

The Notebook: your Achilles Heel. Top Tips for Securing your Data from Utimaco

- Security leaks are not only caused by data transfer, but by the mobile device itself
- The only effective solution is a combination of encryption, authentication and access management EBIT margin increases to 10.9%
- Tip list for free download in the Internet at www.utimaco.com/toptips

Oberursel, September 27th, 2004 - Let's be honest: is it really the fault of problems with a virus protection program, or an insecure hotspot, if notebook users lose data? A recent Gartner study showed that 86% of all security events in wireless networks are caused by the mobile devices – and not by insecure transfer. Utimaco Safeware is a specialist in mobile security. We would like to give you some tips about simple measures for securing your notebook.

The most secure method data is on your desk at home – because you cannot lose your notebook there. A survey of the town lost&found offices in the main German cities, Berlin, Frankfurt, Hamburg and Munich, discovered that more than 25 notebooks were handed in to them in the first half of 2004 alone. If the worst happens, and your computer is stolen or even lost, there is still hope that your personal data is not all accessible, provided you have taken the right precautionary measures.

Here, Utimaco recommends a combination of three protection mechanisms: "With authentication, encryption and access management, to guarantee system integrity, combined with the classic protection tools such as anti-virus systems, you can ensure your notebook is properly protected", says Ansgar Heinen, security expert at Utimaco. "This applies to professional users just as much as to users who simply store things like holiday photos and personal data on their notebook. The most important data that can be lost if a notebook goes missing is often similar for both these kinds of user: sensitive and valuable customer, product or business information on the company's notebooks."

Utimaco has now published a list of tips on its corporate website, at www.utimaco.com/toptips, for free download that tell you how to handle potential problems with notebooks, and how to secure data on a notebook quickly and easily without compromising its flexibility and benefit when it comes to increasing productivity.

You can find more information about Utimaco Safeware AG and its products for secure work on the move at www.utimaco.com.

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The business unit Personal Device Security provides technologies and solutions to guarantee mobile security in the fields of strong authentication, including biometric procedures, encryption and integrity control. The products and solutions secure data in Terminal Server and Citrix environments, on PCs, Laptops and PDAs.