

## **BLANCCO LUN FOR WINDOWS**

User Manual

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#### **ABSTRACT**

This is the official Blancco LUN for Windows User Manual. Blancco is the proven data erasure solution for millions of users around the world. As the pioneer and global leader in data sanitization and end-of-lifecycle solutions, the company offers the most certified data erasure within the industry.

Blancco LUN allows data storage administrators to securely erase individual drives, as well as logical drives (such as LUNs), in an active storage environment.



## **DEFINITIONS**

ITEM	EXPLANATION	
administrator rights	To execute some actions on a computer administrator rights may be required. This means that only the person with permission and unrestricted access, or the administrator, has the rights to implement said act.	
command line	The line on the display screen where a command is expected. Generally, the command line is the line that contains the most recently displayed command prompt.	
console	A console based program uses a text based interface. Many console applications are command line tools.	
Diskpart	Diskpart is a command line utility that supports the use of scripts to automate its procedure.	
DWORD	DWORD is one of the terms used to describe a variety of sizes of data. A DWORD consists of two WORDs which is equal to 32 bits.	
HASP key is inserted in a USB port and contains the Blancco licensing data.		
HTML	HTML, which stands for Hyper Text Markup Language, is the predominant markup language for web pages. It provides a possibility to create structured documents by denoting structural semantics for text such as headings, paragraphs, lists etc. as well as for links, quotes, and other items.	
IDE, SCSI, FC and iSCSI	They differ in everything from Cable amount, drives per bus, and transmitting	
LUN	Logical Unit Number is a unique number, from 0 to 7, used to identify a logical unit (or) SCSI devices (e.g. external hard drives).	
string	String is a data type consisting of a sequence of characters. A string is often carried out as a word (byte).	
XML	eXtensible Markup Language is a markup language that defines a set of rules for interpreting documents.	



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#### **BLANCCO LUN**

Blancco LUN is created for demanding enterprise environments where secure data erasure of individual disks or logical disk units, such as LUNs, needs to be performed in active data storage environments and systems.

#### FEATURES AND REQUIREMENTS

#### **Key Features**

- Shred any type of disk drive supported by Microsoft Windows, including IDE, SCSI, FC and iSCSI.
- Easy to use administrative interface based on command line.
- Multiple drives can be shredded concurrently and/or simultaneously.
- Supports all leading data erasure standards which enable compliance with different policies and regulations referring to erasure standards.
- Detailed secure reporting based on XML format compliant with Blancco Management Console for centralized reporting.

#### **System Requirements**

Windows Server: 2012 R2, 2012, 2008, 2003 all versions. Windows 8.1, Windows 8, 7, Vista and XP all versions.

The Windows OS installed on suitable hardware with:

- A minimum of 15 MB of free disk space
- 10 MB of free RAM
- Mouse or keyboard
- Appropriate drivers for the drives to be erased
- net 2.0 or later required to be able to use full reporting functionality.

32-bit and 64-bit systems both supported.

#### **System Overview**

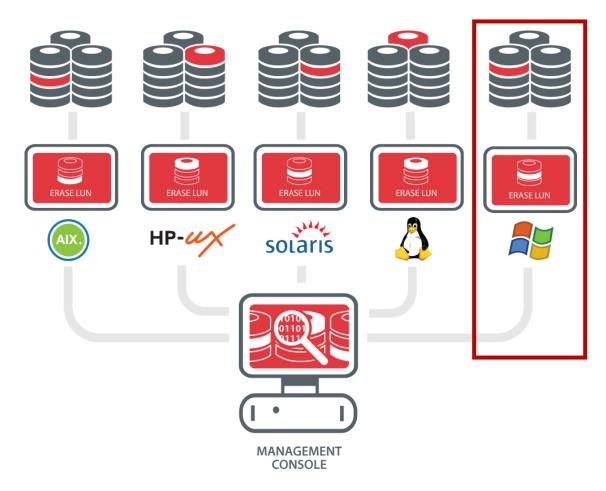
Blancco LUN is a Windows based solution. That means it has the ability to erase all units that a Windows system can detect and use. If any unique drivers need to be installed in order to make the drive work in Windows, these have to be installed before the erasure is performed. Any logical disk unit or individual disk correctly attached to a Windows system with the solution installed can be securely erased on the logical level.

The solution is optimized for individual disks or logical disk units such as LUNs and does not try to dissolve any raid configuration or access the hardware without using the BIOS. The solution erases the mounted user accessible part of functional drives and assemblies of drives.



#### Licensing

The license system is connected to the Blancco Management Console and the Blancco HASP system. The HASP key used must be activated with the solution ID, the number of gigabytes possible to erase, as well as the agreed end date in a contract. There are also options to license the solution per system or under a site license. Please contact your sales representative to go through these licensing options.



Picture: Overview of Blancco LUN (all options). Marked in red is the Windows Edition.

### **Administrator Rights Required**

The solution is designed for shredding the whole drive. It will first remove any partitions and file systems on the drive to free up the whole writeable area. After that it will overwrite the whole writeable area on the drive sector by sector according to the selected erasure standard.

In Windows you need to have administrator rights to be able to write directly to a device. Hence, you need to start the solution as administrator.



## INSTALL/UNINSTALL

#### **Evaluation**

Blancco LUN is available through your local Blancco representative. Contact us to receive an evaluation version of the software or for licensing information.

#### Install

Install the solution with the self-extracting compressed executable.

This opens an installation wizard that will guide you through the necessary installation steps.

The installation package can also be delivered as an msi-package upon request.

#### Uninstall

Use "Add/Remove Programs" in the Control Panel to remove Blancco LUN.



#### **USER GUIDELINES**

The solution consists of a console based program running on a Windows system and is started from a console that is running with administrator user rights.

#### Usage

When installing the software a program folder is chosen. When starting a program from the Windows command line you need to be in the program folder to begin with.

A normal installation will give the following path for starting the program:

C:\Program Files\Blancco\Blancco LUN>BlanccoLUN.exe

As seen above, you start the actual program by using the actual .exe name: BlanccoLUN.exe

This starts the program and "Blancco LUN" is displayed. When you start the program from the console without any parameters or with /?, the program will print out a short help instruction as seen below.



#### List attached drives

The parameter /list shows all the drives attached to the machine that can be securely erased.

Tip: The drive does not need to be mounted or represented by a drive letter in order to show up in the list.

```
Drive number: 0
Drive name: Kung Foo (C:)
Drive name: Kung Foo (C:)
Drive letter: C
Device name: WDC WD3000HLFS-01G6U0
Device path name: \\?\PhysicalDrive0
Device model: Intel(R) ICH8R/ICH9R/ICH10R/DO SATA RAID Controller
Device model: 00HLFS-01G6U
Device vendor: WDC WD30
Device bus: IDE
Device bus: IDE
Device port: 0
Device port: 0
Device path: 0
Device target: 0
Device LUN: 0
Device disk id: 23B7EB58
Device sectors: 586072368
Device serial nr: W -DXW014C099084
Device path: \\?\ide#diskwdc_wd3000hlfs-01g6u0______04.
                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             04.04v01#4&19f3
  Drive number: 1
Drive name: Storage (D:)
Drive name: Storage (D:)
Drive letter: D
Device name: Storage
Device path name: \\?\PhysicalDrive1
Device adaptor: Intel(R) ICH8R/ICH9R/ICH10R/DO SATA RAID Controller
Device model: Raid 1 Volume
Device vendor: Intel
Device bus: IDE
Device bus: IDE
Device bus type: RAID
Device port: 0
Device port: 0
Device path: 0
Device target: 1
Device LUN: 0
Device disk id: BED71A78
Device sectors: 1953519616
Device serial nr: Storage
Device size: 931.51
Device path: \\?\ide#diskstorage1.0.00_#4&19feaa6c&0&0.1.0#
  Drive number: 2
Drive name: Sumo (E:)
Drive name: Sumo (E:)
Drive letter: E
Device name: Hitachi HDS721010KLA330
Device path name: \\?\PhysicalDrive2
Device model: HDS721010KLA
Device model: HDS721010KLA
Device vendor: Hitachi
Device bus: IDE
Device bus: IDE
Device port: 0
Device port: 0
Device path: 0
Device target: 2
Device LUN: 0
Device disk id: F6E2AEF4
Device sectors: 1953525168
Device serial nr: TG0H00APSGZJHU
Device path: \\?\ide#diskhitachi_hds721010kla330__________gka
                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             gkaoa70m#4&19f3
  Drive number: 3
 Drive name:
Drive letter:
Drive letter:
Device name: IET VIRTUAL-DISK SCSI Disk Device
Device path name: \\?\PhysicalDrive3
Device adaptor: Microsoft iSCSI Initiator
Device adaptor: Microsoft iSCSI Initiator
Device model: VIRTUAL-DISK
Device vendor: IET
Device bus: SCSI
Device bus: SCSI
Device bus type: iSCSI
Device bus type: iSCSI
Device port: 3
Device path: 0
Device target: 0
Device target: 0
Device target: 0
Device sectors: 20971520
Device sectors: 20971520
Device serial nr: 09b28139e0c9bd190991d3197e13144b
Device path: \\?\scsi#disk&ven_iet&prod_virtual-disk#1&1c121344&0&000000#{53f56}
```



As seen in the example picture Blancco LUN lists information per drive. This information includes the actual path as well as the unique ID for a listed disk or a listed logical unit. This ID is called Device disk id in the list.

#### **Diskpart**

The same drive list is shown in Microsoft utility DISKPART.



The drives are represented by the same numbers in DISKPART as in the Blancco program.

Tip: If the user is more familiar working with DISKPART, DISKPART can be used to identify the correct drives and then use *Disk nr* to start the erasure process.



#### Erase a drive

To start an erasure, use the parameter /shred followed by the algorithm of choice and which drive or drives to shred (with space in between each new input value).

Example: /shred 0 3 5

This example will shred drive three using the HMG Infosec Baseline standard. After the completion of drive number three, drive number five will be shredded with the same algorithm.

The algorithm is selected by the number in the table below and the drive by the number presented in the list produced by the parameter /list.

During the erasure the administrator can follow the progress.

Picture: Erasure in progress

After the operation is completed the program clearly indicates if the operation was successful or not. The program also displays where the log file has been saved. Please see example of both successful and failed operations below:

```
Blancco LUN Eraser

Blancco LUN Eraser

Blancco LUN Eraser is shredding drive number 1:

Drive number 1 was shredded successfully
Speed: 4.12 MB/s - Elapsed time: 00:01:02 - Time left: 00:00:00

Log file was created:
C:\Users\ AppData\Roaming\Blancco\Blancco\LUN Eraser\Logs\xml\2011\May\05-18-2011-1043.xml

Application exiting.
C:\Program Files (x86)\Blancco\Blancco\LUN Eraser>
```

Picture: Successful shredding



```
Blancco LUN Eraser

Blancco LUN Eraser is shredding drive number 1:

Drive number 1 could not be shredded successfully

Speed: 4.00 MB/s - Elapsed time: 00:00:08 - Time left: 00:00:55

Log file was created:

C:\Users\ AppData\Roaming\Blancco\Blancco LUN Eraser\Logs\xml\2011\May\05-18-2011-1048.xml

Application exiting.

C:\Program Files (x86)\Blancco\Blancco LUN Eraser>_
```

Picture: Unsuccessful shredding



#### Erase multiple drives simultaneously

By giving the following command, multiple drives will be erased at the same time:

/multishred

In the following example, drives 8, 12, 13 and 14 will be erased:

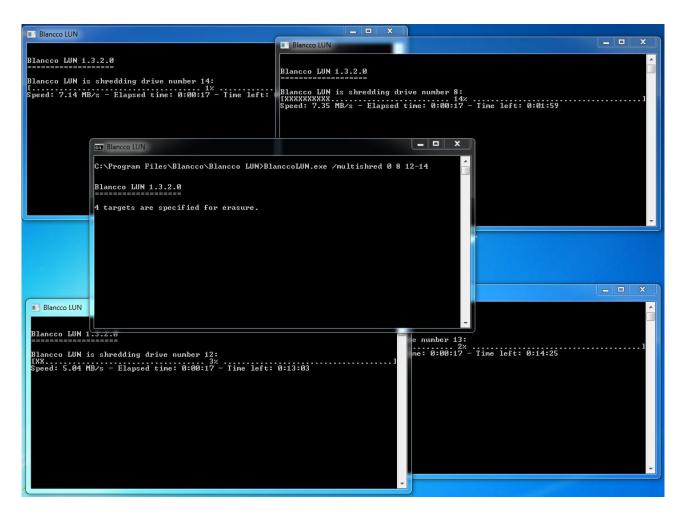
/multishred 0 8 12-14

Upon completion, the value "0" indicates a successful erasure while "1" indicates a failure. If for example, the given command was /multishred 0 600 8-9 but drive 600 did not exist, the output would be as follows:

```
/shred 0 600 ended with 1
/shred 0 8 ended with 0
/shred 0 9 ended with 0
```

On the next page we see an example of four drives being simultaneously erased:





#### **Erasure standards**

The following erasure standards are available as default. Others can be requested and implemented as part of a contracted solution.

Number	Shredding Algorithms (as used above)	Overwriting rounds
0	HMG Infosec, Lower standard (DEFAULT ALGORITHM)	1
1	HMG Infosec, Higher standard	3
2	Peter Guttman's Algorithm	35
3	U.S. Department of Defense	3
4	Bruce Schneier's Algorithm	7
5	Navy Staff Office Publication	3
6	National Computer Security Center	4
7	Air Force System Security	4
8	US Army	3
9	German Standard VSITR	7
10	OPNAVINST 5239.1A (Chief of Naval Operations Instruction)	3
11	National Security Agency 130-1	3
12	U.S. Department of Defense 5220.22-M ECE	7
13	BSI-2011-VS (Similar)	3



You also have the option to view the erasure standards with the command /standards as seen below:



#### REPORTING

The solution will log information about the shredding in log files. These log files can be handled by an administrator. The report includes time, date and the serial number from the unit being erased as well as information about the user and erasure standard. There are also optional extra fields that are possible to include into the report format.

#### CONFIGURATION

All the settings for the reporting are done through registry values that can be set by using the Blancco Setup Tool.

The Setup Tool allows you to configure license management, include extra fields in the report process and also enable automatic connection to the Blancco Management Console.

See the below paragraphs for how to use the Blancco Setup Tool.

Start this tool by using parameter: /setup
Or use the Windows Start menu and "Setup Tool" under Blancco LUN.

#### License management

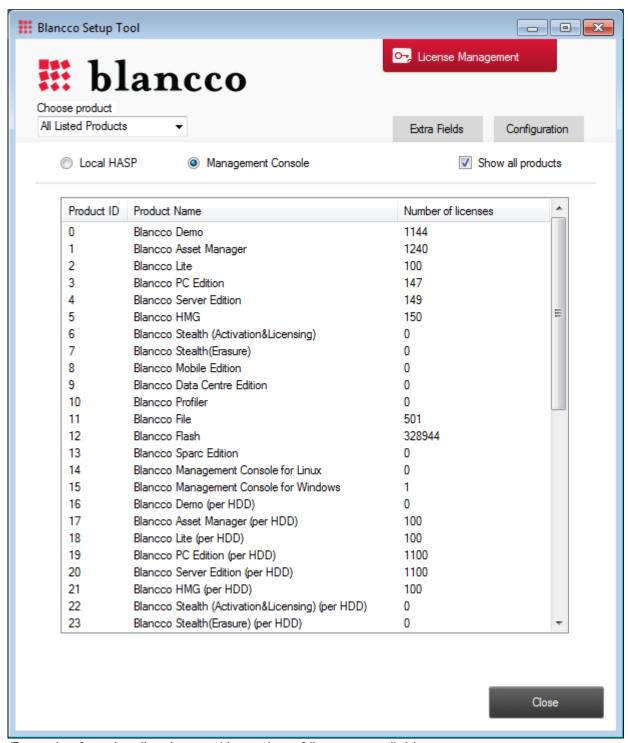
When you click the red field "license management", you can choose which product you want to set up in the drop down list and then if you want to activate licensing from a local Blancco HASP-key or from a HASP-key in the Blancco Management Console.







If you check the box "show all products", you will see a list of all Blancco products and the current number of licenses available to you on the selected HASP-key.

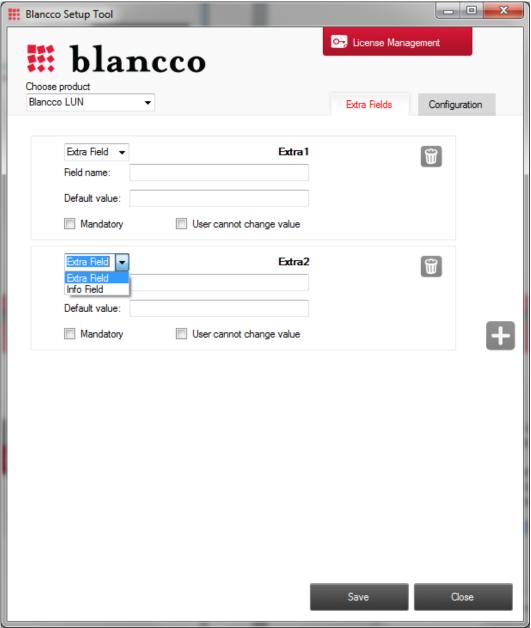


Example of product list shown with number of licenses available.

#### Extra fields and info fields in the log files and the GUI

The extra/info fields are added into the report by using the Blancco Setup Tool. Click the Management Console Setup – button located in Settings. In the Setup Tool window (see below), choose product "Blancco Flash". In the "Extra Fields" – tab, add a new field by pressing the + below.

These fields are named Extra1, Extra2 or Info1, Info2 and so on (choose Extra or Info fields depending on your current usage of the Blancco Management Console and how data fields are integrated into other systems etc. The most common is to use the Extra fields.).



Example of adding Extra fields into the Blancco LUN report.

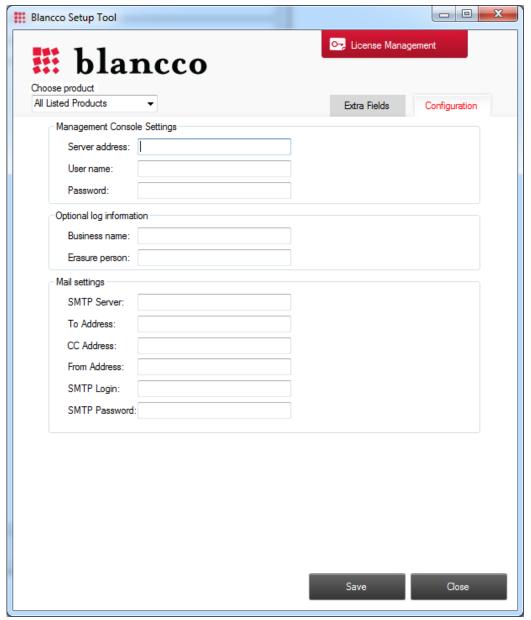


#### Automatically connect to the Management Console

To automatically send reports into the Blancco Management Console you need to specify the "Server address", "User name" and "Password" in the Management Console Settings – fields. The User name and Password should be the same as the account on the Blancco Management Console where you want the reports from the selected product to end up.

To also add information into the report fields "Business name" and "Erasure person" use the Optional log information – fields in the same box.

The reports generated can also be sent directly by email from the erasure client. In the Mail settings section, please specify the right information.



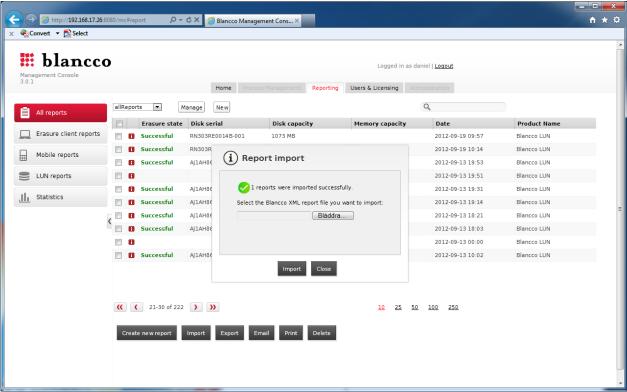
Connect to the Blancco Management Console, add report information and send report also via e-mail.



## Importing the reports manually to Blancco Management Console for Windows

The XML reports generated can also be manually imported into the Blancco Management Console for Windows. The reports are available one by one or all at once. The single files are named after date and time when the operation started in minutes and the file with all reports is called all.xml.

To import the reports into the Blancco Management Console the HASP key needs to have a license for Blancco LUN as a product.



Example of view after successful import.

If a successful import of all reports has been made we recommend that you remove the all.xml which will create a new file that includes only the new reports made that are not yet imported into the database.

#### Changing the local log path

The default log path is under the application data path for the local user. To change this to another local path or to a central storage point other than the Blancco Management Console, please create the following registry value.

HKEY_LOCAL_MACHINE\SOFTWARE\Blancco\Blancco LUN\Settings					
String	LogPath	Z:\logs	The value identifies the folder in which the log file will be saved.		
String	LogFileName	[Extra:1:Value]	An option to rename the actual log report file. This example will take the value of the "Extra1" field in the report and use that as the name. The program will add .xml after the value.  Note: Any value can be used as the file name. If the extra field is not specified the registry value will be used as file name directly. Example: If "log" if specified the log file will be named "log.xml".		

#### Generate HTML and PDF report from a customized template

As a default, an XML log is generated. Also a HTML report is created from a template file. This HTML file is also used for creating a PDF file. The PDF format is set so you cannot change the information in the PDF file once it is generated. The default setting is that all formats are generated. To change this change the registry settings as described below.

You can create a custom designed report by changing the special template that is included in the solution. You can also change the path to the template if necessary with registry settings.

Note: These registry settings are the same no matter if you have 32 or 64 bit systems.

HKEY_LOCAL_MACHINE\SOFTWARE\Blancco\Blancco XML Reports					
String	TemplateFilePath	Path to the template	Defines the path to a template used when generating a customized report. If this value does not exist no extra report is generated.		
DWORD	MakeLogIntoPdf	Possible values are 0 and 1.  0 = Don't make pdfs  1 = Make pdfs from the template report	Defines if a pdf should be generated of the template generated report. If emailing of the report is activated the pdf is sent.		



#### **Buffer size**

Blancco LUN supports a variety of different storage equipment. Depending of the type of storage the amount of I/O sent at one time can affect the performance of the erasure. The user can affect this amount by changing the parameter *BufferSize*.

If the *BufferSize* parameter is not set the software will try to use the preferred size specified by the hardware and the operating system. Especially in high-end storage systems this size is normally too small to get the optimal erasure performance.

Note that Blancco LUN requires double the amount of RAM based off of the buffer size. For example, if the buffer size is 512MB, then 1024MB of RAM will be used.

If you want the software to automatically change the buffer depending on the current performance and are defining this value in Command Line Interface, the value -1 can be used.

The buffer size then changes each minute depending on the current performance.

If the same storage is erased over and over again the most efficient is to manually specify a buffer size that is believed to optimize performance. The software will then run the entire operation with the specified buffer size. The buffer size used needs to be divisible by 1024.

To change the buffer size, give the command *BlanccoLUN.exe /buffersize* as seen below:

```
Administrator: C:\Windows\System32\cmd.exe

C:\Program Files\Blancco\Blancco LUN>BlanccoLUN.exe /buffersize
```



You will then be prompted to enter the new buffer size. By entering the value -1, it will be set to dynamic as illustrated in the following picture:

```
Blancco LUN 1.3.1.0

Blancco LUN 1.3.1.0

Blancco LUN 1.3.1.0

Blancco LUN 1.3.1.0

Application exiting.
```

You can also set a specific buffer size as seen here:



The buffer size can also be set in the Windows Registry. To do this, the following path must be manually created:

HKEY\_LOCAL\_MACHINE\SOFTWARE\Blancco\SITShredding\Settings

Once in this location, create a DWORD with the name *BufferSize* and then modify the value.

To set it as dynamic, the following value should be given:

BufferSize = 4294967295 (in hex ffffffff)

Here is an example with a 50MB buffer:

BufferSize = "52428800"

# HKEY\_LOCAL\_MACHINE\SOFTWARE\Blancco\SITShredding\Settings DWORD BufferSize 52428800 The buffer size used needs to be divisible by 1024. In this example, the buffer size is set to 50 MB.



#### Email the report automatically- advanced option

You can choose to automatically email the report to a specified email address. This setting will override the settings shown in the setup GUI above. The report format will depend on the template settings chosen in the previous chapter. These options allow you to send XML, HTML and PDF reports. The e-mail function will send the format you have activated through the template settings.

You can either hardcode an email address in the Setup Tool or a use dynamic value based on the extra fields, shown above.

If you want to give the operator the possibility to set the to-address for the email when running the software, follow these steps.

- 1. Create a new Extra Field. The number of the field is not important.
- 2. Set the Name to MailReportToAddress.
- 3. If the operator should be prompted default address, create a string value called *Default* with the desired default value. This can be changed by the operator.
- 4. If the operator should not be able to change the default value, create a DWORD called *Disabled* and set the data value to 1.

This will overrun the registry settings done by the Blancco Setup Tool for the toaddress. But you can still add a carbonate copy address to receive a copy of each report.

```
Blancco LUN Eraser

Blancco LUN Eraser is shredding drive number 1:

Enter extra and info field information:

MailReportToAddress: info@blancco.com_
```



#### **Short Message Service (SMS)**

If your license agreement includes the SMS (text message) module you can receive an SMS when the operation is ready. You can also follow the progress of the operation, as long as have access to your cell phone.

To test the service you can send a text SMS to yourself to see if it comes through. Please note that an internet connection is required for the host computer where Blancco LUN is running.

#### Example:

/sms 00358207433850

The cell phone number should be specified in international format always starting with zeros (do not use the + sign). In the example above the number starts with 00358 for a Finnish number.

To enable the SMS service during an erasure, add the optional parameter *sms*.

#### Example:

/shred 0 3 5 sms:00358207433850

In this example the HMG Infosec lower standard will be used (0) to erase LUN 3 and 5 and SMS messages will be sent to number 00358207433850 every two hours with progress reports.

An SMS will be sent to the specified cell phone number when the operation is performed. The SMS will contain information about the outcome of the operation and duration time.

An SMS progress report will look like this:

Blancco LUN has completed x% of the drive (drive number/LUN specified in job combined with manufacturer and model) on (computer name). Speed xy MB/s – Elapsed time: hh:mm:ss – Time left: hh:mm:ss.

During the operation, the service will send an SMS every second hour, updating the operator about the progress.

The SMS service has no understanding of office hours. Therefore an SMS can be sent to the receiving cell phone during night time as well.



#### TROUBLESHOOTING

- 1. **No PDF log file is generated**. Make sure that NET 2.0 is installed.
- 2. **Remote erasure**. Verify that you have a stable connection and avoid using modem connection for erasure purposes.
- 3. **Sufficient user rights**. Make sure that the account you are using has full access to the unit/units where the erasure will be executed.
- 4. Failed erasure, clean up and rebooting. When erasing LUN's connected to clustered servers it is necessary to power down all other servers in the cluster except the one to be used to perform the erasure. This is to ensure that the other servers in the cluster don't reserve the hard drives thus preventing access to the hard drives and causing the erasure to fail. In some circumstances it may be necessary to also force a cleanup on the server you are using to perform the erasure. In the case of Wintel servers this can be done by accessing the Command prompt and typing the following command: cluster node servername /forcecleanup. It may also be necessary to then reboot the server after running this command if the hard drives are still not accessible.



#### **CONTACT INFORMATION**

Visit the technical knowledgebase (FAQ) and contact Blancco Technical Support by submitting a technical support ticket at:

#### http://support.blancco.com/

See the instructional videos for Blancco products at:

#### http://www.blancco.com/en/videos

For contact information and the latest information about secure data erasure solutions, visit the Blancco website at:

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