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Restrict which applications can print to the Black Ice Printer Drivers

Take control of the Black Ice printer drivers by accepting print jobs only from specific applications.

The Black Ice printer driver just got better with a new feature which allows the driver to refuse any print jobs other than those coming from the developer's printing application. The restriction is made using a password. The printer driver will print jobs only from the application that "knows" the password. The password can be any string defined by the developer.

The Black Ice printer driver will scan the document name passed by the printing application for the presence of the password, i.e the $MyPassword$ string. If the password string is present in the document name, the files are generated, if the document name does not contain the password, the print job will be aborted.

Developers can integrate this feature into their applications which use the printer driver to ensure that no other application,

Encoding Binary Data with the Black Ice 2D Barcode Toolkits

The Black Ice Barcode Toolkits provide both DLLs and ActiveX controls which allow developers to encode and decode a wide variety of barcode symbols, including both 1D and 2D symbologies. The 2D DataMatrix and the PDF 417 barcode symbols are capable of storing large amounts of information into a relatively small barcode symbol. In addition to storing ASCII values, both the PDF 417 and DataMatrix symbols are capable of storing binary data, such as images, documents or even applications.

One possible use for binary data encoding with a barcode symbol would be to store and encrypt sensitive information, such as patient re-

Original image, see page 2 for the generated barcode symbol

Black Ice Printer Drivers - Maintain the same input and output filenames

The Black Ice printer driver supports seven filename generation methods:

- Use the prefix and extension
- Prefix and extension from the registry
- Prefix and extension from the INI file
- Exact filename
- Exact filename from the registry
- Exact filename from the INI file
- Use the document name

In the past, the "Use the document name"

has created some confusion among our customers. Many developers, when printing programmatically to the Black Ice printer, would like to use the file name of the original printed document as the file name of the generated image file. This is not directly possible since printer drivers are not aware of the name of the file printed by the printing application. When a printer driver prepares the print job, the printing application can pass a string to the printer driver specifying the document name, but in most cases that
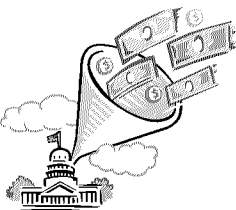
Hardware Installation Guide: Installing and Configuring Brooktrout TR1034 Fax Boards on Windows 2003, see page 3 for details...

April is here at last, now we can all look forward to the following three things:

1. April Showers

2. Paying Taxes

3. The Month of May

May 2005						
Sun	Mo	Tue	We	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31				

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such as Word, Excel, etc. can print to the Black Ice printer driver.

Real world scenario:

The new feature is very useful in situations where an application is developed to print data from a specific database to the Black Ice printer driver and then email to a destination or otherwise post process the printed images or PDF files. The application would check for the EndDoc message sent by the printer driver to process and email the created file. Lets assume that only files created and printed based on the database information should be emailed. In the case that a user on the PC accidentally prints from Word, Excel or any other application to the Black Ice printer driver, this incorrect information would be printed, processed and sent by the developer's application.

Using the new password feature this scenario cannot happen, since Word will not put the password into the document name.

The new print job restriction functionality also ensures that end users aren't abusing the developer's application by simply taking advantage of the presence of a document conversion printer driver for use with other applications.

The password must be specified in the INI file for the printer driver, and such can be specified at install time or changed programmatically at any time:

[Settings]

Password=$MyPassword$

The password feature is not intended to be used to authenticate users. If you need a secure method to restrict printing only for a limited number of users, you can use the BiPlug-in feature. To read more about the BiPlug-in feature, visit

http://www.blackice.com/ Printer Drivers/Custom Plug In Support.htm
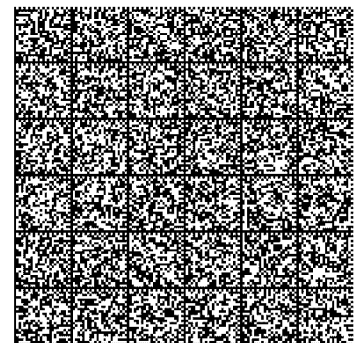

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cords or even fingerprints. By encoding the data into a barcode symbol, the information can only be retrieved by detecting and decoding the barcode symbol. Using this approach can prevent prying eyes from accessing critical information.

Encoding data into barcode symbols can be used to pro-

tect information, however it is not intended to be a replacement for data encryption.

The Black Ice PDF 417 and DataMatrix toolkits support ASCII and Binary data encoding. Interested parties are encouraged to download an evaluation copy of the toolkits from the Black Ice website:

http://www.blackice.com/ barcode.htm

The generated DataMatrix barcode symbol

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is not the same as the actual file name. For example if Word prints a file called test.doc, the document name passed by Word to the printer driver will be "Microsoft Word – test.doc". But there is hope! Using the BlackIceDEVMODE.dll or BlackIceDEVMODE.ocx controls, developers can solve this issue in a few steps.

1. When printing is done automatically, the printing application knows the name of the file which is going to be printed. Before printing, the application must read the name of the source file.

2. Once you have the name of the source file, use the BlackIceDEVMODE.dll or BlackIceDEVMODE.ocx controls to change the filename generation method to "Use exact filename" and set the output file name using the SetImageFileName() function to the desired file name. Cutting the extension of the original file, and replacing it with the file extension for the current file type can create the desired file name. Use the GetFileExtension() function to get the current file extension for the currently used file format.

Using these simple steps it is possible to create images having the source document's name. The latest Black Ice Printer Driver RTKs includes a simple sample application which demonstrates the above steps and can be used as a starting point for implementing this functionality in your own application.

## Installing and Configuring Brooktrout TR1034 fax boards on Windows 2003

Windows 2003 includes built in Brooktrout drivers which are of a different version than those supported by the Black Ice Fax C++/ActiveX or Impact Fax applications. In order to install and utilize a Brooktrout TR1034 on a Windows 2003 Server, you should perform the following steps:

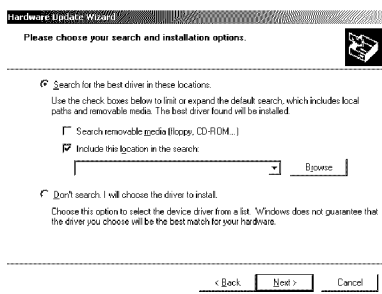1. Insert the Brooktrout board and boot the system.

2. When the **Found New Hardware Wizard** appears click **No, not this time** and click **Next** as shown below.

3. On the next screen, click **Install from a list or specific location (Advanced)** and click **Next**.
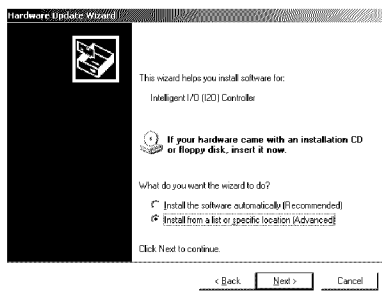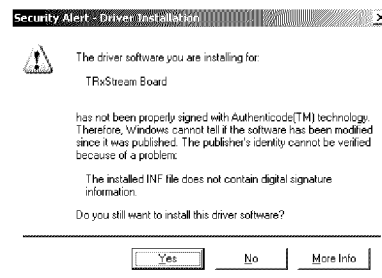

4. Next, check **only** the **Include this location in the search:** check box and click the **Browse** button.

5. When the **Browse** dialog appears, find the **BFAX_TR1000/Driver Files/ Winpnp** directory in the Black Ice products root folder. Click **OK** to close the **Browse** dialog and click **Next** on the **Hardware Update Dialog.**
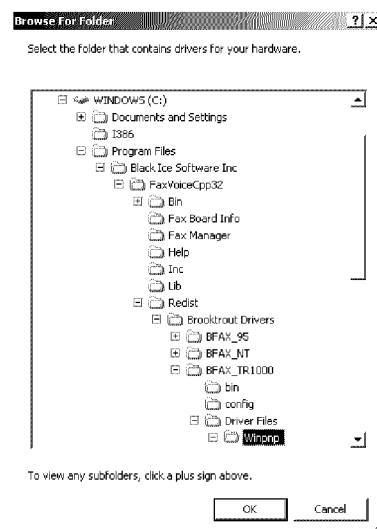
6. If a **Security Alert** dialog appears as shown below, click **Yes**.

7. When the **Brooktrout Hardware** dialog appears click **No.**
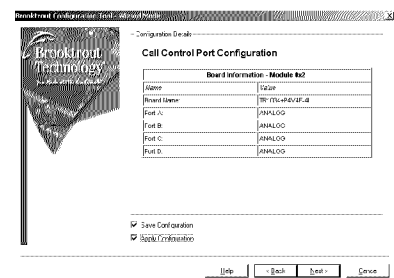

8. Click **Finish** to complete the driver installation.

9. Open **My Computer** and navigate to the **BFAX_TR1000\bin** folder in the Black Ice product directory (Program Files\Black Ice Software \PRODUCT-NAME \BFAX_TR1000\bin). Double click **ConfigTool.exe.** The Brooktrout Configuration Tool Wizard will appear as shown below.
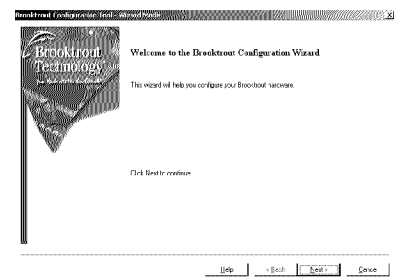
10. Click **Next** to view the **System Report** and click **Next** again to select the Country and Protocol Options. Finally click **Next** after configuring the Country and Protocols to view the **Configuration Details** make sure to check the **Apply Configuration** check box and ensure that the **Save Configuration** checkbox is also checked. Click **Next.**

11. Finally, click **Finish** and your Brooktrout Board is configured.

Visit http://www.blackice.com/Hardware-Guide.htm for additional Black Ice Fax Hardware Installation Instructions

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Printer Drivers

Product	Version	Date
Printer Drivers for ME/98/95 Monochrome, Color, Metafile and PDF	5.71	3/10/05
Printer Drivers for XP/2000/NT Color, ColorPlus, Metafile, Monochrome and PDF	9.20	4/04/05
Printer Drivers for 2003, Citrix and Terminal Servers Color, ColorPlus, Metafile, Monochrome and PDF	9.20	4/04/05

Fax, Voice and Image Toolkits

Product	Version	Date
Fax C++/ActiveX/COM	11.09	3/03/05
Voice C++/ActiveX/COM	11.09	3/03/05
Tiff SDK/ActiveX/COM	10.33	2/22/05
Annotation SDK/ActiveX/COM	10.33	2/22/05
Cover Page Generator SDK/ActiveX	10.33	2/22/05
Image SDK/ActiveX	10.33	2/22/05
Document Imaging SDK/ActiveX	10.33	2/22/05
Barcode SDK/ActiveX	4.20	10/04/04

Impact Products

Product	Version	Date
Impact Fax Server	6.00	3/28/05
Impact Fax on Demand	4.06	12/01/00
Impact Fax Broadcast	4.30	12/13/04
Impact ColorFax	6.00	7/22/04
Drag and Drop Printing	2.00	12/24/02

Free Software

	Version	Date
Impact ColorFax Lite	6.00	7/22/04
Tiff Viewer Plug-in - Free Version	6.00	7/22/04
ModemWeasel	2.00	8/01/02

Internet Tools

	Version	Date
Print2Email	4.00	2/14/05
Tiff Viewer Plug-in - Complete	6.00	7/22/04
Print Monitoring Server	3.00	9/16/04