It's 11 o'clock, Do You Know Where Your Laptops Are?

Lost and stolen laptops are becoming a major security issue for many organizations. Hardly a week goes by that we don't read about an organization reporting a missing or stolen laptop. Often these stolen laptops contain sensitive employee or client data, resulting in embarrassment for the organization, financial impact and loss of customer confidence. Here are two sobering statistics:

- According to security experts at "*www.juststolen.net*", 1 in 10 laptops will be stolen during their lifetime.
- Safeware Insurance reports the following number of <u>reported</u> stolen laptops:
    - 600,000 in 2003
    - 750,000 in 2006

You might ask, "Just who are some of these companies reporting stolen and lost laptops?". Good question, and here are just some of the companies and a short description of the sensitive data lost along with the laptops:

U.S. Veterans Affairs 26 million veterans' data	Georgia Department of Community 2.9 million Georgia residents' data	Mount St. Mary's Hospital 17,000 patient records
Vermont State College 20,000 faculty, staff and student files	Internal Revenue Service Hundreds of laptops stolen	Mercantile Potomac Bank 50,000 customers' data
Chicago Public Schools 40,000 school employees' data	Equifax 2,500 employees' data	HealthNow New York 40,000 members alerted

Syrinx Technologies has developed a service offering designed specifically to help reduce the risks associated with lost or stolen laptops. Syrinx Technologies will audit a sample laptop from your organization and analyze all of the existing security controls. The testing scenario simulates a lost or stolen laptop. No special knowledge is provided by the client. The only information provided is what is normally contained in the laptop case or on the laptop itself.

Syrinx Technologies will attempt to bypass any and all security controls on the laptop and analyze the contents of the laptop. After the analysis is complete, Syrinx Technologies will provide a report detailing the steps taken during the analysis, any unauthorized access gained and recommendations for strengthening the overall security posture for the laptops.

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