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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 Science 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, Internal Revenue Service Criminal Investigation'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 program 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 to testing computer forensics tools is based on well-recognized methodologies for conformance and quality testing. The specifications and test methods are posted on the CFTT Web site (<http://www.cftt.nist.gov/>) for review and comment by the computer forensics community.

This document reports the results from testing the Digital Intelligence UltraBlock SATA (USB Interface) write blocker against the *Hardware Write Blocker (HWB) Assertions and Test Plan Version 1.0*, available on the CFTT Web site (<http://www.cftt.nist.gov/HWB-ATP-19.pdf>). 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 device shall return the data requested by a read operation.
- An HWB device shall return without modification any access-significant information requested from the drive.
- Any error condition reported by the storage device to the HWB device shall be reported to the host.

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

# Test Results for Hardware Write Block Devices

Device Tested: **Digital Intelligence UltraBlock SATA by Tableau**  
Model: T3u  
Serial No: 000ECC01000531B2  
Firmware: October 4, 2004 15:28:51

Host to Blocker Interface: USB  
Blocker to Drive Interface: SATA

Supplier: DIGITAL INTELLIGENCE

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Waukesha, WI 53186  
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## 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 HWB 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 HWB 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 HWB 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 HWB device always returned error codes from the protected drive without modification.

## 2 Test Case Selection

Because a protocol analyzer was not available for the interface between the blocker and the protected drive, the following test cases were appropriate: HWB-02, HWB-04, HWB-05, HWB-07, HWB-08, and HWB-09.

For test case HWB-04, two variations were selected: boot (attempt to boot from a protected drive) and image (use an imaging tool to attempt to write to a protected drive).



For test case HWB-07, one variation was selected: ix (use a stand-alone imaging tool ([IXimager] to read from 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**

Four test computers were used: **Freddy**, **Max**, **JohnStone** and **MrsPeel**. **Freddy** and **Max** have the following configuration:

Intel Desktop Motherboard D865GB/D865PERC (with ATA-6 IDE on board controller)  
BIOS Version BF86510A.86A.0053.P13  
Adaptec SCSI BIOS V3.10.0  
Intel Pentium® 4 CPU  
SONY DVD RW DRU-530A, ATAPI CD/DVD-ROM drive  
1.44MB floppy drive  
Two slots for removable IDE hard disk drives  
Two slots for removable SATA hard disk drives  
Two slots for removable SCSI hard disk drive

**JohnStone** and **MrsPeel** have the following configuration:

FIC IC-VL67 (865G; S478; 800MHz)  
Phoenix—Award BIOS version v6.00PG  
Intel Pentium® 4 CPU  
Plextor DVDR PX-716A, ATAPI CD/DVD-ROM drive  
1.44MB floppy drive  
Three IEEE 1394 ports  
Four USB ports

#### **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 SATA 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.

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Drive label: 09
Partition table Drive /dev/hdg
09728/254/63 (max cyl/hd values)
09729/255/63 (number of cyl/hd)
156301488 total number of sectors
IDE disk: Model (WDC WD800JD-32HKA0) serial # (WD-WMAJ91407692)
 N   Start LBA Length      Start C/H/S End C/H/S   boot Partition type
 1 P 000000063 000016002 0000/001/01 0000/254/63 01 Fat12
 2 X 000016065 156280320 0001/000/01 1023/254/63 0F extended
 3 S 000000063 020482812 0001/001/01 1023/254/63 0B Fat32
 4 S 000000000 000000000 0000/000/00 0000/000/00 00 empty entry
 5 P 000000000 000000000 0000/000/00 0000/000/00 00 empty entry
 6 P 000000000 000000000 0000/000/00 0000/000/00 00 empty entry

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Drive label: 0A
Partition table Drive /dev/hde
09728/254/63 (max cyl/hd values)
09729/255/63 (number of cyl/hd)
156301488 total number of sectors
IDE disk: Model (WDC WD800JD-32HKA0) serial # (WD-WMAJ91508343)
 N   Start LBA Length      Start C/H/S End C/H/S   boot Partition type
 1 P 000000063 156280257 0000/001/01 1023/254/63 Boot 07 NTFS
 2 P 000000000 000000000 0000/000/00 0000/000/00 00 empty entry
 3 P 000000000 000000000 0000/000/00 0000/000/00 00 empty entry
 4 P 000000000 000000000 0000/000/00 0000/000/00 00 empty entry

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Drive label: 0C
Partition table Drive /dev/hde
30400/254/63 (max cyl/hd values)
30401/255/63 (number of cyl/hd)
488397168 total number of sectors
IDE disk: Model (WDC WD2500JD-22FYB0) serial # (WD-WMAEH2676627)
 N   Start LBA Length      Start C/H/S End C/H/S   boot Partition type
 1 X 000016065 419425020 0001/000/01 1023/254/63 0F extended
 2 S 000000063 061432497 0001/001/01 1023/254/63 0B Fat32
 3 S 000000000 000000000 0000/000/00 0000/000/00 00 empty entry
 4 P 419441085 000016065 1023/000/01 1023/254/63 0E Fat16
 5 P 000000000 000000000 0000/000/00 0000/000/00 00 empty entry
 6 P 000000000 000000000 0000/000/00 0000/000/00 00 empty entry

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- 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.

<b>Program</b>	<b>Description</b>
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 03-img.

## 4 Test Results

The main item of interest for interpreting the test results is determining the conformance of the device to the test assertions. This section lists each test assertion and identifies the information in the log files relevant to conformance to that assertion. Conformance to 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.

<b>Heading</b>	<b>Description</b>
First Line	Test case ID, name and version of device tested.
Case Summary	Test case summary from <i>Hardware Write Blocker (HWB) Assertions and Test Plan Version 1.0</i> .
Assertions Tested	The test assertions tested by the test case from <i>Hardware Write Blocker (HWB) Assertions and Test Plan Version 1.0</i> .
Tester Name	Name or initials of person executing test procedure.
Test Date	Time and date that test was started.
Test Configuration	Identification of the following: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Label of the protected hard drive,</li> <li>2. Interface between host and blocker.</li> <li>3. Interface between blocker and protected drive.</li> <li>4. Protocol analyzers monitoring each interface.</li> <li>5. Laptop attached to each protocol analyzer.</li> <li>6. Execution environment for tool sending commands from the host.</li> </ol>
Hard Drives Used	Description of the protected hard drive.
Blocker Input	A list of commands sent from the host to the blocker.  For test cases HWB-02 and HWB-07, a list of the commands sent is provided.  For test cases HWB-02 and HWB-04, a SHA1 value for the entire drive is provided for reference.

<b>Heading</b>	<b>Description</b>
	For test case HWB-05, a string of known data from a given location is provided for reference.
Blocker Output	<p>For test cases HWB-02 and HWB-04, a SHA1 value computed after commands are sent to the protected drive is given for comparison to the reference SHA1 value.</p> <p>For test case HWB-05, a string read from a given location is provided for comparison to known data.</p> <p>For test case HWB-08, the number of sectors determined for the protected drive and the partition table are provided.</p> <p>For test case HWB-09, any error return obtained by trying to access a nonexistent sector of the drive is provided.</p>
Results	Expected and actual results for each assertion tested.
Analysis	Whether or not the expected results were achieved.

## 4.2 Test Details

<b>Test Case HWB-02 Variation HWB-02 Digital Intelligence UltraBlock SATA</b>	
Case Summary:	HWB-02 Identify modifying commands blocked by the HWB.
Assertions Tested:	HWB-AM-01 The HWB shall not transmit any modifying category operation to the protected storage device.
Tester Name:	brl
Test Date:	run start Thu Sep 1 15:16:12 2005
Test Configuration:	HOST: freddy HostToBlocker Monitor: DALE HostToBlocker PA: AA00155 HostToBlocker Interface: USB BlockerToDrive Monitor: none BlockerToDrive PA: none BlockerToDrive Interface: SATA Run Environment: linux(HELIX)
Drives:	Protected drive: 0C 0C is a SATA drive with 488397168 sectors (250 GB)
Blocker Input:	SHA of 0C is 3F42637C8316A7AC9DB12CAD263B35105EF81E4C - Commands Sent to Blocker BULK CBW: READ(10) BULK CBW: REQUEST SENSE

<b>Test Case HWB-02 Variation HWB-02 Digital Intelligence UltraBlock SATA</b>		
	BULK CBW: SEND(6) BULK CBW: WRITE & VERIFY BULK CBW: WRITE BUFFER BULK CBW: WRITE LONG BULK CBW: WRITE SAME BULK CBW: WRITE(10) BULK CBW: WRITE(12) BULK CBW: WRITE/VERIFY	
Blocker Output:	CMD: /tmp/diskhash.csh hwb-02 max brl /dev/sdb 0C -after 3F42637C8316A7AC9DB12CAD263B35105EF81E4C -	
Results:	Assertion & Expected Result	Actual Result
	AM-01 Modifying commands blocked	Modifying commands blocked
Analysis:	Expected results achieved	

<b>Test Case HWB-04 Variation HWB-04-boot Digital Intelligence UltraBlock SATA</b>		
Case Summary:	HWB-04 Attempt 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.	
Tester Name:	JRL	
Test Date:	run start Sun Sep 11 11:24:07 2005 run finish Sun Sep 11 11:31:07 2005	
Test Configuration:	HOST: MrsPeel HostToBlocker Monitor: Dale HostToBlocker PA: AA00111 HostToBlocker Interface: USB BlockerToDrive Monitor: none BlockerToDrive PA: none BlockerToDrive Interface: SATA Run Environment: Boot	
Drives:	Protected drive: 0A 0A is a SATA drive with 156301488 sectors (80 GB)	
Blocker Input:	SHA of 0A is 8ECF7CF671274B1B757BCD4FD871C6BD7A9DFCF1 - Commands are sent to the blocker by attempting to boot the protected drive.	
Blocker Output:	CMD: ../././diskhash.csh HWB-04-boot Nancy JRL /dev/sda 0A -after 8ECF7CF671274B1B757BCD4FD871C6BD7A9DFCF1 -	
Results:	Assertion & Expected Result	Actual Result
	AM-01 Modifying commands blocked	Modifying commands blocked
Analysis:	Expected results achieved	

<b>Test Case HWB-04 Variation HWB-04-img Digital Intelligence UltraBlock SATA</b>		
Case Summary:	HWB-04 Attempt 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.	
Tester Name:	JRL	
Test Date:	run start Sun Sep 11 10:33:28 2005 run finish Sun Sep 11 10:57:58 2005	
Test Configuration:	HOST: MrsPeel HostToBlocker Monitor: Dale HostToBlocker PA: AA00111 HostToBlocker Interface: USB BlockerToDrive Monitor: none BlockerToDrive PA: none BlockerToDrive Interface: SATA Run Environment: IXimager	
Drives:	Protected drive: 09 09 is a SATA drive with 156301488 sectors (80 GB)	
Blocker Input:	SHA of 09 is FE7F2F3B735B37F685E13E14AA5FCF1C42561E08 - Commands are sent to the blocker by attempting to create an image file on the protected drive.	
Blocker Output:	CMD: ../.././diskhash.csh HWB-04-img Nancy JRL /dev/sda 09 -after FE7F2F3B735B37F685E13E14AA5FCF1C42561E08 -	
Results:	Assertion & Expected Result	Actual Result
	AM-01 Modifying commands blocked	Modifying commands blocked
Analysis:	Expected results achieved	

<b>Test Case HWB-05 Variation hwb-05 Digital Intelligence UltraBlock SATA</b>		
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:	JRL	
Test Date:	run start Sun Sep 11 10:02:03 2005 run finish Sun Sep 11 10:06:38 2005	
Test Configuration:	HOST: MrsPeel HostToBlocker Monitor: Dale HostToBlocker PA: AA00111 HostToBlocker Interface: USB BlockerToDrive Monitor: none	

<b>Test Case HWB-05 Variation hwb-05 Digital Intelligence UltraBlock SATA</b>		
	BlockerToDrive PA: none BlockerToDrive Interface: SATA Run Environment: Helix	
Drives:	Protected drive: 0A 0A is a SATA drive with 156301488 sectors (80 GB)	
Blocker Input:	Commands Sent to Blocker Read sector 32767 for the string: 00032/008/08 000000032767	
Blocker Output:	00032/008/08 000000032767	
Results:	Assertion & Expected Result	Actual Result
	AM-02 Read commands allowed	Read commands allowed
Analysis:	Expected results achieved	

<b>Test Case HWB-07 Variation hwb-07 Digital Intelligence UltraBlock SATA</b>		
Case Summary:	HWB-07 Read a protected drive with forensic tools.	
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.	
Tester Name:	brl	
Test Date:	run start Fri Sep 2 07:56:48 2005 run finish Fri Sep 2 08:20:25 2005	
Test Configuration:	HOST: JohnStone HostToBlocker Monitor: Dale HostToBlocker PA: AA00155 HostToBlocker Interface: USB BlockerToDrive Monitor: none BlockerToDrive PA: none BlockerToDrive Interface: SATA Run Environment: IX(imager)	
Drives:	Protected drive: 0C 0C is a SATA drive with 488397168 sectors (250 GB)	
Blocker Input:	Commands Sent to Blocker Read(10)	
Blocker	Sep 2 08:05:01 iimager: User entered the Image Device Menu	

<b>Test Case HWB-07 Variation hwb-07 Digital Intelligence UltraBlock SATA</b>								
Output:	<p>Sep 2 08:05:13 iimager: User exited the Image Device Menu</p> <p>Sep 2 08:06:17 iimager: User entered the Display Image File Information Menu</p> <p>Sep 2 08:06:26 iimager: User exited the Display Image File Information Menu</p> <p>Sep 2 08:06:39 iimager: User entered the Image Device Menu</p> <p>Sep 2 08:06:42 iimager: User entered the Image Target Menu</p> <p>Sep 2 08:06:48 iimager: User selected ILook Default Image Format</p> <p>Sep 2 08:06:59 iimager: User selected CD-ROM sized Image chunks</p> <p>Sep 2 08:08:42 iimager: The Image Target Menu provides you with a list of the devices that are connected to your computer. The Image Device Menu provides you with a list of the devices that are connected to your computer. Use the 'Up' and 'Down' arrow keys on your keyboard to move the highlighted area until the operation you wish to perform is highlighted. Then press 'Enter' on your keyboard so that your input will be accepted. Pressing the 'Escape' key on your keyboard will return you to the Main Menu.</p> <p>Sep 2 08:08:46 iimager: User exited the Image Target Menu</p> <p>Sep 2 08:09:16 iimager: User entered the Image Target Menu</p> <p>Sep 2 08:09:25 iimager: User selected ILook Default Image Format</p> <p>Sep 2 08:09:55 iimager: Image is being stored to /dev/sdc1</p> <p>Sep 2 08:09:55 iimager: Beginning Image operation</p> <p>Sep 2 08:09:55 iimager: Opened output file '/ILookImager/ILook.013/diSATAHWB07001.asb'</p> <p>Sep 2 08:09:55 iimager: Image is being stored to '/ILook.013/diSATAHWB07001.asb'</p> <p>Sep 2 08:09:55 iimager: Image is being stored to /dev/sdc1</p> <p>Sep 2 08:09:55 iimager: Image is being stored to '/ILook.013/diSATAHWB07001.asb'</p> <p>Sep 2 08:09:55 iimager: Beginning Image operation for 8225280 bytes</p> <p>Sep 2 08:09:56 iimager: Image Complete</p> <p>Sep 2 08:09:56 iimager: Image was completed successfully.</p> <p>Sep 2 08:09:56 iimager: Image Speed : 0.000 MB/sec</p> <p>Sep 2 08:10:03 iimager: User exited the Image Target Menu</p> <p>Sep 2 08:10:03 iimager: User exited the Image Device Menu</p>							
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Assertion & Expected Result	Actual Result							
AM-02 Read commands allowed	Read commands allowed							
AM-03 Access Significant Information unaltered	Access Significant Information unaltered							
Analysis:	Expected results achieved							

<b>Test Case HWB-08 Variation hwb-08 Digital Intelligence UltraBlock SATA</b>	
Case Summary:	HWB-08 Identify access significant information unmodified by the HWB.



<b>Test Case HWB-08 Variation hwb-08 Digital Intelligence UltraBlock SATA</b>		
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:	brl	
Test Date:	run start Thu Sep 1 14:25:43 2005 run finish Thu Sep 1 14:31:01 2005	
Test Configuration:	HOST: max HostToBlocker Monitor: none HostToBlocker PA: none HostToBlocker Interface: USB BlockerToDrive Monitor: none BlockerToDrive PA: none BlockerToDrive Interface: SATA Run Environment: Linux(HELIX)	
Drives:	Protected drive: 0C 0C is a SATA drive with 488397168 sectors (250 GB)	
Blocker Output:	<pre> cmd: ./partab hwb-08 max brl /dev/sdb 0C 488397168 total number of sectors  Drive label: 0C Partition table Drive /dev/sdb 30400/254/63 (max cyl/hd values) 30401/255/63 (number of cyl/hd) 488397168 total number of sectors Non-IDE disk Model (00JD-22FYB0 ) serial # (DWW-MAEH2676627) N Start LBA Length Start C/H/S End C/H/S boot Partition type 1 X 000016065 419425020 0001/000/01 1023/254/63 0F extended 2 S 000000063 061432497 0001/001/01 1023/254/63 0B Fat32 3 S 000000000 000000000 0000/000/00 0000/000/00 00 empty entry 4 P 419441085 000016065 1023/000/01 1023/254/63 0E Fat16 5 P 000000000 000000000 0000/000/00 0000/000/00 00 empty entry 6 P 000000000 000000000 0000/000/00 0000/000/00 00 empty entry </pre>	
Results:	Assertion & Expected Result	Actual Result
	AM-03 Access Significant Information unaltered	Access Significant Information unaltered
Analysis:	Expected results achieved	

<b>Test Case HWB-09 Variation hwb-09 Digital Intelligence UltraBlock SATA</b>	
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:	brl
Test Date:	run start Thu Sep 1 14:37:29 2005 run finish Thu Sep 1 14:42:47 2005

<b>Test Case HWB-09 Variation hwb-09 Digital Intelligence UltraBlock SATA</b>		
Test Configuration:	HOST: max HostToBlocker Monitor: none HostToBlocker PA: none HostToBlocker Interface: USB BlockerToDrive Monitor: none BlockerToDrive PA: none BlockerToDrive Interface: SATA Run Environment: Linux(HELIX)	
Drives:	Protected drive: 0C 0C is a SATA drive with 488397168 sectors (250 GB)	
Blocker Output:	30400/254/63 (max cyl/hd values) 30401/255/63 (number of cyl/hd) 488397168 total number of sectors cmd: ./diskchg hwb-08 max brl /dev/sdb -read 588397168 0 1 Disk addr lba 588397168 C/H/S 36626/7/38 offset 0 Disk read error 0xFFFFFFFF at sector 36626/7/38	
Results:	Assertion & Expected Result	Actual Result
	AM-04 Error code returned	Error code returned
Analysis:	Expected results achieved	

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2. Create scientific, relevant, and reliable knowledge—with a particular emphasis on terrorism, violent crime, drugs and crime, cost-effectiveness, and community-based efforts—to enhance the administration of justice and public safety.
3. Develop affordable and effective tools and technologies to enhance the administration of justice and public safety.

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4. Disseminate relevant knowledge and information to practitioners and policymakers in an understandable, timely, and concise manner.
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