

# Simple Endpoint Security Test For Small Businesses

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A message to business owners:

It is a necessity for the everyday operation of many small businesses to make available to their employees a wide variety of a company's data resources. These scattered sources of company information will be in many different formats from Outlook (e-mails), Excel Sheets or Accounting Software. A large percent of this data held within our computer networks is easily converted to text file format making it trouble-free to transfer it to a memory device. The business owner may even be surprised at the volume of information that is contained in odd files like Word doc's and PDF's, holding a depth of company information. The question you must ask yourself as an owner is what and how much information do you want your employees to be allowed to take out of your system? There are many reasons why an employee might copy your data, good and bad. Again a question you need to answer is who makes the decision as to what information may be taken and who may take it?

As the owner you know where the sensitive information is located and in a small business your employ also knows. Even though an employee does not have the need of a particular area of information to perform their job, doesn't mean they don't know where to look. To protect your company from an unhappy or careless employ there is a quick and simple test that you can perform. Keep in mind the volume of information that may be transferred to a USB Stick or any of the many other memory devices available today as you perform your security test.

## The Simple Security Test

- Perform this test from any workstation within your network.
- Use a memory storage device, such as a USB Memory Stick
- Now just see how much information you can download to your memory device timing yourself for 5 minutes.

If in the short time it took you to perform this test you were able to take information that could be useful to a competitor or harmful to your business, you need to do something. Advance Systems International, SAC offer a simple solution; a memory device security tool that is easy to use without a heavy cost. Advanced Systems USB Lock security tools come in both a network controlled version (RP) and a standard version (ST) providing the authorized user individual control. Both tools come packaged with "USB Aware" that maintains viewable logs of all files copied to a device while the system is unprotected and USB Personal Protector providing personal password protection of any memory stick that is authorized to transport company information outside the office. Information on how these tools work along with volume discount price schedules can be viewed at [www.AdvanSysUSA.com](http://www.AdvanSysUSA.com).