Boot Record & Partitioned Disk

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# Master Boot Record & Partitioned Disk

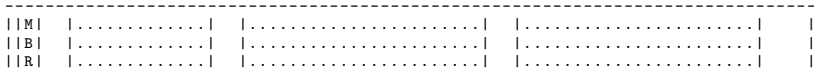
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```
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| | M |  
| | B |  
| | R |  
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```

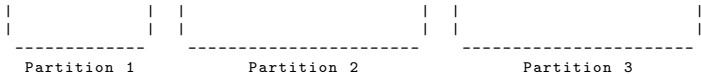
```
~  
|  
|  
-  
MBR
```

# Master Boot Record & Partitioned Disk

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~  
|  
|  
-  
MBR



# Master Boot Record & Partitioned Disk

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Not used	Not used	Not used	Not used
V	V	V	V

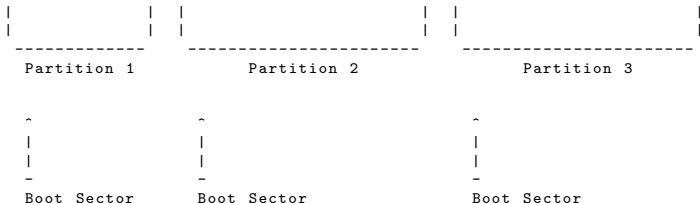
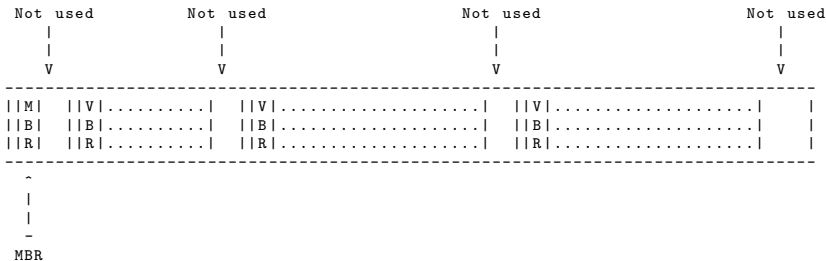
M	.....	.....	.....	.....
B	.....	.....	.....	.....
R	.....	.....	.....	.....

~  
|  
|  
-  
MBR

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Partition 1	Partition 2	Partition 3	

# Master Boot Record & Partitioned Disk

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# Master Boot Record & Partitioned Disk

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```
00000000: 0000 0000 0000 0000 0000 0000 0000 0000 .....
00000010: 0000 0000 0000 0000 0000 0000 0000 0000 .....
00000020: 0000 0000 0000 0000 0000 0000 0000 0000 .....
...
000001a0: 0000 0000 0000 0000 0000 0000 0000 0000 .....
000001b0: 0000 0000 0000 0000 ce69 d7db 0000 00f5 .....i.....
000001c0: 2e08 0751 0110 8032 0200 80cd 0100 0000 ...Q...2.....
000001d0: 0000 0000 0000 0000 0000 0000 0000 0000 .....
000001e0: 0000 0000 0000 0000 0000 0000 0000 0000 .....
000001f0: 0000 0000 0000 0000 0000 0000 0000 55aa .....U.
```

```
000          Size: 439          Boot code
440          Size: 4           Disc signature
444          Size: 2           Reserved
446          Size 16           Partitionable entry 1
462          Size 16           Partitionable entry 2
478          Size 16           Partitionable entry 3
494          Size 16           Partitionable entry 4
510 - 511    0x1FE - 0x1FF     0x55AA
```

# Polyglot Boot Record

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vbr.raw

```
-----  
||V| test_01.txt |  
||B| test_02.txt |  
||R| test_03.txt |  
-----
```

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| Boot Sector

# Polyglot Boot Record

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vbr.raw

```
-----  
||V| test_01.txt |  
||B| test_02.txt |  
||R| test_03.txt |  
-----
```

^  
| Boot Sector

| Boot Sector

mbr.raw

v

```
-----  
||M| ||V|..test_01.txt.....| |  
||B| ||B|.....test_02.txt.....| |  
||R| ||R|.....test_03.txt...| |  
-----
```

^  
| MBR

Partition 1



# Polyglot Boot Record

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vbr.raw

```
-----  
||V| test_01.txt |  
||B|      test_02.txt |  
||R|      test_03.txt |  
-----
```

^  
| Boot Sector

| Boot Sector

mbr.raw

v

```
-----  
||M| ||V|..test_01.txt.....| |  
||B| ||B|.....test_02.txt.....| |  
||R| ||R|.....test_03.txt...| |  
-----
```

^  
| MBR

Partition 1

legion.raw

```
-----  
||V| test_01.txt |  
||B|      test_02.txt |  
||R|      test_03.txt |  
-----
```

^  
| Boot Sector

# Polyglot Boot Record

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vbr.raw

```
-----  
||V| test_01.txt |  
||B|      test_02.txt |  
||R|      test_03.txt |  
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```

^  
| Boot Sector

| Boot Sector

mbr.raw

v

```
-----  
||M| ||V|..test_01.txt.....| |  
||B| ||B|....test_02.txt.....| |  
||R| ||R|.....test_03.txt...| |  
-----
```

^  
| MBR

| Partition 1 |

legion.raw

| Boot Sector

v

```
-----  
||V| test_01.txt ||V|..test_01.txt.....| |  
||B|      test_02.txt ||B|....test_02.txt.....| |  
||R|      test_03.txt ||R|.....test_03.txt...| |  
-----
```

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| Boot Sector

| Partition 1 |

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```
-----  
||V| test_01.txt |  
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| Boot Sector

| Boot Sector

mbr.raw

v

```
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||M| ||V|..test_01.txt.....| |  
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||R| ||R|.....test_03.txt...| |  
-----
```

^  
| MBR

| Partition 1 |

legion.raw

| Boot Sector

v

```
-----  
||P| test_01.txt ||V|..test_01.txt.....| |  
||B|      test_02.txt ||B|....test_02.txt.....| |  
||R|      test_03.txt ||R|.....test_03.txt...| |  
-----
```

^  
| Polyglot Boot Record

| Partition 1 |

# Polyglot Boot Record

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```
legion.raw                                     v
-----
||P|  test_01.txt                             ||V|..test_01.txt.....|
||B|      test_02.txt                         ||B|....test_02.txt.....|
||R|          test_03.txt                     ||R|.....test_03.txt...|
-----
```

```
^ | Partition 1 |
| Polyglot Boot Record |
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00000040: f600 0000 0100 0000 af3c 3363 b6f7 8833 .....<3c...3
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```



## As We Are Many: Self Study

### Disclaimer!

- use dd
- with root rights
  - Kamikaze - Do not use a production system!

# As We Are Many: Self Study

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```
---- files
|-- mbr
|   |-- test_01.txt
|   |-- test_02.txt
|   |-- test_03.txt
|-- vbr
    |-- test_01.txt
    |-- test_02.txt
    |-- test_03.txt
```

## 1. Create VBR image

```
-----
1.1 dd if=/dev/zero of=vbr.raw count=262144 # Create 128MByte file
1.2 sudo losetup -f --show vbr.raw
1.3 losetup # Find loopback device
1.4 sudo mkfs.ntfs -L AusCERT2024 /dev/loopXX # Format device <loop xyz>
1.5 sudo losetup -D # Detach loopback device
```

## 2. Add some text files

```
-----
2.1 sudo mkdir /mnt/legion # Create mountpoint
2.2 sudo mount vbr.raw /mnt/legion/ # Mount vbr image
2.3.1 cp files/vbr/test_01.txt /mnt/legion/ # Create test files
2.3.2 cp files/vbr/test_02.txt /mnt/legion/
2.3.3 cp files/vbr/test_03.txt /mnt/legion/
2.4 sudo umount /mnt/legion/
```

# As We Are Many: Self Study

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## 3. Create MBR image

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```
3.1 dd if=/dev/zero of=mbr.raw count=262144 # Create 128MByte file
3.2 sudo losetup -f --show mbr.raw
3.3 sudo fdisk /dev/loopXX # Partition device <loop xyz>
    n # Create partition
    p # middle to end of the disk
    1
    144000 # From: 144000
    262143 # To: 262143
    w # -> Do not kill MFT of vbr.raw
3.4 sudo losetup -d /dev/loopXX
3.5 sudo losetup -f --show -P mbr.raw # Format partition
3.6 sudo mkfs.ntfs -L AusCERT2024 /dev/loopXXp1
```

## 4. Add some text files

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```
4.1 sudo mount /dev/loopXXp1 /mnt/legion # Mount mbr partition
4.2.1 cp files/mbr/test_01.txt /mnt/legion/ # Create test files
4.2.2 cp files/mbr/test_02.txt /mnt/legion/
4.2.3 cp files/mbr/test_03.txt /mnt/legion/
4.3 sudo umount /mnt/legion
4.4 sudo losetup -d /dev/loopXX
```

# As We Are Many: Self Study

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## 5. Create the polyglot image

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- ```
5.1  cp vbr.raw legion.raw                # Take the vbr image as a base
   # to create the legion image

5.2  dd if=mbr.raw of=legion.raw          # Copy all bytes from the
      skip=144000 seek=144000            # mbr image partition into
      count=$(( 262143-144000+1 ))      # the legion image
      conv=notrunc

5.3  dd if=mbr.raw of=legion.raw bs=16   # Copy partition table from
      skip=27 seek=27 count=2           # the mbr image into the
      conv=notrunc                       # legion image

5.4  sudo dd if=legion.raw of=/dev/sdXX   # The legion disk image is ready
      status=progress                   # Write it to a USB stick
```





Q & A