



EnCase[®] Forensic Version 7

Preview Release Notes

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Thank you for downloading this first look at EnCase Version 7. In this public preview, you will be able to start familiarizing yourself with the new Version 7 workflow. For the first version of the preview, we have supplied an evidence file with various artifacts for you to begin reviewing the new functionality.

This one sample evidence file has been crafted to contain email, internet history artifacts, and instant message artifacts so you can jump right in and start exploring the new features. This sample evidence lets you focus your attention on the new user interface and features, while limiting the need to use production case work or track down your own sample evidence.

As the preview timeframe continues, Guidance Software will continue to release new functionality for you to review and provide feedback on the EnCase Version 7 Forum.

New Features

Through a redesigned user interface, EnCase Version 7 introduces an array of new features and functions to simplify your forensic investigations. The *Preview Release Notes* highlights some of the key new features available in the Preview Version of EnCase Forensic Version 7. Key among them are:

- The Evidence Processor that you can use to process Guidance-supplied sample evidence. (Please follow the instructions in your Preview email to download the sample evidence.)
- A new, unified search interface.
- Examining email, including conversations and internet history artifacts.
- Tagging and bookmarking of files for review or reporting.
- New report templates.

For more information about how to use specific features of the preview, please see the *EnCase Forensic Version 7 Preview New Features Guide*.

Known Limitations

Following are known limitations in this Preview Version of EnCase Forensic that will be implemented in Version 7.01.

1. EnCase will only allow you to work with the Guidance-supplied sample evidence.
2. Indexing unallocated space is not available in the Evidence Processor.
3. Detailed Evidence Processor status is not currently implemented.
4. When raw searching, **Skip contents for known files** and **Undelete entries before searching** are not functioning properly.
5. Images do not display in the report.
6. Not all bookmark types are available, including bookmarking items as pictures.
7. **Check these items in their native view** is not functioning.
8. The GPS bar is not yet available.
9. Canceling the Evidence Processor sometimes crashes EnCase.
10. Filter Entries by Hash Category does not work on "Selected Entries Only."
11. Conditions do not function on the **Search Results** Tab.
12. Item Path is not available to display full path of all items.
13. The keywords dialog does not give the examiner the ability to enable and disable keywords.
14. Calendar Items are not currently supported.

Coming Soon

As we continue to solidify additional features, we will release new preview software. Here is a quick list of new features that will be available soon:

- The new EnCase evidence file format.
- New modules in the Evidence Processor.
- Smartphone support.
- Additional reporting options.
- Handling additional device configurations, including processing your own evidence.

Feedback

As you review and evaluate this preview version, we are anxious to hear your feedback. We have set up a special Support Portal forum specifically to take your questions and suggestions on the new Version 7 workflow and features. You can locate it by logging into the Support Portal and viewing the EnCase 7 Preview Forum at: <https://support.guidancesoftware.com/forum/forumdisplay.php?f=58>