

Blancco Drive Eraser version 6.8.0 and Drive Eraser Configuration Tool 2.8.0 has been released!

Important: Due to a new report digital signature, the Blancco Drive Eraser releases v6.6.0 and higher are not compatible with the Blancco Management Console 4.7.1 or lower (report importing and sending will fail consistently).

- If you are using a local BMC and want to upgrade to BDE 6.6.0 or higher, please upgrade first to BMC 4.8.0 or higher.
- If you are using the Blancco Cloud, it is fully compatible with BDE 6.6.0 and higher.
- The BMC 4.8.0 and higher are fully compatible with all BDE releases (< 6.6.0 and >= 6.6.0).

Features:

- **ALBUS-5421** - Support for OPAL Cryptographic Erasure on ATA drives.
 - The Opal Storage Specification is a set of specifications for drives that enhance their security, it can encrypt the stored data so prevent unauthorized access.
 - If an ATA drive supports Opal, BDE now detects this feature and can execute an Opal cryptographic erasure to erase the drive (compliant with a NIST purge erasure).
- **ALBUS-6122** - Prevent reporting IP information.
 - There is a new setting in BDECT to prevent the collection and reporting of the IP information of the machine.
- **ALBUS-5827** - Hardware appliance: printer support.
 - The BDE_HW installation image supports printing reports.
 - The embedded BMC allows viewing the stored PDF reports, the report can also be printed from the same view.
 - Requires setting a local printer first.
- **ALBUS-5439** - Smart PXE Booting.
 - The Smart PXE Booting is an intelligent low-level layer that performs a machine pre-identification before it is PXE booted. Such identification allows:
 - To preselect the BDE version that the machine supports best
 - To preselect the BDE booting option that the machine supports best
 - To check if the machine requires booting BDE (erasure needed) or another image (for reimaging purposes)
 - To chainload a BDE erasure as well as a Windows image in the same process.

Bug Fixes & Improvements:

- **ALBUS-6213** - BDE crashed when erasing two drives simultaneously on a Zbook Studio G3.
- **ALBUS-6210** - There was a discrepancy between the drive IDs in the UI and in the report whenever removable flash devices were detected but not shown in the UI.
- **ALBUS-6233** - The wireless network interface was not detected on Surface Pro 2.
- **ALBUS-6033** - BDE 6.8.0 provides support for the latest LSI HBA generation used in the new Blancco Hardware Appliances.