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Technology Pathways Releases Freeware Forensic Software

ProDiscover® Basic provides complete forensic tool to help stop computer crime and provide forensic education.

Coronado, Ca, November 28, 2005, Technology Pathways, LLC announced today the release of ProDiscover® Basic, a new freeware version of the ProDiscover Family of Computer Forensic Software. ProDiscover Basic provides a complete computer forensic solution including the ability to collect, preserve, analyze, and report on computer evidence.

“We want to help the smaller law enforcement departments and agencies that need computer forensics capability, but can’t afford it” stated Steve Richardson, President & CEO of Technology Pathways. “We also see a large need by colleges and universities for a tool to help teach forensics in the classroom.”

ProDiscover Basic is an easy to use, GUI based, complete forensic package. It utilizes the same court accepted capability to image computer disk drives, create hash signatures for authenticity verification, perform comprehensive analysis, and create comprehensive reports as the rest of the ProDiscover family. “While it doesn’t include all the features of the rest of the product family, ProDiscover Basic can be used to work a complete case” according to Christopher L.T. Brown, founder and CTO of Technology Pathways. “It will be a helpful tool to all forensics practitioners.”

ProDiscover Basic can operate on virtually all Windows based file systems and is limited to operating on locally attached disk and image files. It can recover deleted files, search unallocated and slack space for hidden evidence and can read and write dd images for compatibility with other forensic tools. ProDiscover Basic can even wipe used disk drives to prepare them to store evidence and avoid cross contamination. With its extensive integrated help capability and an electronic copy of the user manual, ProDiscover Basic is easy to use for computer forensic practitioners.

To be effective, computer forensic practitioners require training. Computer forensics practitioners should be trained on the basics of evidence handling such as preserving the chain of evidence as well as have extensive computer knowledge before using any computer forensic tool. Training for computer forensics is already available from many sources including SANS, HTCIA, IACIS, and many universities and colleges. ProDiscover Basic training will also be made available from a wide range of sources.

ProDiscover Basic is available for download from the Resource Section of the Technology Pathways web site at www.techpathways.com. It is licensed to be freely used and shared, but may not be resold for profit. Details of the end user license are included with the downloaded code.

Technology Pathways, LLC is a leading edge provider of computer and network security tools and services for the Corporate IT, government, education, and legal communities. The ProDiscover® family of products provides affordable software solutions in the areas of computer forensics, incident response, system auditing, internal investigations and electronic discovery. Our CISSP certified consultants provide security, forensic and discovery services to corporations and law firms. Technology Pathways products and services are utilized nationally by major corporations and government agencies.

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