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imagine LAN Inc. announces LockDown Key
USB flash drive-enabled software protects Windows® PCs from unauthorized access

(Nashua, NH, March 18, 2003) — imagine LAN, Inc. today announced **LockDown Key**, a security software product that runs from a USB flash drive to protect Microsoft® Windows® XP/2000 desktop, notebook, and Tablet PC systems from unauthorized access. LockDown Key turns any standard USB flash drive into a literal “security key” that can lock and unlock a system for use only by the authorized person who holds the key.

“Through the ‘locked’ system state enabled by LockDown Key, PCs can be secured from unauthorized use or casual hackers, and sensitive data/records can be protected against illegal access and theft,” says Jan Olsen, vice president of marketing and sales at imagine LAN. “LockDown Key is an ideal security tool for corporate executives or other personnel who have access to sensitive company data, and for organizations with PCs physically located in areas that are susceptible to security breaches.”

To use LockDown Key, a PC user or system administrator first establishes an administrator login ID and password on their system using the User Accounts feature within Windows Control Panel. After establishing administrator rights, the user can prepare their key with the LockDown Key security preparation utility. Once security parameters have been enabled and the “key” generated with LockDown Key, the system will be “locked” so that no other user can gain access to the system, not even a system administrator.

To “unlock” the system, the LockDown Key-enabled USB flash drive must be plugged in and user authentication established prior to the Windows auto-login process. Users can increase security through the addition of a LockDown Key ID and password, which requires the user to enter a login/password in order to proceed with the LockDown Key authentication process. For protection against loss or theft of a LockDown Key-enabled flash drive, a new security key can be created through the LockDown Key security preparation utility. When a new key is created, the old key is automatically invalidated.

Availability, Pricing and Requirements

LockDown Key supports Windows XP/2000. It requires a USB flash drive or other USB-based portable storage device (purchased separately), and it requires very little space, making it ideal for smaller capacity storage devices. imagine LAN develops a series of applets for use with USB flash drives, providing users with an easy upgrade path to add on more security features or other USB-based mobility applets such as Email-to-Go, the company’s portable email solution. LockDown Key is expected to ship in the 2nd quarter of this year. It will cost approximately \$29 dollars (U.S.) per device license, and will be available for online purchase at www.imaginelan.com/winboot or by calling the company at (800) 372-9776 or (603) 889-3883.

See LockDown Key at FOSE 2003

imagine LAN will demonstrate LockDown Key and other solutions for portable storage devices within the imagine LAN booth #24 within the Microsoft Partner Pavilion at FOSE 2003, April 8 – 10 at the Washington, D.C. Convention Center. Contact Kathy Kraiss at kkraiss@imaginelan.com or (973) 762-4509 to arrange for a briefing or to obtain evaluation software.

About imagine LAN, Inc.

Founded in 1992, imagine LAN, Inc. provides system health, mobility and security tools for Windows PCs. The company's products are designed for both business and personal computing, with an emphasis on the SMB market. Currently, there are more than **30 million** users of imagine LAN products worldwide. Customers include original equipment manufacturers (OEMs), Fortune 1000 corporations, government and educational institutions, resellers, small/home offices and individual end users.

For more information about LockDown Key and other imagine LAN products, visit imagine LAN's Web site at <http://www.imaginelan.com/winboot>. imagine LAN is located at 74 Northeastern Blvd., Suite 12, Nashua, NH, 03062. The company can be contacted by phone at (800) 372-9776 or (603) 889-3883 or via email at sales@imaginelan.com.

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