# Hard Disk Encryption Improves Laptop Security Under Windows XP

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Utimaco Safeware's SafeGuard® Easy for Windows XP Ensures Confidentiality and Integrity of Valuable Data

In the run-up to CeBIT 2002, Utimaco Safeware is launching a new version of its SafeGuard® Easy encryption solution for the Windows XP platform. Utimaco Safeware's tried and tested flagship product is particularly designed to protect laptops from unauthorised access and manipulation of their configuration or illicit reading of stored data. SafeGuard® Easy version 3.10 is simple to install and operates as an invisible encryption tool to guarantee mobile Windows XP users confidentiality and integrity of their valuable information.

According to a study by the American insurance company The Insurance Agency in the year 2000, 387,000 laptops were stolen in the USA alone. Experts estimate that the caused economic loss vastly exceeds the cost of simply replacing the devices. These mobile devices, which are increasingly being used by management and external staff, often store sensitive business data or authentication details required to access the corporate network. Without additional protection they can be accessed by anyone. This applies to situations when the laptop is stolen and at any time when it is not being watched over.

With more than one million users, SafeGuard® Easy is the world's most popular program for hard disk encryption, certified according to the Common Criteria (CC). Extending the range to include Windows XP is the next logical step to meet the continuing high levels of demand for solutions to secure mobile data on PCs and laptops. This move reflects a global trend in the market. For example, Utimaco Safeware recently signed a major order in Canada for SafeGuard® Easy worth over 1.5 million Euros, which further strengthened its position as a world leader in this area. Market analysts like Gartner also forecast increases in budgets and demand in the 'Laptop/PDA protection' market.

According to Jackie Groves, managing director, Utimaco Safeware UK, "We are pleased to announce this new version of SafeGuard® Easy which extends our best selling product to the newest Windows platform in one software package." She continued, "Following significant enhancements to the previous version based on customer feedback, version 3.10 boasts a more robust set of features including, boot protection to ensure user authentication, powerful hard disc encryption system and encryption of external data media such as, removable disks, ZIP, JAZ and so on."

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About Utimaco Safeware

Utimaco Safeware AG is one of the leading European manufacturers of professional IT security solutions. The security technology and solutions developed by Utimaco Safeware protect the electronic data of companies and government bodies against unauthorised access and guarantees that business processes and administrative procedures in the electronic world are binding and confidential.

Utimaco Safeware's Personal Device Security LOB supplies technologies and solutions for IT security in the areas of high-level authentication including biometric techniques, encryption and integrity checks. These products and solutions safeguard information on PCs, laptops, and PDAs both at the workplace and when on the move.

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