

AccessData® Integrates e-fense's Live Response and Helix Technologies

Today AccessData and e-fense announced the formation of a strategic partnership to bring together the power of AccessData's computer forensic technology, development and distribution capabilities with the innovative e-fense® product portfolio. Under the terms of the agreement, AccessData will become an OEM development and support partner for e-fense's entire product portfolio, including Live Response and the Helix solutions, and AccessData will become an authorized reseller of these products.

“This agreement is recognition on the part of AccessData of the value that e-fense and the Helix products have brought to the forensics community for more than a decade. It is our hope that by infusing some of our own technology into these solutions, we can enhance them even further,” said Tim Leehealey, CEO of AccessData.

CEO of e-fense, Steve Bederman also commented, “A strong partnership with AccessData provides e-fense a far reaching ability to serve the forensics community and to continue to meet industry needs in this fast moving world.”

The computer forensics field of study is growing at an extremely rapid rate. Digital investigations are no longer the exclusive domain of highly trained experts. Today, forensic analysis is critical not only to the largest law enforcement organizations, but also to small municipalities, the military, counter intelligence units and corporations of all sizes. As such, the industry is very different from the “one-size-fits-all” days of the late 90s. Today, an organization that wants to seriously engage in forensics needs a broad portfolio of products that are able to accommodate all types of investigations, as well as all types of users.

Network traffic investigations, cell phone investigations, traditional hard drive investigations, advanced RAM investigations are all critical to securing information assets, investigating criminal activity, and securing nations as a whole. In addition, the industry is seeing a broadening variety of users, ranging from the mobile field examiner who performs quick triage and operates on limited budget, limited computer resources and limited training, all the way to the well-trained, well-funded experts, who are operating in a lab with extensive computing power. To accommodate the growing spectrum of investigations and investigators, AccessData has worked tirelessly over the last three years developing, acquiring and partnering to bring everything under one roof. This announcement is an extension of that effort. With the addition of the e-fense triage and mobile solutions, AccessData can now support almost any product or training requirement a forensics or incident response organization might have.

“I couldn't be more excited about the progress AccessData has made over the last three years. While we have a ton left to do, I firmly believe our product portfolio is now the most comprehensive and most powerful of any digital investigations provider. We remain committed to providing great solutions to our core forensics users and will continue to grow with the community,” said Leehealey.