

A Satellite Connection for IPod Reaches Out to Download Radio

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ime Trax Technologies, the Washington company that created a stir late last year when it introduced products that allow satellite radio subscribers to record programming to PC's, has followed up with a product that turns iPods into MP3 repositories for hundreds of channels of music and talk from XM and Sirius, the two satellite radio broadcasters.

DockTrax is an iPod docking station that connects to a U.S.B. port on any PC. When an iPod is inserted into the cradle, TimeTrax software can schedule recordings of XM or Sirius programs and download them to the iPod as MP3 files. Time Trax says it has taken measures to prevent peer-to-peer file sharing, embedding the serial number of the user's satellite radio receiver onto each MP3 file created.

DockTrax, which is available at the company's Web site (www.timetraxtech.com), has a



list price of \$200 and comes bundled with TimeTrax software, an XM or Sirius receiver and the iPod cradle. It will be at retail stores later this year. Marc Weingarten

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