



How secure are your portable devices? Who is deploying these devices on your network? What information are staff carrying around with them on their laptops and PDAs? Who is playing with corporate data on your home workers' wireless networks?

These are some of the questions Didi Barnes, Head of Research and Development at First Base Technologies encourages her clients to think about – preferably before they launch portable devices into their corporate environments.

“We have invested considerable resources in developing security testing methodologies for portable devices such as laptops and PDAs,” says Barnes. “As wireless and portable connectivity become more and more popular, these devices will increasingly become targets for malicious attacks.”

First Base Technologies specialises in security testing services that protect clients' systems from internal and external security breaches. Their expertise embraces operating systems, applications, and of course hardware.

“Laptops, PDAs and USB flash drives are being deployed within corporate environments with little or no consideration of the value of information contained within them, let alone the value of the hardware itself” continues Barnes. “It is frighteningly easy to bypass the standard access controls and obtain access to all the data on them, then it's “game over”! Laptops often also contain connection information that can be exploited to connect to the corporate environment, thus circumventing firewalls entirely.”

Our testing and audit skills developed over the past fifteen years, permit us to embrace these new technologies effectively and thoroughly at a sensible price. Barnes has a free white paper available for download from <http://www.fbtechies.co.uk/computersecurity.shtml> providing in-depth guidance on securing these devices and on writing suitable policies to support them.



About First Base Technologies

First Base Technologies' experience in BS 7799 and associated gap analysis techniques gives a uniquely homogenous perspective on security threats and vulnerabilities. We combine ethical hacking skills with social engineering, staff interviews, documentation reviews and traditional physical security, giving a truly comprehensive review of business risks. The penetration testing team at First Base Technologies has over 100 combined years of experience in IT, data communications and information security, embracing a wide variety of operating systems, communications protocols and equipment.

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