

TEAM ICE & THE ELUSIVE XBOX 360 MOD CHIP



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What started as an innocent curiosity into the Xbox 360 modchip revealed a lot of information that the public was not aware of. My original intention was to do an interview with Team ICE, who we honestly believed to have had a legitimate product. Through our communications, we soon became aware of information which that gave us serious doubts into their claims. Not wanting to publish false information, we made an effort to investigate every aspect of Team ICE and their past. The following information is provided in order to help you make your OWN decision on the matter. We hope that through verifiable information (some more than others), you will be able to draw a reasonable conclusion into the validity of their claims.

Note to Team ICE: Our original intentions were not tainted, but through our communication and investigation, Blacklisted411 cannot endorse the product without verifiable proof. If you do have a legitimate product, we do apologize (although my personal conclusion does not agree). Your lack of co-operation into providing detail, and the blatantly wrong information you provided us has brought this upon you.

Rarecodes.com – icemodchip.com – infinitymods.com

Deception or mistake?

First, I would like to point out that infinitymods.com have no apparent relation to infinitymod.com (the makers of the Matrix Infinity modchip for PS2). Furthermore, the name icemodchip also has no relation to the “Xenium Ice” modchip produced by Team Xodus. Many people have concluded that the project was lead by Team Xodus, even though this is not the case.

Is there a relationship between the sites?

The next claim started circulating not long after my initial contact with Team ICE had started. Upon further investigation, I found that rarecodes.com, icemodchip.com and infinitymods.com had the same IP address (odd yet interesting). A simple ping gave us the IP address of 64.21.181.130 on all three URLs. Directly accessing the IP address gives us a Cpanel message informing us that the IP address has no default host (meaning that the websites are all virtually hosted). One could easily claim that the web host, rarecodes.com, was simply virtually hosting their customers on a single IP address. The next piece of information retrieved from the header of an email sent by Team ICE shows the danger in not configuring your SMTP server properly.

X-PopBeforeSMTPSenders:

affils@icemodchip.com,ebay@infinitymods.com,evan@infinitymods.com,faq@icemodchip.com,
info@icemodchip.com,installers@icemodchip.com,orders@infinitymods.com,preorders@icemodchip.com,
resellers@icemodchip.com,sales@infinitymods.com,sales@rarecodes.com,
support@infinitymods.com,support@rarecodes.com,teamlead@icemodchip.com,
wholesale@icemodchip.com

This leak of information provides us with a complete list of email addresses being used on the server. Notice that only icemodchip.com, infinitymods.com and rarecodes.com appear. It's rather odd that a hosting company such as rarecodes.com would allow such a leak of information. Simply by using nslookup we were able to do a Reverse IP address lookup (meaning that instead of resolving a domain to an IP address, we resolve an IP address to a domain). Using this, we got the hostname gold.whbdns.com. Next, we wanted to validate the claim that rarecodes.com makes on their website.

“RareCodes Inc. is located in NL, Canada. We currently maintain 10 main servers locally, and 32 mirror servers located in various U.S. States. All 42 of our servers are running into a direct GiGaBiT Pipeline, which guarantees you the customer fast speeds, at all times”

42 servers and ten of them are in Canada? Well, using Neotrace (Similar to VisualRoute) we were able to create a quick map showing where the server is located. For obvious reasons, the trace route was routed through a proxy and the portion containing the origination of the trace was omitted.



Furthermore, we determined that the IP address is assigned to Net Access Corporation (Although we are pretty certain they are only the host and have no involvement in icemodchips.com or any of the other websites in question.)

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OrgName: Net Access Corporation
OrgID: NAC
Address: 1719 STE RT 10E
Address: Suite 111
City: Parsippany
StateProv: NJ
PostalCode: 07054
Country: US

ReferralServer: rwhois://rwhois.nac.net:43

NetRange: 64.21.0.0 - 64.21.191.255
CIDR: 64.21.0.0/17, 64.21.128.0/18
NetName: NAC-NETBLK03
NetHandle: NET-64-21-0-0-1
Parent: NET-64-0-0-0-0
NetType: Direct Allocation
NameServer: NS1.NAC.NET
NameServer: NS2.NAC.NET
Comment: ADDRESSES WITHIN THIS BLOCK ARE NON-PORTABLE
Comment:
Comment: * Reassignment information for this network is available
Comment: * available at whois.nac.net 43
RegDate: 1999-12-22
Updated: 2001-08-22

RTechHandle: ZN77-ARIN
RTechName: Net Access Corporation
RTechPhone: +1-800-638-6336
RTechEmail: legal@nac.net

OrgAbuseHandle: ABUSE156-ARIN
OrgAbuseName: Abuse Department
OrgAbusePhone: +1-800-638-6336
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In order to verify that rarecodes.com had no involvement, we attempted to contact them by phone. Much to our disappointment, the phone number listed on their website “709-749-0373” was not working. Instead of being greeted by Rarecodes, we got this strange message:

Roger’s Wireless: The cellular number you have called is not assigned, please check the number and try the call again. (Then repeated in French)

What happened to the 24 hour tech support? Why would a company like rarecodes.com with their 48 servers and 10 local servers choose to associate themselves with a modchip website??

Of course, we were not done yet. A few pieces of additional information prove to be somewhat incriminating. First off, rarecodes.com uses paypal. The email address used for the paypal account is support@rarecodes.com, but using this link to pay him gives us this (Note the link is below but in small font. Feel free to copy and paste it to duplicate the error):

Error Detected

This recipient is currently unable to receive money.

[Go to PayPal Account](#)

https://www.paypal.com/cgi-bin/webscr?cmd=_xclick-subscriptions&business=support@rarecodes.com&item_name=Basic%20Plan%20-%201%20Month&item_number=RC-0049-BAC1MT&no_shipping=1&no_note=1¤cy_code=USD&bn=PP-SubscriptionsBF&charset=UTF-8&a1=0.00&p1=3&t1=D&a3=9.25&p3=1&t3=M&src=1&sra=1

This obviously raises the question on how rarecodes.com receives payment? (icemodchip.com must have some way of paying them? Why haven’t they fixed this? With so many customers (25,000) this would seem an important issue to fix, and quickly.

At this point, I was pretty confident that rarecodes.com was indeed tied to icemodchip.com on more than a business level. In fact, my personal belief is that they are indeed the same entity (although this is only my personal view).

The next piece of information was pretty funny. It's contained on the "Contact Us" section of rarecodes.com and is shown below:

Via Instant Messenger's:

Aim: SocomRareCodes

Icq: 50197501

Msn: djskyd2k5@hotmail.com

<http://rarecodes.com/aboutus.php>

SkyD – Tracking and his past.

Information is like a puzzle piece. The more information you have on hand, the better your look of the whole picture. The information we are talking about here is the MSN email address. Using this in Google, we obtained a rather interesting site called sms.ac. The following links provide you with a look at SkyD in his true form (If you don't think SkyD is in fact running icemodchip.com, keep reading, we have more stuff to show you)

IMPORTANT: An email correspondence between Blacklisted411 and icemodchip.com confirms the person behind this is SkyD. When asked if he used SkyD as his alias in the past, he confirmed it by saying "Quite possibly :P". We take this to be a positive link between SkyD and icemodchip.com. If he wasn't SkyD, we doubt he would even allude to the possibility. Even without this information, evidence still provides a decent connection between the two.



A photo album of SkyD is available at
<http://sms.ac/MPA/Default.aspx?u=DJSkyD>

A description of himself
http://sms.ac/AboutMe/AboutMe_View.aspx?u=DJSkyD

In fact, if you look through his buddy list, you may find someone that appeared in the initial video that icemodchip.com released.

Notice one important thing. "4 Months ago".. This guy is only 20 years old! By the way, off topic **sms.ac allows you to send our modchip friend a SMS message. Of course we don't endorse this.**

Important: gamesfirst.com provides this information for us:
"Evan O'Keefe (we assume O'Keefe) is listed as the admin, billing, and technical contact for icemodchip.com. According to the Contact Us information on InfinityMods.com, evan[AT]infinitymods.com will also put you in contact with the InfinityMods sales department. The first assumption is that evan@infinitymods is Evan O'Keefe, but that could be wrong. Team I.C.E. has repeatedly denied that InfinityMods.com and Team I.C.E. are the same, saying that InfinityMods is an affiliate."
<http://gamesfirst.com/?id=1141>

Now, I told you guys to remember his name. One important piece of information was released before which allowed us to make a connection between the two people. If you remember, the X-PopBeforeSMTPSenders statement that we obtained from an email sent had the name Evan@infinitymods.com. What a coincidence.

Ebay Fraud?

Another thing we noticed in the X-PopBeforeSMTPSenders that was in the header of the email address was Ebay@infinitymods.com. This brought us to the conclusion that infinitymods.com may be selling on eBay. A quick look at infinitymods.com gave us some rather useful information. Since we are unable to lookup a UserID on Ebay using an email address, we must use other useful information to match a description. In this case, all we needed was the phone number (1-866-930-mods). Using this, we got this auction:



Need For Speed Most Wanted *Christmas Special PS2*

http://64.233.187.104/search?q=cache:PzflqyV_WmQJ:cgi.ebay.com/Need-For-Speed-Most-Wanted-Christmas-Special-PS2_W00QitemZ8246009670QcategoryZ620530QcmdZViewItem+1-866-930-mods&hl=en

(Text is made small to save space. Its still a working link but we were required to use Google cache to obtain the original auction since eBay removed it.)

[Larger Picture](#)

Winning bid: **US \$22.50**

Ended: Dec-27-05 00:10:37 PST
 Start time: Dec-24-05 00:10:37 PST
 History: [8 bids](#) (US \$10.00 starting bid)
 Winning bidder: [spike7ss](#) (53 ★)

Item location: toronto, ON
Canada

Ships to: Worldwide
 Shipping costs: US \$5.00 -- Standard Delivery
[Shipping, payment details and return policy](#)

Seller information

[infinitymods2k5](#) (0) 🌟
 Feedback Score: 0 feedback reviews
 Member since Dec-19-05 in Canada

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Description

Item Specifics - Video Games

Platform: Microsoft Xbox	Genre: Racing
Rating: M - Mature	Sub-Genre: --
Condition: New	Format: NTSC (US, Canada)

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Questions?

- orders@infinitymods.com
- **1-866-930-MODS**
- www.infinitymods.com

This auction started on the 12-24-05 and ended on 12-27-05. The good part about it was that we were able to pick up his userID: **infinitymods2k5** (Registered on December 19th 2005). A quick look at his feedback gave us this information:

[Home](#) > [Community](#) > [Feedback Forum](#) > [Member Profile](#)

Member Profile: infinitymods2k5 (-2) 🌟

<p>Feedback Score: -2</p> <p>Positive Feedback:</p> <p>Members who left a positive: 0 Members who left a negative: 2 All positive feedback received: 0</p> <p>Learn about what these numbers mean.</p>	<p>Recent Ratings:</p> <table style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <thead> <tr> <th></th> <th>Past Month</th> <th>Past 6 Months</th> <th>Past 12 Months</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>🟢 positive</td> <td style="text-align: center;">0</td> <td style="text-align: center;">0</td> <td style="text-align: center;">0</td> </tr> <tr> <td>⚪ neutral</td> <td style="text-align: center;">0</td> <td style="text-align: center;">0</td> <td style="text-align: center;">0</td> </tr> <tr> <td>🔴 negative</td> <td style="text-align: center;">3</td> <td style="text-align: center;">3</td> <td style="text-align: center;">3</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>Bid Retractions (Past 6 months): 0</p>		Past Month	Past 6 Months	Past 12 Months	🟢 positive	0	0	0	⚪ neutral	0	0	0	🔴 negative	3	3	3	<p>No longer a registered user</p> <p>Member since: Dec-19-05 Location: Canada</p> <p>ID History</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Contact Member</p>
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Feedback Received [From Buyers](#) [From Sellers](#) [Left for Others](#)

3 feedback received by infinitymods2k5 (0 ratings mutually withdrawn) Page 1 of 1

Comment	From	Date / Time	Item #
🔴 cant contact seller for 4 days now or pay for the item,	Buyer europazagreb (5) no longer a registered user	Dec-31-05 18:55	8246000992
🔴 seller is a fake	Buyer europazagreb (5) no longer a registered user	Dec-31-05 18:52	8246000993
🔴 ad said pay pal, wouldn't except payment, been unable to contact seller	Buyer t0q00susan123 (15 ★)	Dec-29-05 20:58	8246000968

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<http://feedback.ebay.com/ws/eBayISAPI.dll?ViewFeedback&userid=infinitymods2k5>

Three negative feedback in less than 20 days. Also, one might question the integrity of the buyer in this case (since some buyers often never pay for an item.) If you notice the ending times for europazagreb (one of the ebay buyers) are about the same, so we doubt that he was attempting to defraud infinitymods2k5.

We also found another eBay account under the name “backupsene” by using the email from rarecodes.com. Although there are a few are some positive feedback left for him, we would like to point out this high price item

http://cgi.ebay.ca/XBOX-360-ULTIMATE-PACKAGE_W0QQitemZ8238449950QQcategoryZ62054QQtcZphotoQQrdZ1QQcmdZViewItem

This feedback was left on Dec 14th.

	LIES & MISREPRESENTS MADE TO PAY EXTRA FOR ITEMS FORGOTTEN IN SHIPMENT - AVOID! Reply by backupsene: CALLS ISSUING THREATS, PRODUCT SHIPPED, NOT HAPPY FROM THE START! LIER, BEWARE!!	Buyer davohh (49 ★)	14-Dec-05 14:42 8238449950
			14-Dec-05 17:08

Most notably, this is a high priced item (942\$ USD Aprox). In a previous .NET edition, I talked about how eBay fraud is committed. Starting with small items being bought and sold, the fraudulent eBay seller will eventually attempt to sell a big ticket item. Defrauding people of 20 USD is not worth it, but 900+ USD may be worth the 2 months of selling profitless items. Please note, backupsene is no longer a registered eBay member. The registration date was Nov 24, 2005 and the last sale was around the 19th of December.

The past of rarecodes.com

I want to point out some interesting facts about rarecodes.com past. Using one of my favorite websites (archive.org) we are able to reconstruct every change made over the past 3 years.


The original rarecodes.com site was simply a redirect to a hyperboards site and was used for cheat codes (More like bugs) in Socom for PS2. This page appears on Oct 17, 2003 (Preview created with archive.org)

*** <http://www.RareCodes.Net> ***

Welcome Guest. Please [Login](#) or [Register](#).
 Oct 10th, 2003, 5:06pm

« Home »

[home](#) [help](#) [search](#) [login](#) [register](#)





Wanna Make a Donation to S.R.C.? Click Here! To Donate Cash!
 Click The Button To Donate by Paypal/Credit Card

[Make a Donation](#)

Socom Rare Codes is Now #1 In Google, and Yahoo! We Are YOUR #1 Cheat Site!

*** <http://www.RareCodes.Net> ***

News

Forum Name	Topics	Posts	Last Post
Board Section			
 For skyD Only This Board is the best way to contact SkyD! Moderator: <i>skyD™</i>	87	441	Oct 9 th , 2003, 10:23pm by <i>wolcom11</i>
 Server Rules			

<http://web.archive.org/web/20031017083434/http://www.rarecodes.com/>

On Dec 27, 2003, the site made a drastic change to this (Preview not included).

<http://web.archive.org/web/20031227022030/http://www.rarecodes.com/>

In 2004, it changed to what appears to be a PHP based auction site, but to my knowledge, this auction site was never fully functional. The original programming claims to be SkyD, but I have been unable to confirm this (although I remember seeing a PHP classifieds script that look very similar about 2 years ago).

<http://web.archive.org/web/20040203201458/http://www.rarecodes.com/>

Not long after the classified script disappeared, this popped up.

Rarecodes.Com Forums

Welcome Back!

Bet ya thought we died? Hell NO! We have been Busier then ever!! We have launched a new Rarecodes.com Forums, fully hosted via Rarecodes.net Domain, not Hyperboards! We are now fully Advertisement free, Faster, and more Diverse!

The new Forums Contain:

- Cheat codes, glitches and news for all platforms
- Modchip Development, News, and More
- Dnas bypass methods, which allow you to play burned games, enabled cheats, and more ONLINE.
- Backup solutions, boot methods, and more
- Buy/sell/trade hardware, software, anything worth selling/buying!

Want in?

Access is only given by application/invite only! Fill out the form, and hope for the best, you will have a login/password created for you, to access the website.

Why the restricted access?

Why would you want users taking the secrets, and leaking all over the internet? Our site will have the latest glitches, codes, hacks, bypasses, you wont find anywhere, tried and tested by our own staff members!

<http://web.archive.org/web/20040609015146/http://www.rarecodes.net/>

After this was posted for some time, he appeared to have changed webhosts to mixcat.net and created a “modchip” website. Here he took “Pre-orders” but information leading to customers is very vague.

<http://web.archive.org/web/20040624063118/http://www.rarecodes.com/>

We did however find this

*”This guy is a scammer, he owes me \$50 for modding someone's PS2, he screwed me out of money and I demand it, I have waited over 2 months and the time has come to put a stop to the scams. **SkyD** if you...”*

<http://64.233.187.104/search?q=cache:4zUBgs54JkIJ:www.backup-source.com/forums/search.php%3Fdo%3Dfinduser%26u%3D2925+rarecodes.com+skyd&hl=en>

A lot more information is out there on his previous history. Try looking for SkyD and rarecodes.com in google (Combined). Remember this was in 2004, so use google cache if it's old and outdated. What you will find is that SkyD got himself banned from a myriad of forums. Most of the people I could find had posted something similar to the above quote. Contacting these people became extremely challenging. Those who did return our emails expressed the same views but did not want to be mentioned in this release due to the fact they no longer cared about the situation. That pretty much covers the history of rarecodes.com. I do wonder where rarecodes.com 48 servers and 4 years of service are?

Good templates don't make a website!!!

Next topic we cover is the use of templates. This section will be rather short. Both rarecodes.com and icemodchip.com use templates that can easily be found on P2P. The templates originate from boxedart.com and a simple membership allows you to download both of them for a low price.

Icemodchip.com = http://www.boxedart.com/phpshop/info.php/mp_/16964

Rarecodes.com = http://www.boxedart.com/phpshop/info.php/mp_/16145

It is a strange coincidence that both templates come from the same site, but this isn't enough evidence in itself. Everything is pretty much the same, even down to the annoying techno music. I've seen a few claims from rarecodes.com on various message boards (Under the name SkyD) telling people they have a team of people designing stuff, but this doesn't plausible.

SkyD and icemodchip.com

Some of you may be doubt that SkyD has any involvement in icemodchip.com. I would like to direct you back a few years. A project called "Project Lithium 2" (I want to know where Project Lithium 1 went) was in "Development" by a person named SkyD. According to sources (please remember this is 2004, so Google cache becomes your best friend again. Also a few websites still have the info.)

*"We received a brief status update on **Project Lithium 2** from the coder **SkyD** over the weekend listing **June 15th, 2004** as the official BETA test date. It's important to NOTE that the final (public) version of **Project Lithium 2** (tentatively scheduled for a July 15th release) will include a pressed factory-produced PS2 disc expected to **cost \$19.95** each."*

<http://64.233.187.104/search?q=cache:ij5tCbGOU4MJ:www.ps2ownz.com/modules.php%3Fname%3DNews%26file%3Dshowarticle%26threadid%3D20428+%22Project+Lithium+2%22+cost&hl=en>

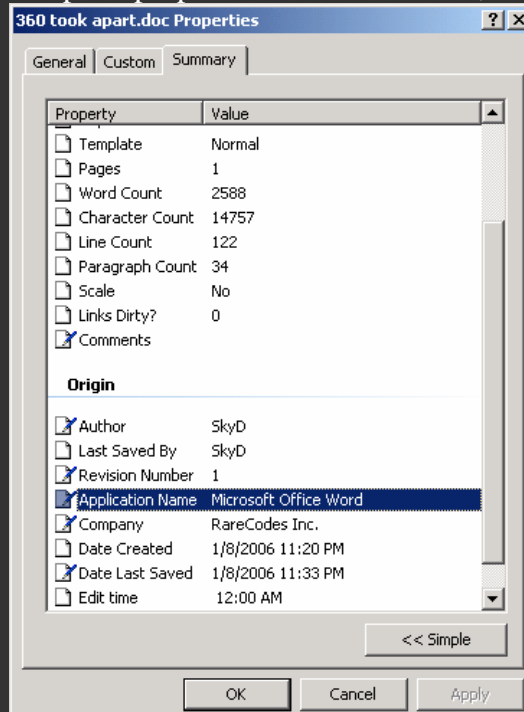
The problem was that I was unable to find ANY information about it ever being released. I did, however, find this on the same site as the above quote (This was released before the 19.95 price quote).

*"Based off of **NoID**'s original work and the past NIP files, **Project Lithium 2** is currently in the final development/packaging process and is coded by **SkyD**."*

http://64.233.187.104/search?q=cache:VF_0dl46_0QJ:www.ps2ownz.com/modules.php%3Fname%3DNews%26file%3Dshowarticle%26t%3D20026%26op%3Dnextnewest+%22Project+Lithium+2%22+&hl=en

Notice it says "Based off NoID's original work." This makes us wonder if the project was simply NoID's work on a CD with newer NIP files. No apparent production was ever made and the project seemed to disappear after awhile.

Updated information: Thanks to someone at xbox-scene.com (Who will go unmentioned for his privacy), we have recently discovered their “Taking apart the Xbox 360” document. Originally they released a RAR file with pictures, but now they have a word document. After we pulled up the properties of the document, we discovered this:

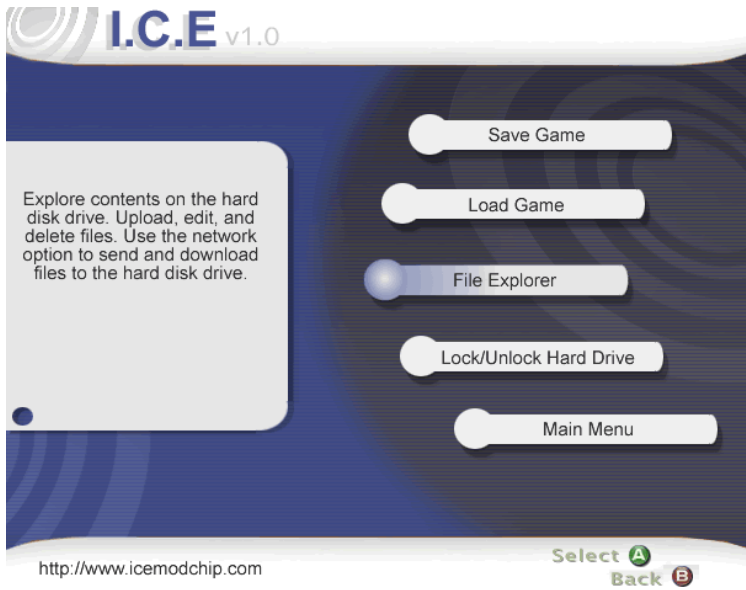


Notice the Author is “SkyD” and the company is “RareCodes Inc.”. This links SkyD to rarecodes.com and icemodchip.com. Furthermore, he forgot to remove the Hyperlinks from the document. This provided us with a link back to the original author, anandtech.com. We will be notifying them soon about this problem!!

<http://www.anandtech.com/cpuchipsets/showdoc.aspx?i=2610&p=3>

Problems in Menu

Another thing we noted while doing research was the recently released Menu items are completely wrong. The Xbox 360 does not have an internal hard drive, but rather a removable SATA drive. Sources inside Xbox-Scene tell us that the Xbox 360 hard drive does not employ locking techniques found in the original Xbox. Furthermore some simple research on Google shows us multiple sources confirming that the Xbox 360 hard drive is indeed NOT locked. So this brings up the question, why is this option in the menu?



As we can see, the “Lock/Unlock Hard Drive” is fake since the hard drive is not locked by the Xbox 360 console. Also notice the “Save Game” and “Load Game” menu items. Someone please explain to me why these are in a bios menu??? Isn't the game responsible for saving and loading game progress??

Furthermore, a quick look at the detail shows us this.



Look right above the B button. Notice the background around it. This is an obvious Photoshop copy and paste. While the menu does look semi-authentic, it is entirely possible that it may be a modified version of a previous dashboard skin or bios skin from the original Xbox. We didn't want to spend time looking for the skin. When we contacted icemodchip.com about these inaccuracies, they responded by removing the images from their site and telling us that they were ONLY concept images and that the menu in the modchip was different.

Inaccuracies in email claims

The following is email correspondence between me and Team I.C.E.

In response to a question asked about who had mod chips for testing, we got this reply.

[Xbox-scene has one](#), [foundmy.com has 1](#), and [hack360.com has one](#). More samples to be sent shortly.

We attempted to contact Xbox-Scene and Hack360. Xbox-Scene replied and confirmed our suspicions that they had indeed not received a single thing. Currently, we have still not heard back from Hack360 (But I personally believe this is true of all three of the mentioned sites). After contacting him back asking why they denied having received the modchip from him, he told us this:

[People with samples have a close lid on this matter as there is a security issue at hand](#)

I would like to note that there is no security matter. All I asked was whether this claim was true. The response, Absolutely NOT. In fact, when posting the question on the forum, I was greeted with a rude reply and the topic was locked and deleted (Supposedly someone was creating multiple names and posting links to icemodchip.com along with "false" information [Or that's at least what I'm told]). But not to worry, we sorted that all out after I contacted them.

Also, threatening a journalist is probably not the best thing to do. This is probably one of the major reasons I decided to follow up and spend four days worth of research into this matter (Would have only been two, but an unfortunate power surge lost some research.)

In response to me telling him that I was unable to publish the info, he sent me this:

Verify as you wish, but we expect something produced now for the information provided and our time spent.

I just want to note, just because you answered my emails doesn't mean I'm obligated to publish something. However, since you expect something to be published, this is what you're going to get.

Do the Math

In one correspondence, I requested wholesale prices. And here they are

70.00 per unit
100 pcs \$5,500.00
250 pcs \$13,700.00
500 pcs \$25,000.00
1000 pcs \$46,000.00
5000 pcs \$245,000.00
10000 pcs \$500,000.00

At first glance, everything looks normal, but let's do the math anyways.

$5,500.00/100 = 55$ USD per piece
 $13,700.00/250 = 54.8$ USD per piece
 $25,000.00/500 = 50$ USD per piece
 $46,000.00/1,000 = 46$ USD per piece
 $245,000.00/5,000 = 49$ USD per piece
 $500,000.00/10,000 = 50$ USD per piece

I know it's hedging on nit picking, but this helps demonstrate the quality of this outfit. Someone really needs to brush up on their math skills. By far, if I order 1,000 pieces I save 3 dollars from ordering 5,000 pieces. Normally, in business, a straight percentage is applied and often increases at a set interval. For example, 10% discount at 1,000 but 15% discount at 10,000.

Problems with the hostname

The next problem deals with the fact that even though the companies claim to be separate, an apparent link between them can be determined using the IP address contained in email correspondence. For obvious reasons, we will not disclose the IP address or hostname. We would simply like to point out that all emails coming from the multiple domains, originate from the same hostname. This hostname contains roadrunner.nf.net. Furthermore, an unnamed source from xbox-scene confirms that the hostname is the same as SkyD, who apparently uses IRC a lot.

"Usually any of the console channels on EfNet...he goes by the nick "Backups" "

"I'm pretty sure he's in that area when I've seen him on IRC it's always the same hostname"

This was in response to a question about the actual location of the owner of icemodchip.com, infinitymods.com and rarecodes.com. The only thing I will divulge about the informant is that he has close ties with Xbox-Scene and is trusted by them.

Addressing the New icemodchip.com video

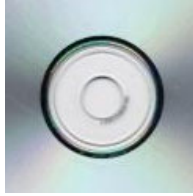
Recently, icemodchip.com has released two videos. The first video was released and proved to be fraudulent after naoneo released a video showing that frames had been removed (Meaning that the video was edited and the person could have easily swapped the disks out.) The second video release becomes a little trickier to disprove, but with the right tools, we are able to provide enough evidence to cause doubt.

Our initial impression on the second video where mixed. On a positive aspect, no frames had been removed from the video. The only problem, which sent of red flags, was the way he handled the disc. In the previous video, he openly showed us the back of the disc to confirm it was burnt (As stated before, the video editing causes us to believe he paused the tape, swapped out the disc and the started recording again [In the first video]). The way he handled the disc in this video is somewhat obvious to the trained eye. At no point did he allow the back of the DVD to be caught on camera. In fact, it appears that he purposely changed hands in order to prevent the readable surface from being shown.

Upon further investigation, we quickly came to the conclusion that the DVD was simply a real Call of Duty 2 disk covered by a cheap CD printing label. The reason for our conclusion came from maybe a dozen of frames where the light hitting the DVD caused the label to become darker than the inner circle. This WILL NOT happen if the media was silk-screened or any other means of commercial printing. The only plausible explanation is CD labels. These labels allow light to pass through depending on whether the surface it is attached to is transparent. The following frames have been included to show the CD label is indeed covering a valid COD2 disc.



At first, you may not notice, but carefully inspect the inner circle. On a typical blank DVD or CD, this area would be clear. If the disc in question is covered by a printable label, the transparent or holographic part would cause the area to become lighter when light hits it a certain way.



Also, arguments have been made that DVD and CDs used for printing could have easily been used. This is indeed false. The technique used to apply the base surface to the CD would not cause the inner circle to become lighter when a darker background is applied or when light hits it a certain way. Furthermore, no commercial or consumer “printable” DVD or CD would cover the entire disc to the central hole. Also, notice the dark circular ring that appears around the inner circle. This evidence leads us to believe that the disc being used is nothing more than a Call of Duty 2 disk covered by an inkjet CD/DVD printing label. Also, naoneo agrees with us by saying

“Well, realistic if you are a retard, there are no DVD-R media on this planet that cover the disk right to the central hole, now, why does there’s?, could it be that a retail disk hides beneath that white paper?, why cover the central right you ask?, could it also be that’s because retail disks have clear marking on the hub of the disk, that would have, undoubtedly given away their stupid plot? ANYONE, can stick white paper on a retail disk, write some crap on it and make a video pretending to be booting a burned disk, Anyone.”

Just to note, enhanced video showing the color differences may be released later on.

Can we meet?

Wanting to give icemodchip.com every chance at redeeming themselves, I gladly offered to fly up and view the modchip demonstration. The only conditions that I insisted on was that I would have to examine the “Copied” game and have the Xbox 360 open and all connections to the display in clear view. I told him that no photos would be taken, and no attempt to copy or duplicate his work would be made. Furthermore, I would not disclose his location or personal details. Upon this request, he sent us the link to the video. I complained and told him that the video did not satisfy my doubts and that I would be willing to fly up on January 13th and 14th, view the modchip in a working environment, and fly back on the 15th to release my research. I also stated that I would not publish my work since I still doubted the actual existence of such work. On this claim, he sent me this

[No thanks wall street journal is interested.](#)

If he isn’t willing to show me his work and allow me to verify it, why would the Wall Street Journal publish anything?? Furthermore, I think the Wall Street Journal would require some sort of proof. Our friends over at gamesfirst.com (An excellent source for gaming news) had also contacted icemodchip.com and offered to send a reporter to verify. In a recent article, they provide this information for us

January 7th, 2006: GamesFirst.com sends Team I.C.E. an e-mail offering to send a writer to help verify that the chip was able to do what Team I.C.E. claimed. Team I.C.E. replied that they, "Hey we would love to but we are currently covering press with divineo at the moment over in france :) Stay tuned to the website, we will be posting os pictures soon!"

January 10th, 2006: Team I.C.E. continues to be defiant, saying that they will be vindicated when the chip launches. Subsequent requests to allow a writer to verify the chip are ignored, or not addressed in replied e-mails.

<http://gamesfirst.com/index.php?id=1141>

I would highly suggest reading their report and research since they cover a few topics that we chose not to cover.

Divineo rumors

Recently, divineo provided this information to the public:

"The 360 chip is 99% a scam, we had booked tickets to go meet them, we were ready to make huge prepayment and more after we meet the guys at their office and see the working X-Box 360 with back-ups they 100% confirmed they had and it was no problem to show etc. Now at last second they cancelled, with some lame reason, those guys are scammers I really believe. They did the same to Xenium, backed off and changed completely what they said." – From <http://ps2nfo.com/>

Just in case you may be new to the scene, Divineo is one of the top respected modchip dealers around. We would like to point out one apparent problem with the info provided by Divineo and icemodchip.com.

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Provided by gamesfirst.com – Jan 7th

Divineo says that they intended to meet Team ICE at their office, which is in Canada. Why would they require Team ICE to fly to France?? Unless icemodchip.com is in France (And we are 99% sure they aren't), there would be no reason to meet there. In response to Divineo's bad press, icemodchip.com responded with

"Divineo wished to buy us out, at which time, we refused, so they choice to try and slander our name." – gamesfirst.com

Now I doubt Divineo would offer to purchase their company without first verifying their claims. Also I tend to believe Divineo since they have a long-standing reputation with the console modding community.

Conclusion:

Well I promised to release this before the end of January the 16th, and in order to do so, I removed SOME information that was repetitive or unnecessary. Mainly the fake modchip pictures and a few others are not talked about. I highly suggest you read gamesfirst.com for more info. Blacklisted411 has no official position on the modchip and will continue to do so until icemodchip.com either provides verifiable proof or allows us to view a working product. We hope that this information will provide you with insight into the claims made by icemodchip.com. If icemodchip.com releases any new information or videos, a short analysis will be released by Blacklisted411.net in order to combat any concerns that may arise while viewing it.

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