

What if YOUR laptop gets stolen ?

New technology: zTrace

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Having a Laptop stolen is a nightmare for any presenter. According to a recent statistic Newsweek magazine published, one of 14 laptop computers is stolen within a year of purchase. When it's gone, so are your data and slides, likely never to be returned. Some software companies, such as zTrace, are trying to improve the chance of recovering a stolen laptop through software that will identify its location.

Once installed, zTrace is something you might forget you have, because no visible files, directories, sounds or icons appear on your laptop - making it as undetectable to a thief as it is to you. If your laptop is ever stolen, simply report it to zTrace. When the theft is verified, the zTrace software goes to work. When the new owner tries to access the Internet, an SOS function reports the laptop's location to the zTrace command center. From there, law enforcement is notified and moves in to get your property back. The zTrace software also has a feature called inBackup that allows customers to automatically back up their files onto an offsite secure server. Then, even if the computer is stolen, data can be recovered. For more information, go to www.ztrace.com.

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