Keeping Data Safe and Secure with Encryption and Online Services

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Introduction

This session will look at two aspects of protecting your TRIO program's data through the use of data encryption and online backup services.

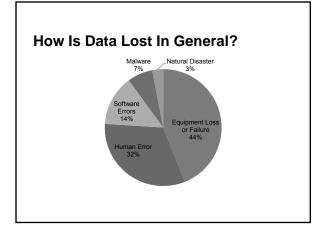
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Topics of Interest

- How is Data Lost or Stolen?
- What About Laptops?
- Protecting Your Data with Encryption
- Installing TrueCrypt
- Data Backup Plans
- Online Backup Services
- Questions and Discussion

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Reasons for Data Loss by 3rd Parties

- Stolen Laptop 19%
- Hacking 16%
- Infected Web Site 12%
- Fraud 9%
- Stolen Computer 7%
- Stolen eMail 4%
- Stolen Media 2%

What About Laptops?

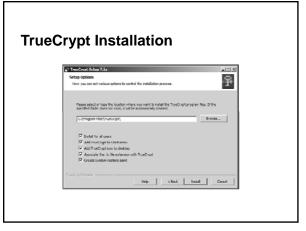
- 10% of All Laptops are lost or stolen in the first year
- 25% or more of laptops are stolen or suffer hard drive failures within the first two years
- The FBI's August 2010 report says that less than 2% of all stolen laptops are recovered

Data Encryption

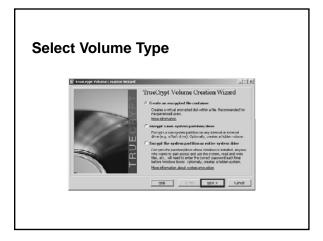
- Encryption is the process of transforming information using an algorithm (called a cipher) to make it unreadable to anyone except those possessing a key
- · Basic approaches:
 - Creates an encrypted container (folder)
 - Encrypts an entire drive
 - Encrypts individual files
 - Encrypts "on the fly" when turned on

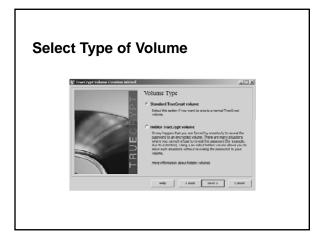
Encryption Considerations

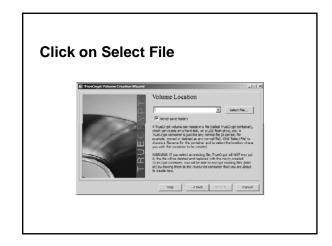
- Think about how you pass and share data – USB drives
 - CDs
- · Find a solution that works for you
 - <u>TrueCrypt</u> a free multi-platform open source solution that is highly rated.
 - <u>AxCrypt</u> encrypts a file or folder by just right clicking it and selecting "Encrypt". Windows only.



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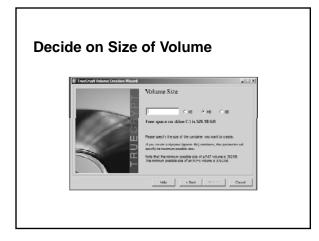


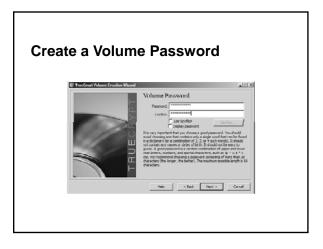


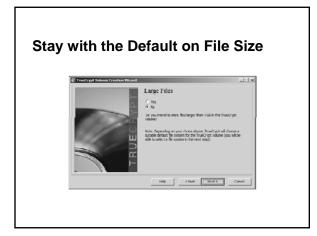


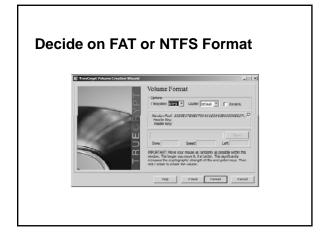
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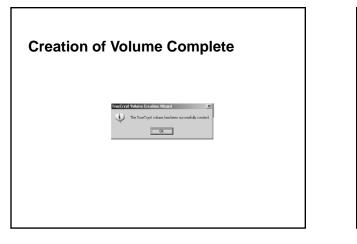
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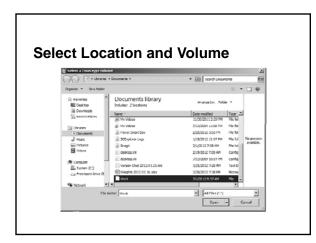


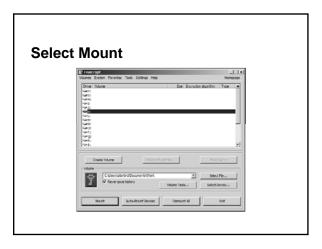


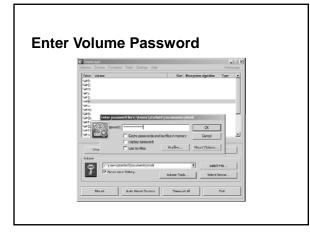


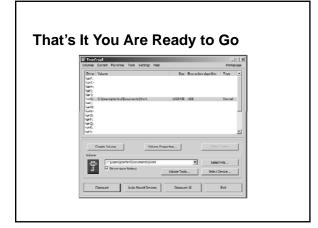


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Do You Have a Backup Plan?

- What data is important to your program?
- · Where does it reside?
- How much data is there really?
- What kind of backup do you do in the office and in the field?
- Who is responsible for backups?
- Have you checked your backups?

Lots of ways to backup data

- SD Cards (Easily lost or stolen)
- USB Drives (Easily lost or stolen)
- DVD (Easily damaged, lost or stolen)
- External Hard Drives (Easily damaged)
- Central Server (Not offsite)
- Online Backup

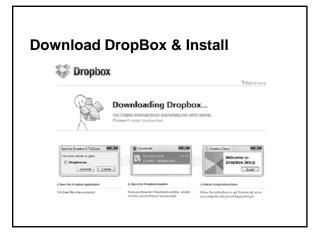
Consider Online Backup Services

- Online Backup services are completely automated which ensures that it gets done, and the backed up files can then be accessed by anyone with permission.
- Online Backup data storage centers are Class-A facilities equipped with fire suppression, security cameras, personnel access controls, backup generators, disaster recovery and high-end firewalls.

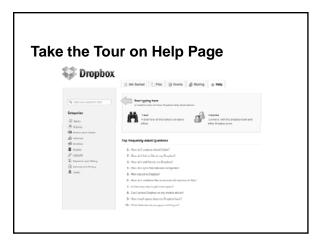
Other Online Service Features

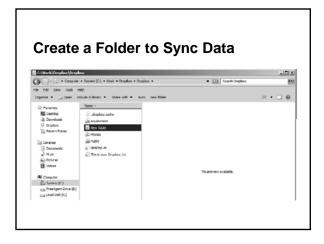
- Mac and PC compatible
- Document Versioning
- Folder Sharing
- Mobile Phone Compatible
- Sync to Another Computer
- Scheduling
- Incremental Backups











Folder Synchronization

- · Can be created on Web
- Can be created locally
- Anything placed in folder is synched
- Can attach other computers with same account to synchronize
- · Can share folder with others

Secure Online Storage				
Web Service	Cost	Space		
SugarSync	\$4.99/mo.	30 GB		
OpenDrive	\$15.00/mo.	500 GB		
DropBox	\$9.99/mo.	50 GB		
Carbonite	\$54.95/yr.	Unlimited		
http://online-data-backup-review.toptenreviews.com/				

Conclusion

- Laptops are a serious liability
- External Drives are a serious liability
- Encrypt all important data
- Create a Data Backup Plan
- Consider Online Backup Services

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Discussion & Questions

Webinar Evaluation <u>http://uwtrio.org/webinar/mar1eval/</u>

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