LIST OF TERMS

| Terms | Definition |
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| Web Server Seizure | Legal and forensic process of capturing digital evidence |
| | from a web server used in criminal activities. |
| Digital Forensics Frame- | Structured set of procedures to guide the collection, |
| work | preservation, and analysis of digital evidence. |
| Live Acquisition | Collecting evidence from a running server without shut- |
| | ting it down to preserve volatile data. |
| Remote Acquisition | Collecting data from servers hosted remotely, especially |
| | in cloud environments. |
| Volatile Data | Data that is lost when a system is powered off, such as |
| | RAM contents and active session logs. |
| Hashing | Process of generating a unique fixed-size hash value from |
| | data to verify its integrity. |
| Chain of Custody (CoC) | Documentation process that records the handling of evi- |
| | dence from collection to presentation in court. |
| Cloud Forensics | Branch of digital forensics focused on evidence collection |
| | from cloud computing environments. |
| Hybrid Server Environ- | Infrastructure combining both Virtual Private Server |
| ment | (VPS) and cloud-based servers. |
| Forensic Tools | Software and hardware used in the acquisition, preserva- |
| | tion, and analysis of digital evidence. |
| Integrity Validation | Ensuring that digital evidence remains unchanged and |
| | authentic during forensic processing. |
| Legal Authorization | Court-issued permission required to perform seizures or |
| | searches involving digital evidence. |
| Subject Matter Expert | Individual with specialized knowledge who validates the |
| (SME) | forensic process or framework. |
| Multi-Tenant Cloud | Cloud architecture where multiple customers share the |
| | same physical infrastructure while keeping data isolated. |
| Snapshot | Captured state of a server or disk at a specific point in |
| | time, used for forensic analysis. |
| Seizure | The use of legal authority to take something from some- |
| | body; an amount of something that is taken in this way. |
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| Seizure Framework | A procedural model that guides the legal and technical |
| | aspects of server seizure and evidence acquisition. |
| Data Contamination | Alteration or damage to digital evidence, compromising |
| | its validity for legal proceedings. |
| Write Blocker | Device or software ensuring no modifications occur to a |
| | storage medium during acquisition. |
| Volatility Framework | Open-source tool for memory forensics, used to capture |
| | and analyze volatile data. |
| Secure Evidence Storage | Process of protecting acquired digital evidence against |
| | tampering, typically involving encryption and access con- |
| | trol. |