# OceanWeb Systems



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## **Productivity Loss**

With more companies giving employees access to the internet now than ever before there is a widely held belief that productivity in the workplace is being compromised.

This can cost your company thousands of pounds a year in lost productivity. For example, if an employee uses the internet for personal use one hour a day then it could cost your company just under £2000 per year. This is based on an hourly wage of £7.50, 5 days a week for 52 weeks. This soon adds up if you take your entire staff number into account.

Although this is a crude calculation, you can see that continuous staff abuse of the internet is a costly business.

### **Bandwidth**

Your problems however do not end with the lost time due to internet access, as you will need to take into account the bandwidth lost due to the increase in traffic in your company network. The IT department may have to upgrade equipment to deal with this or users may have to endure slower transfer rates.

## **Footprints**

How much would bad publicity cost your company? Did you know that every time an employee visits a website, they leave a 'footprint' that points directly to your company? How would your business cope with being linked to porn or paedophile websites? Do you know what is currently being stored on your employee's hard drives? Can you honestly say that there is nothing illegal or improper stored there?

Anyone with access to the internet can download hacking or sniffing software. This could seriously undermine any security within your company. What damage could an employee do with access to company passwords, bank details and credit card numbers? It is possible for an employee to install software on the system that can detect all of these and more. Think of all the confidential material that your company stores electronically. Do not think that

putting a password on a document is going to prevent any unauthorised access. There is software that is easily available to crack this.

## **Monitoring**

At OceanWeb Systems we can monitor your employee's internet habits over a set period of time and report back to you with a comprehensive list of websites visited in categories such as shopping, porn or games. We can also identify which machines accessed these sites.

Where an employer has an existing suspicion we can target individual(s). In this scenario we would focus our attention on the individual(s) and gather evidence that may or may not support your suspicion. This may involve activities such as unauthorised accessing of files or downloading illegal or improper images.

#### **Audit**

Another service we can offer is an audit of your computer hard drives. This would involve visiting your workplace after normal working hours or weekends and detailing exactly what is being stored locally on your machines.

#### Contact

If you have any concerns regarding employee abuse of the internet, anything else we have covered or something that we have not mentioned above, then please do not hesitate to contact us.

All approaches will be assured discretion.

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