

Forward Discovery Releases Raptor 2.0 and Announces Raptor USB



Alexandria, Virginia (May 3, 2010) -- Forward Discovery, Inc. announces today the release of version 2 of their free forensic acquisition and preview software for digital investigations. Forward Discovery's Raptor software is used by law enforcement, government and corporate forensic investigators around the world to safely image digital media such as computers, laptops, hard drives and external devices.

Raptor is a modified live Linux distribution based on Ubuntu that simplifies the process of creating forensic images in a forensically sound manner. Raptor was designed with the understanding that many of those tasked with creating forensic images are not comfortable with using the command-line but still want to utilize the power of Linux. Raptor was also designed with the understanding that many agencies or companies have limited budgets.

Some of Raptor's key features include:

- Ability to boot PCs and Intel Macs to a safe environment (including the MacBook Air).
- Capable of imaging to several formats including Expert Witness (.E01), Apple Disk Image (.dmg) and Raw (.dd).
- Can create device clones.
- Ability to create two forensic images or clones at the same time.
- Easily image across a network
- Drives can be formatted as NTFS, HFS+, FAT32 or EXT3
- A forensic image of only the Unallocated Space, Free Space and File Slack can be created.
- Able to quickly wipe (sterilize), verify and hash media or forensic images.
- Automatically updates via the Internet.
- Media can be searched and previewed by file name, keywords or MIME types.

A preconfigured credit card style USB version of Raptor 2.0 was also announced today. The Raptor 2.0 USB thumbdrive is being sold for \$49.95 USD. Forward Discovery stated that the proceeds from the sale of the USB version will go to support keeping the CD versions of Raptor free.

More information about the free CD version and the USB version can be found at Forward Discovery's website - www.forwarddiscovery.com.

About Forward Discovery, Inc.

Forward Discovery is a global leader in computer forensics, incident response, and eDiscovery. Forward Discovery's team consists of world class experts, with extensive law enforcement and information security backgrounds. Forward Discovery also offers industry leading training in a variety of investigative and forensics areas relating to digital evidence or information security.

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