



VBrick Systems VBDirectory

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VBrick is an active participant in the development of industry standards and continues to play an influential role in the Internet Streaming Media Alliance (ISMA), the MPEG Industry Forum, and Internet2. In 1998 VBrick invented and shipped the world's first MPEG Video Network Appliance designed to provide affordable DVD-quality video across the network. Since then, VBrick's video solutions have grown to include Video on Demand, Management, Security and Access Control, Scheduling, and Rich Media Integration. VBrick solutions are successfully supporting a broad variety of applications including distance learning and training, conferencing and remote office communications, security, process monitoring, traffic monitoring, business and news feeds to the desktop, webcasting, corporate communications, collaboration, command and control, and telemedicine. VBrick serves customers in education, government, healthcare, and financial services markets among others.

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Overview

All VBrick appliances are shipped with a management application called VBDirectory, which provides quick reference and access to certain VBrick series appliances on a network. VBDirectory also accompanies each new VBrick appliance as a standalone application for those who find it useful for managing VBrick appliances. This directory tool was developed for use with DHCP. The VBDirectory application listens to the Management SAP (Session Announcement Protocol) that is sent by the appliance on the network. This allows the administrator to quickly and easily locate the name and IP Address of each VBrick on the network. When a new VBrick device is added to the network, VBDirectory automatically locates it and adds it to its list. The administrator can use the mouse to select the VBrick and the application will launch the Web Interface of the device, allowing you to edit the configuration of the device.

Compatibility

- VB1000-2000-3000 MPEG-1 appliances running on code 2.4.0 and higher
- VB4000-5000-6000 MPEG-2, MPEG-4, and WM appliances running code 2.0.0 and higher
- VBrick 7000 Series H.264 appliances running code 1.0 or higher
- STB-M (MPEG-1/2/4) set top boxes running code 2.0.0 (3.7.0) and higher
- STB-W (Windows Media) set top boxes running code 4.2.0 and higher

Upgrade Instructions

Installation of the latest VBDirectory application upgrades the existing software.

What's New in v5.2

- The **Revision** field has been added to show the current software revision level of devices.
- The **Model** field has been upgraded to distinguish between different STB "models."
- Support has been added for AmiNET130 and Multi Format Set Top Boxes.

Caveats

This section addresses known issues in this release, most of which have an easy workaround. For more information about any item, or help with an issue not listed here, contact your reseller or VBrick Support Services.

- VBDirectory will not run on Microsoft Windows Vista unless you are logged in as an administrator. When attempting to write to protected areas (for example when installing software), non-admin users will be prompted for a user name and password with admin privileges. Admin users can simply press Continue to proceed.
- When running the software installation or upgrade ([SetupVBDirectory_x_x_x.exe](#)) VBDirectory must be closed to avoid an error being reported. If the file is open, just close the file and complete the installation.
- STB support does not include Upgrade capability.
- STB support does not support automatically logging into the configuration web page.
- Automatic logon to the configuration web page is not supported for VBrick 7000 Series H.264 Appliances.
- The Upgrade Preferences functionality is not compatible with VBrick 7000-8000-9000 Series appliances.



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