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#### Introduction

The Computer Forensics Tool Testing (CFTT) program is a joint project of the National Institute of Justice (NIJ), the research and development organization of the U.S. Department of Justice, and the National Institute of Standards and Technology's (NIST's) Office of Law Enforcement Standards (OLES) and Information Technology Laboratory (ITL). CFTT is supported by other organizations, including the Federal Bureau of Investigation, the U.S. Department of Defense Cyber Crime Center, the Internal Revenue Service Criminal Investigation Division's Electronic Crimes Program, and the U.S. Department of Homeland Security's Bureau of U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement and U.S. Secret Service. The objective of the CFTT project is to provide measurable assurance to practitioners, researchers, and other applicable users that the tools used in computer forensics investigations provide accurate results. Accomplishing this requires the development of specifications and test methods for computer forensics tools and subsequent testing of specific tools against those specifications.

Test results provide the information necessary for developers to improve tools, users to make informed choices, and the legal community and others to understand the tools' capabilities. This approach for testing computer forensic tools is based on well-recognized methodologies for conformance and quality testing. The specifications and test methods are posted on the CFTT Web site (<a href="http://www.cftt.nist.gov/">http://www.cftt.nist.gov/</a>) for review and comment by the computer forensics community.

This document reports the results from testing the **Tableau T5 Forensic IDE Bridge (USB Interface)** write blocker against the *Hardware Write Blocker (HWB) Assertions and Test Plan Version 1.0*, available on the CFTT web site (<a href="http://www.cftt.nist.gov/HWB-ATP-19.pdf">http://www.cftt.nist.gov/HWB-ATP-19.pdf</a>). This specification identifies the following top-level tool requirements:

- A hardware write block (HWB) device shall not transmit a command to a protected storage device that modifies the data on the storage device.
- An HWB shall return the data requested by a read operation.
- An HWB shall return without modification any access-significant information requested from the drive.
- Any error condition reported by the storage device to the HWB shall be reported to the host.

Test results from other software packages and the CFTT tool methodology can be found on NIJ's computer forensics tool testing Web page, <a href="http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/nij/topics/ecrime/cftt.htm">http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/nij/topics/ecrime/cftt.htm</a>.

## **Test Results for Hardware Write Block Devices**

Device Tested: Tableau T5 Forensic IDE Bridge\*

Model: T5

Serial No: U004B009296,000ecc01000540e5

Firmware: Oct 4 2004 15:28:51

Host to Blocker Interface: USB Blocker to Drive Interface: ATA

Supplier: Tableau, LLC

Address: N8 W22195 Johnson Drive, Suite 100

Waukesha, WI 53186 http://www.tableau.com/

## 1 Results Summary by Requirements

An HWB device shall not transmit a command to a protected storage device that modifies the data on the storage device.

For all test cases run, the device always blocked any commands that would have changed user or operating system data stored on a protected drive.

#### An HWB device shall return the data requested by a read operation.

For all test cases run, the device always allowed commands to read the protected drive.

## An HWB device shall return without modification any access-significant information requested from the drive.

For all test cases run, the device always returned access-significant information from the protected drive without modification.

## Any error condition reported by the storage device to the HWB device shall be reported to the host.

For all test cases run, the device always returned error codes from the protected drive without modification.

## 2 Test Case Selection

Since a protocol analyzer was available for the interface between the blocker and the protected drive, the following test cases were appropriate: HWB-01, HWB-03, HWB-05, HWB-06, HWB-08, and HWB-09.

<sup>\*</sup>Tableau produces this write block device for resale under various partner labels. See http://www.tableau.com for information on resellers.

For test case HWB-03, two variations were selected: file (attempt to use operating system commands to create and delete files and directories from a protected drive) and image (use an imaging tool to attempt to write to a protected drive).

## 3 Testing Environment

The tests were run in the NIST CFTT lab. This section describes the hardware (test computers and hard drives) available for testing.

### 3.1 Test Computers

Two test computers were used: **DixonHill** and **Charlie**.

Charlie has the following configuration:

Asus P4P8T Intel<sup>®</sup> (865G/ICH 5 chipsets, FSB 800/533/400MHz) Motherboard AMIBIOS<sup>®</sup> American Megatrends Asus P4P8T–SP ACPI BIOS revision 1003 Intel Pentium<sup>®</sup> 4 CPU, 3GHZ 1 GB RAM Plextor DVDR PX–716A, ATAPI CD/DVD-ROM drive WDC WD800JB–00JJC0, 80 GB ATA disk drive Five IEEE 1394 ports Six USB ports Memory Card reader

#### **DixonHill** has the following configuration:

Intel® D865PERL Motherboard
Intel Pentium® 4 CPU 2.4GHz
BE7X 1.08.00.048 BIOS
FE7X 1.05.00.063 Firmware
2048 MB RAM
ABIT R9200SE-T AGP graphics adapter
LSI MegaRAID SATA 150-4D SER523 REV B2 RAID controller
Lite-On DVDRW SHOW-1234 Drive
Floppy Drive
4 USB ports
1 IEEE 1394 FireWire port
4 slots for SATA RAID drives

## 3.2 Protocol Analyzer

A Data Transit bus protocol analyzer (Bus Doctor Rx) was used to monitor and record commands sent from the host to the write blocker. Two identical protocol analyzers were available for monitoring commands.

One of two Dell laptop computers (either Chip or Dale) was connected to each protocol analyzer to record commands observed by the protocol analyzer.

#### 3.3 Hard Disk Drives

The hard disk drives that were used were selected from the ATA drives listed below. These hard drives were mounted in removable storage modules. The drives were set up in a variety of ways with the common partition types (FAT and NTFS) represented. The setup of each drive is documented below.

```
Drive label: 8B
Partition table Drive /dev/sda
00011/254/63 (max cyl/hd values)
00012/255/63 (number of cyl/hd)
201600 total number of sectors
Non-IDE disk
Model (0EB-00CSF0
                      ) serial # (WD-WTAAV4044563)
   Start LBA Length
                     Start C/H/S End C/H/S boot Partition type
1 P 000000063 000096327 0000/001/01 0005/254/63
                                               OB Fat32
2 X 000096390 000096390 0006/000/01 0011/254/63
                                                  05 extended
3 S 000000063 000096327 0000/001/01 0011/251/05
4 S 000000000 000000000 0000/000/00 0000/000/00
5 P 000000000 00000000 0000/000/00 0000/000/00
00 empty entry
00 empty entry
3 S 000000063 000096327 0006/001/01 0011/254/63
                                                  07 NTFS
                                                   00 empty entry
Drive label: A8
Partition table Drive /dev/sda
00011/254/63 (max cyl/hd values)
00012/255/63 (number of cyl/hd)
201600 total number of sectors
Non-IDE disk
Model (0BB-00AUA1
                      ) serial # (WD-WMA6Y3401179)
                     Start C/H/S End C/H/S boot Partition type
N Start LBA Length
05 extended
07 NTFS
2 X 000096390 000096390 0006/000/01 0011/254/63
3 S 000000063 000096327 0006/001/01 0011/254/63
6 P 000000000 000000000 0000/000/00 0000/000/00
                                                  00 empty entry
Drive label: BE
Partition table Drive /dev/sda
24320/254/63 (max cyl/hd values)
24321/255/63 (number of cyl/hd)
390721968 total number of sectors
Non-IDE disk
Model (00JB-00KFA0
                      ) serial # (
                                      WD-WMAMR10220)
    Start LBA Length Start C/H/S End C/H/S boot Partition type
0F extended
07 NTFS
05 extended
01 Fat12
2 X 039070080 351646785 1023/000/01 1023/254/63
3 S 000000063 307194867 1023/001/01 1023/254/63
4 x 307194930 000016065 1023/000/01 1023/254/63
5 S 000000063 000016002 1023/001/01 1023/254/63
6 x 307210995 004096575 1023/000/01 1023/254/63
                                                  05 extended
7 S 000000063 004096512 1023/001/01 1023/254/63
                                                  06 Fat16
8 S 000000000 000000000 0000/000/00 0000/000/00
                                                   00 empty entry
9 P 000000000 000000000 0000/000/00 0000/000/00
                                                   00 empty entry
10 P 000000000 000000000 0000/000/00 0000/000/00
                                                   00 empty entry
```

P primary partition (1–4) S secondary (sub) partition X primary extended partition (1–4) x secondary extended partition

## 3.4 Support Software

The software in the following table was used to send commands to the protected drive. One widely used imaging tool, IXimager, was used to generate disk activity (reads and writes) consistent with a realistic scenario of an accidental modification of an unprotected hard drive during a forensic examination. This does not imply an endorsement of the imaging tool.

Program	Description	
sendSCSI	A tool to send SCSI commands wrapped in the USB or IEEE 1394 (FireWire)	
	protocols to a drive.	
FS-TST	Software from the FS–TST tools was used to generate errors from the hard drive	
	by trying to read beyond the end of the drive. The FS–TST software was also used	
	to setup the hard drives and print partition tables and drive size.	
IXimager	An imaging tool (ILook IXimager version 1.0, August 25, 2004) for test case 04-	
	img.	

## 4 Test Results

The main item of interest for interpreting the test results is determining the conformance of the device with the test assertions. Conformance with each assertion tested by a given test case is evaluated by examining the Blocker Input and Blocker Output boxes of the test report summary.

## 4.1 Test Results Report Key

A summary of the actual test results is presented in this report. The following table presents a description of each section of the test report summary.

Heading	Description		
First Line	Test case ID; name, model, and interface of device tested.		
Case Summary	Test case summary from <i>Hardware Write Blocker (HWB)</i>		
	Assertions and Test Plan Version 1.0.		
Assertions Tested	The test assertions applicable to the test case, selected from		
	Hardware Write Blocker (HWB) Assertions and Test Plan		
	Version 1.0.		
Tester Name	Name or initials of person executing test procedure.		
Test Date	Time and date that test was started and completed.		
Test Configuration	Identification of the following:		
	1. Host computer for executing the test case.		
	2. Laptop attached to each protocol analyzer.		
	3. Protocol analyzers monitoring each interface.		

Heading	Description
	4. Interface between host and blocker.
	5. Interface between blocker and protected drive.
	6. Execution environment for tool sending commands
** 15 ' ** 1	from the host.
Hard Drives Used	Description of the protected hard drive.
Blocker Input	A list of commands sent from the host to the blocker.
	For test case HWB–01, a list of each command code observed on the bus between the blocker and the protected drive and a count of the number of times the command was observed is provided.
	For test cases HWB–03 and HWB–06, a list of each command sent and the number of times the command was sent.
	For test case HWB–05, a string of known data from a given location is provided for reference.
Blocker Output	A list of commands observed by the protocol analyzer on the bus from the blocker to the protected drive.
	For test case HWB–01, a list of each command code observed on the bus between the blocker and the protected drive and a count of the number of times the command was observed is provided. Also, a count of the number of unique commands sent (from the Blocker Input box) and a count of the number of unique commands observed on the bus between the blocker and the protected drive.
	For test cases HWB–03 and HWB–06, a list of each command sent and the number of times the command was sent.
	For test case HWB–05, a string read from a given location is provided for comparison to known data.
	For test case HWB–08, the number of sectors determined for the protected drive and the partition table are provided.
	For test case HWB–09, any error return obtained by trying to access a nonexistent sector of the drive is provided.
Results	Expected and actual results for each assertion tested.
Analysis	Whether or not the expected results were achieved.

## 4.2 Test Details

## 4.2.1 HWB-01

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Test Case HWB-01 Variation hwb-01 Tableau T5 Forensic IDE Bridge (USB)			
Case Summary:			
Assertions Tested:	HWB-AM-01 The HWB shall not transmit any modifying category operation to the protected storage device.		
	HWB-AM-05 The action that a HWB device takes for any commands not assigned to the modifying, read or		
	information categories is defined by the vendor.		
Tester Name:	Kbr		
Test Date:	run start Wed Sep 20 17:10:55 2006		
	run finish Wed Sep 20 17:14:19 2006		
Test Configuration:	HOST: dixon hill		
	HostToBlocker Monitor: chip		
	HostToBlocker PA: aa00155		
	HostToBlocker Interface: usb		
	BlockerToDrive Monitor: dale		
	BlockerToDrive PA: aa00111		
	BlockerToDrive Interface: ide		
	Run Environment: helix1.5		
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Drives:	Protected drive: BE		
71 1 7	BE is a WDC WD2000JB-00KFA0 with 390721968 sectors (200 GB)		
Blocker Input:	Commands Sent to Blocker		
	Count Commands		
	1 BLANK		
	1 CHG		
	1 CLOS		
	1 COMPARE		
	1 COPY		
	1 COPY/VERIFY		
	1 ERASE		
	1 ERASE(10)		
	1 FORMAT		
	3 GET		
	1 INQUIRY		
	1 LK/UNLK		
	1 LOAD/UNLOAD		
	2 LOG		
	1 MECH		
	1 MEDIUM		
	4 MODE		
	1 PAUSE/RESUME		
	2 PERSISTENT		
	5 PLAY		
	2 PLY		
	1 PRE-FETCH		
	1 PREVENT/ALLOW		
	7 RD		
	<del>                                   </del>		
	13 READ 548 READ(10)		
	1 READ(12)		
	` '		
	1 RECEIVE		
	1 RECIEVE(6)		
	1 RECOVER		
	1 RELEASE(10)		
	1 RELEASE(6)		
	1 REPAIR		
	5 REPORT		
	1 REQ		
	228 REQUEST_SENSE		
	1 RESERVE(10)		
	1 RESERVE(6)		
	1 REZERO		
	65 Reserved		
	1 SCAN		
	1 SEEK(10)		
•	· <del></del>		

Test Case HWB-01 V	Variation hwb-01 Tableau T5 Forensic IDE Bridge (USB)
	1 SEEK(6)
	9 SEND
	1 SEND(6)
	4 SET
	1 SND
	1 SPACE
	6 SRCH
	1 START/STOP
	1 STOP
	1 SYNCH
	4 TEST
	1 UPDATE
	4 VERIFY
	1 VERIFY(12)
	1 VERIFY(6)
	5 WRITE
	7 WRITE(10)
	1 WRITE(12)
	1 WRITE/VERIFY
	1 XDREAD(10)
	63 commands sent
71 1 0	
Blocker Output:	Commands Allowed by Blocker
	Count Commands
	546 25=READ DMA EXT
	4 42=READ/V W/EXT
	4 70=SEEK
	1 E7=FLUSH CACHE
	63 commands sent, 4 commands allowed
	05 Commands Sent, 4 Commands anowed
Results:	Assertion & Expected Result Actual Result
100uito.	AM-01 Modifying commands blocked Modifying commands blocked
	AM-05 HWB behavior recorded HWB behavior recorded
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Analysis:	Expected results achieved
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## 4.2.2 HWB-03-file

Test Case HWB-03 V	Variation hwb-03-file Tableau T5 Forensic IDE Bridge (USB)	
Case Summary:	HWB-03 Identify commands blocked by the HWB while attempting to modify a protected drive with forensic tools.	
Assertions Tested:	HWB-AM-01 The HWB shall not transmit any modifying category operation to the protected storage device. HWB-AM-05 The action that a HWB device takes for any commands not assigned to the modifying, read or information categories is defined by the vendor.	
Tester Name:	kbr	
Test Date:	run start Tue Sep 26 15:44:55 2006 run finish Tue Sep 26 15:52:58 2006	
Test Configuration:	HOST: charlie HostToBlocker Monitor: chip HostToBlocker PA: aa00155 HostToBlocker Interface: usb BlockerToDrive Monitor: dale BlockerToDrive PA: aa00111 BlockerToDrive Interface: ide Run Environment: WXP	
Drives:	Protected drive: BE BE is a WDC WD2000JB-00KFA0 with 390721968 sectors (200 GB)	
Blocker Input:	Count         Commands           5         MODE           4         PREVENT/ALLOW           10         READ           40         READ(10)           50         REQUEST_SENSE           191         TEST           27         WRITE(10)	
Blocker Output:	Commands Allowed by Blocker  Count Commands 39 25=READ DMA EXT 5 70=SEEK	
Results:	Assertion & Expected Result  AM-01 Modifying commands blocked  AM-05 HWB behavior recorded  HWB behavior recorded	
Analysis:	Expected results achieved	

## 4.2.3 HWB-03-img

Test Case HWB-03	Variation hwb-03-img Tableau T5 Forensic IDE Bridge (USB)	
Case Summary:	HWB-03 Identify commands blocked by the HWB while attempting to modify a protected drive with forensic tools.	
Assertions Tested:	HWB-AM-01 The HWB shall not transmit any modifying category operation to the protected storage device. HWB-AM-05 The action that a HWB device takes for any commands not assigned to the modifying, read or information categories is defined by the vendor.	
Tester Name:	kbr	
Test Date:	run start Tue Sep 26 16:04:21 2006 run finish Tue Sep 26 16:19:05 2006	
Test Configuration:	HOST: dixon hill HostToBlocker Monitor: chip HostToBlocker PA: aa00155 HostToBlocker Interface: usb BlockerToDrive Monitor: dale BlockerToDrive PA: aa00111 BlockerToDrive Interface: ide Run Environment: IXimager	
Drives:	Protected drive: BE BE is a WDC WD2000JB-00KFA0 with 390721968 sectors (200 GB)	
Blocker Input:	Commands Sent to Blocker           Count         Commands           553         READ(10)           1314         REQUEST_SENSE           1314         WRITE(10)	
Blocker Output:	Commands Allowed by Blocker    Count   Commands	
Results:	Assertion & Expected Result  AM-01 Modifying commands blocked  AM-05 HWB behavior recorded  HWB behavior recorded	
Analysis:	Expected results achieved	

## 4.2.4 HWB-05

Test Case HWB-05	Variation hwb-05 Tableau T5 Forensic IDE Bridge (USB)	
Case Summary:	HWB-05 Identify read commands allowed by the HWB.	
Assertions Tested:	HWB-AM-02 If the host sends a read category operation to the HWB and no error is returned from the protected storage device to the HWB, then the data addressed by the original read operation is returned to the host.	
Tester Name:	kbr	
Test Date:	run start Thu Sep 21 10:53:52 2006 run finish Thu Sep 21 10:57:00 2006	
Test Configuration:	HOST: dixon hill HostToBlocker Monitor: chip HostToBlocker PA: aa00155 HostToBlocker Interface: usb BlockerToDrive Monitor: none BlockerToDrive PA: none BlockerToDrive Interface: ide Run Environment: helix1.5	
Drives:	Protected drive: A8 A8 is a WDC WD200BB-00AUA1 configured to report 201600 sectors (103 MB)	
Blocker Input:	Commands Sent to Blocker Read sector 32767 for the string: 00002/010/08 000000032767	
Blocker Output:	00002/010/08 000000032767	
Results:	Assertion & Expected Result Actual Result  AM-02 Read commands allowed Read commands allowed	
Analysis:	Expected results achieved	

## 4.2.5 HWB-06

Test Case HWB-06 V	Variation hwb-06 Tableau T5 Forensic IDE Bridge (	(USB)
Case Summary:	HWB-06 Identify read and information commands u	sed by forensic tools and allowed by the HWB.
Assertions Tested:	HWB-AM-02 If the host sends a read category operation to the HWB and no error is returned from the protected storage device to the HWB, then the data addressed by the original read operation is returned to the host.  HWB-AM-03 If the host sends an information category operation to the HWB and if there is no error on the protected storage device, then any returned access-significant information is returned to the host without modification.  HWB-AM-05 The action that a HWB device takes for any commands not assigned to the modifying, read or	
	information categories is defined by the vendor.	
Tester Name:	kbr	
Test Date:	run start Tue Sep 26 17:27:14 2006 run finish Tue Sep 26 17:52:41 2006	
Test Configuration:	HOST: dixon hill HostToBlocker Monitor: chip HostToBlocker PA: aa00155 HostToBlocker Interface: usb BlockerToDrive Monitor: dale BlockerToDrive PA: aa00111 BlockerToDrive Interface: ide Run Environment: IXimager	
Drives:	Protected drive: 8B 8B is a WDC WD200EB-00CSF0 configured to report 201600 sectors (103 MB)	
Blocker Input:	Commands Sent to Blocker  Count Commands  844 READ(10)  771 WRITE(10)	
	2 commands sent	
Blocker Output:	Commands Allowed by Blocker  Count Commands 778 C8=Read DMA	
	2 commands sent, 1 commands allowed	
Results:	Assertion & Expected Result	Actual Result
	AM-02 Read commands allowed AM-03 Access Significant Information unaltered	Read commands allowed  Access Significant Information unaltered
	AM-05 HWB behavior recorded	HWB behavior recorded
Analysis:	Expected results achieved	

## 4.2.6 HWB-08

Test Case HWB-08	Variation hwb-08 Tableau T5 Forensic IDE Bridge (	(USB)
Case Summary:	HWB-08 Identify access significant information unmodified by the HWB.	
Assertions Tested:	HWB-AM-03 If the host sends an information category operation to the HWB and if there is no error on the protected storage device, then any returned access-significant information is returned to the host without modification.	
Tester Name:	kbr	
Test Date:	run start Thu Sep 21 10:45:23 2006	
Test Configuration:	run finish Thu Sep 21 10:47:11 2006  HOST: dixon hill HostToBlocker Monitor: none HostToBlocker PA: none HostToBlocker Interface: usb BlockerToDrive Monitor: none BlockerToDrive PA: none BlockerToDrive Interface: ide Run Environment: helix1.5	
Drives:	Protected drive: BE BE is a WDC WD2000JB-00KFA0 with 390721968 sectors (200 GB)	
Blocker Output:	cmd: /home/helix/partab hwb-08 dixon hill kbr /dev/sdb be -all 390721968 total number of sectors	
Results:	Assertion & Expected Result AM-03 Access Significant Information unaltered	Actual Result Access Significant Information unaltered
Analysis:	Expected results achieved	

## 4.2.7 HWB-09

Test Case HWB-09 Variation hwb-09 Tableau T5 Forensic IDE Bridge (USB)	
Case Summary:	HWB-09 Determine if an error on the protected drive is returned to the host.
Assertions Tested:	HWB-AM-04 If the host sends an operation to the HWB and if the operation results in an unresolved error on
	the protected storage device, then the HWB shall return an error status code to the host.
Tester Name:	kbr
Test Date:	run start Thu Sep 21 10:48:06 2006
rest Bute.	run finish Thu Sep 21 10:50:09 2006
Test Configuration:	HOST: dixon hill
	HostToBlocker Monitor: none
	HostToBlocker PA: none
	HostToBlocker Interface: usb
	BlockerToDrive Monitor: none
	BlockerToDrive PA: none
	BlockerToDrive Interface: ide
	Run Environment: helix1.5
Drives:	Protected drive: BE
	BE is a WDC WD2000JB-00KFA0 with 390721968 sectors (200 GB)
Blocker Output:	24320/254/63 (max cyl/hd values)
	24321/255/63 (number of cyl/hd)
	390721968 total number of sectors
	cmd: /home/helix/diskchg hwb-09 dixon hill kbr /dev/sdb -read 490721968 0 1
	Disk addr lba 490721968 C/H/S 30546/7/38 offset 0
	Disk read error 0xFFFFFFF at sector 30546/7/38
Results:	Assertion & Expected Result   Actual Result
	AM-04 Error code returned Error code returned
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Analysis:	Expected results achieved

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