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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, Internal Revenue Service Criminal Investigation's Electronic Crimes Program, and the U.S. Department of Homeland Security's Bureau of 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 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 ([Computer Forensics Tool Testing Program](#)) for review and comment by the computer forensics community.

This document reports the results from testing the **WiebeTech Forensic SATADock (USB Interface)** write blocker, against the *Hardware Write Blocker (HWB) Assertions and Test Plan Version 1.0*, available at the CFTT Web site ([Hardware Write Blocker \(HWB\) Assertions and Test Plan](#)). 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 tool 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: WiebeTech Forensic SATADock (USB Interface)
Model: FSDK
Serial No: 40701000039
Firmware: 22:32:43 Jan 11 2004 v1.05.0000

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

Supplier: WiebeTech LLC

Address: WiebeTech LLC
8200 East 34th Street North #1404
Wichita, KS 67226
866-744-8722
<http://www.wiebetech.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 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: file (attempt to use operating system commands to create and delete file system objects (files and directories) 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 Observations

For test case HWB-04-file, the protected drive was set up with two partitions, FAT32 and NTFS. The NTFS partition was not visible or accessible to Windows XP. It was therefore not possible to attempt to create or delete files and directories from the NTFS partition. In addition, the operating system on the test computer (Freddy) stopped responding during the test after an attempt to modify the FAT32 partition of the protected drive. Disconnecting the USB cable restored operation. In no case was the protected drive modified.

4 Testing Environment

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

4.1 Test Computers

One test computer was used: **Freddy**, which has the following configuration:

Intel Desktop Motherboard D865GB/D865PERC (with ATA–6 IDE onboard 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 drives

4.2 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.

4.3 Hard Disk Drives

The hard disk drives used in testing are described below.

Drive label: 109 Partition table Drive /dev/hdg 09728/254/63 (max cyl/hd values)
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<pre> 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 </pre>							
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- P primary partition (1-4)
- S secondary (sub) partition
- X primary extended partition (1-4)
- x secondary extended partition

4.4 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.

5 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.

5.1 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) Assertions and Test Plan Version 1.0</i> .
Assertions Tested	The test assertions applicable to the test case, selected 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 and completed.
Test Configuration	Identification of the following: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Host computer for executing the test case. 2. Laptop attached to each protocol analyzer. 3. Protocol analyzers monitoring each interface. 4. Interface between host and blocker. 5. Interface between blocker and protected drive. 6. Execution environment for tool sending commands from the host.
Hard Drives Used	Description of the protected hard drive.
Blocker Input	For test case HWB-02, a list of commands sent is provided. For test cases HWB-02 and HWB-04, an SHA1 value for the entire drive is provided for reference. For test case HWB-05, a string of known data from a given location is provided for reference.

Heading	Description
Blocker Output	<p>For test cases HWB-02, HWB-04, and HWB-07, an 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.

5.2 Test Details

Test Case HWB-02 Variation hwb-02 WiebeTech Forensic SATADOCK (USB)	
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:	kbr
Test Date:	run start Mon Apr 10 13:57:22 2006 run finish Mon Apr 10 14:04:05 2006
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
Drives:	Protected drive: 109 109 is a SATA drive with 156301488 sectors (80 GB)
Blocker Input:	SHA of 109 is FE7F2F3B735B37F685E13E14AA5FCF1C42561E08 - Commands Sent to Blocker 63 MODE 126 PREVENT/ALLOW 189 READ 42 READ(10) 683 REQUEST_SENSE 1 SEND(6) 252 TEST 4 WRITE 1 WRITE(10) 1 WRITE(12) 1 WRITE/VERIFY
Blocker Output:	CMD: /mnt/floppy/diskhash.csh hwb freddy kbr /dev/sdb 109 -

Test Case HWB-02 Variation hwb-02 WiebeTech Forensic SATADOCK (USB)		
	after FE7F2F3B735B37F685E13E14AA5FCF1C42561E08 -	
Results:	Assertion & Expected Result	Actual Result
	AM-01 Modifying commands blocked	Modifying commands blocked
Analysis:	Expected results achieved	

Test Case HWB-04 Variation hwb-04-file WiebeTech Forensic SATADOCK (USB)		
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:	kbr	
Test Date:	run start Tue May 2 13:03:35 2006 run finish Wed May 3 11:48:17 2006	
Test Configuration:	HOST: freddy HostToBlocker Monitor: none HostToBlocker PA: none HostToBlocker Interface: USB BlockerToDrive Monitor: none BlockerToDrive PA: none BlockerToDrive Interface: SATA Run Environment: WXP	
Drives:	Protected drive: 11 11 is a SATA drive with 312581808 sectors (160 GB)	
Blocker Input:	SHA of 11 is 2653AA0443BB572C36DD42E5FF21FA15362740AA - Commands are sent to blocker by OS operations: @echo off REM %1 is the directory where alpha, beta & gamma are created REM Redirect the output to a logfile REM hwb-mod . X: > dir-setup.txt echo "mod: %1" mkdir %1\delta rmdir %1\gamma copy %1\beta\zeta.txt %1\alpha copy %1\beta\omega.txt %1\delta del %1\beta\zeta.txt dir %1 /b /s	
Blocker Output:	Results for FAT partition: "mod: d:" Final SHA1 value: CMD: /mnt/floppy/diskhash.csh hwb-04-file freddy kbr /dev/sdb 11 -after 2653AA0443BB572C36DD42E5FF21FA15362740AA -	
Results:	Assertion & Expected Result	Actual Result
	AM-01 Modifying commands blocked	Modifying commands blocked

Test Case HWB-04 Variation hwb-04-file WiebeTech Forensic SATADOCK (USB)	
Analysis:	Expected results achieved

Test Case HWB-04 Variation hwb-04-img WiebeTech Forensic SATADOCK (USB)					
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:	kbr				
Test Date:	run start Tue Apr 11 15:12:24 2006 run finish Tue Apr 11 15:23:14 2006				
Test Configuration:	HOST: freddy HostToBlocker Monitor: none HostToBlocker PA: none HostToBlocker Interface: USB BlockerToDrive Monitor: none BlockerToDrive PA: none BlockerToDrive Interface: SATA Run Environment: IXimager				
Drives:	Protected drive: 109 109 is a SATA drive with 156301488 sectors (80 GB)				
Blocker Input:	SHA of 109 is FE7F2F3B735B37F685E13E14AA5FCF1C42561E08 - Commands are sent to blocker by imaging tool				
Blocker Output:	CMD: /mnt/floppy/diskhash.csh hwb freddy kbr /dev/sdb 109 - after FE7F2F3B735B37F685E13E14AA5FCF1C42561E08 -				
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AM-01 Modifying commands blocked	Modifying commands blocked				
Analysis:	Expected results achieved				

Test Case HWB-05 Variation hwb-05 WiebeTech Forensic SATADOCK (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 May 11 14:19:06 2006 run finish Thu May 11 14:37:42 2006
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

Test Case HWB-05 Variation hwb-05 WiebeTech Forensic SATADOCK (USB)					
Drives:	Protected drive: 0a				
Blocker Input:	Commands Sent to Blocker Read sector 32767 for the string: 00002/010/08 000000032767				
Blocker Output:	00032/008/08 000000032767				
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AM-02 Read commands allowed	Read commands allowed				
Analysis:	Expected results achieved				

Test Case HWB-07 Variation hwb-07 WiebeTech Forensic SATADOCK (USB)							
Case Summary:	HWB-07 Read a protected drive with forensic tools.						
Assertions Tested:	<p>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.</p> <p>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.</p>						
Tester Name:	kbr						
Test Date:	run start Tue Apr 11 17:29:12 2006 run finish Wed Apr 12 09:44:23 2006						
Test Configuration:	<p>HOST: freddy</p> <p>HostToBlocker Monitor: none</p> <p>HostToBlocker PA: none</p> <p>HostToBlocker Interface: USB</p> <p>BlockerToDrive Monitor: none</p> <p>BlockerToDrive PA: none</p> <p>BlockerToDrive Interface: SATA</p> <p>Run Environment: IXimager</p>						
Drives:	Protected drive: 109 109 is a SATA drive with 156301488 sectors (80 GB)						
Blocker Input:	SHA of 109 is FE7F2F3B735B37F685E13E14AA5FCF1C42561E08 - Commands Sent to Blocker Commands are sent to blocker by imaging tool						
Blocker Output:	Apr 11 18:49:38 iimager: SHA-1 Value : fe7f2f3b735b37f685e13e14aa5fcf1c42561e08						
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AM-03 Access Significant Information unaltered	Access Significant Information unaltered						
Analysis:	Expected results achieved						

Test Case HWB-08 Variation hwb-08 WiebeTech Forensic SATADOCK (USB)	
Case Summary:	HWB-08 Identify access significant information unmodified by the HWB.

Test Case HWB-08 Variation hwb-08 WiebeTech Forensic SATADOCK (USB)					
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 Wed Apr 12 09:46:42 2006 run finish Wed Apr 12 09:48:31 2006				
Test Configuration:	HOST: freddy HostToBlocker Monitor: none HostToBlocker PA: none HostToBlocker Interface: USB BlockerToDrive Monitor: none BlockerToDrive PA: none BlockerToDrive Interface: SATA Run Environment: Linux				
Drives:	Protected drive: 109 109 is a SATA drive with 156301488 sectors (80 GB)				
Blocker Output:	cmd: /mnt/floppy/partab hwb-08 freddy kbr /dev/sdb 109 -all 156301488 total number of sectors				
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	Assertion & Expected Result	Actual Result			
AM-03 Access Significant Information unaltered	Access Significant Information unaltered				
Analysis:	Expected results achieved				

Test Case HWB-09 Variation hwb-09 WiebeTech Forensic SATADOCK (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 Wed Apr 12 09:50:24 2006 run finish Wed Apr 12 09:53:00 2006
Test Configuration:	HOST: freddy HostToBlocker Monitor: none HostToBlocker PA: none HostToBlocker Interface: USB BlockerToDrive Monitor: none BlockerToDrive PA: none BlockerToDrive Interface: SATA Run Environment: Linux
Drives:	Protected drive: 109 109 is a SATA drive with 156301488 sectors (80 GB)
Blocker Output:	09728/254/63 (max cyl/hd values) 09729/255/63 (number of cyl/hd) 156301488 total number of sectors cmd: /mnt/floppy/diskchg hwb-09 freddy kbr /dev/sdb -read 256301488 0 1 Disk addr lba 256301488 C/H/S 15954/7/38 offset 0

Test Case HWB-09 Variation hwb-09 WiebeTech Forensic SATADOCK (USB)		
	Disk read error 0xFFFFFFFF at sector 15954/7/38	
Results:	Assertion & Expected Result	Actual Result
	AM-04 Error code returned	Error code returned
Analysis:	Expected results achieved	

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