

## **Do-It-Yourself TaxCut Software Now Available on Custom USB Drive; H&R Block TaxCut Chooses Kingston To Make Tax Preparation Paperless, Portable and Private**

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KANSAS CITY, Mo.--(BUSINESS WIRE)--Jan. 24, 2006--Taxpayers will find the process of compiling, filing and getting their refunds much easier this tax season, thanks to an innovative partnership between H&R Block(R) (NYSE: HRB) and Kingston Technology Company, Inc. that loads H&R Block TaxCut software on a Kingston(R) DataTraveler(R) USB Flash drive.

H&R Block, the world's largest tax services provider and Kingston, the world's largest independent manufacturer of memory products, announced today that H&R Block will deliver TaxCut Deluxe(TM) tax software on a custom Kingston(R) 256-MB DataTraveler USB Flash Drive. This innovative concept of delivering tax software on a USB drive is convenient, portable, and a true value to taxpayers.

"We were looking for a new way to deliver our software," said Derek Swords, product director, software, H&R Block. "We feel that Kingston's DataTraveler USB drive gives our customers an easy, secure and portable way to access and install TaxCut, and helps our customers prepare their taxes easily so they receive the best possible outcome from their tax experience. Combining our TaxCut Deluxe software with the ease-of-use, reliability and portability of the Kingston DataTraveler is a unique way for us to meet our customers' needs and provide value beyond the tax season."

Users can plug their ultra-reliable H&R Block DataTraveler into their personal computer and install TaxCut Deluxe instantly, then use the convenient storage capabilities of Kingston DataTraveler all year-long for their mobile data needs.

"This partnership signals H&R Block's readiness to embrace innovative delivery mechanisms; we feel certain that H&R Block's many customers will be both relieved and delighted by how convenient tax preparation can be with a TaxCut DataTraveler," said Mark Leathem, director, digital media business development, Kingston. "The USB drive is simply too easy to use and convenient to stay in the shadows any longer."

Customized with the H&R Block logo, the 256-MB H&R Block DataTraveler USB Flash drive is ideal for home office, small business, school, and promotional use. The drive is affordable at a suggested \$39.95 retail price after a \$10 mail-in rebate, and its mobile storage capabilities can work for anyone.

### About H&R Block Digital Tax Solutions

H&R Block Digital Tax Solutions develops and publishes consumer financial and personal productivity software and online programs for the leader in tax preparation and services, H&R Block. Titles include the H&R Block TaxCut family of software products -- TaxCut Standard, Deluxe, Premium, and Business -- as well as TaxCut Online tax preparation programs -- TaxCut EZ, Premium, Signature -- as well as Online Office, found at [taxcut.com](http://taxcut.com) and [hrblock.com](http://hrblock.com).

### About H&R Block

H&R Block, Inc. is a diversified company with subsidiaries that deliver tax services and financial advice, investment and mortgage services, and business accounting and consulting services. The company's mission is to help clients achieve their tax and financial objectives by serving as their tax and financial partner. Additional information is available on the company's Web site at [www.hrblock.com](http://www.hrblock.com).

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### About Kingston Technology Company, Inc.

Kingston Technology Company, Inc. is the world's largest independent manufacturer of memory products. Kingston

operates manufacturing facilities in Malaysia, Taiwan, China and Fountain Valley, Calif., including Payton Technology Corp., Kingston's back-end processing facility supporting memory packaging, test and logistics. With the advent of Payton, Kingston supports all memory processing functions from receipt of wafer to completed module. Kingston serves a network of distributors, OEMs, and retail customers in more than 3,000 locations worldwide. For more information on Kingston, call (800) 337-8410, or go to [www.kingston.com](http://www.kingston.com).

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