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**Bruce Scneier and Bitlocker**

Staying with the “security” theme, this week’s article is about encryption. As encryption is also the subject of my IT project, this article is a good find. The article ‘Encrypting Windows Hard Drives’ by Bruce Schneier, mentions multiple encryption solutions, such as PGP Disk and TrueCrypt, but the main focus (which I find great) is on Bitlocker, that’s right, Microsoft Bitlocker is being advocated by Mr. Schneier. For all you who know about Schneier, you’ll realize he is a big time name in security, encryption, and technology in general. He has written thirteen books, and has a large following in the cryptography world. Schneier’s support of Microsoft’s Bitlocker is actually a pretty significant, in that many people value his advice. The article mentions that, yes Bitlocker is from a big company (Microsoft), and yes, “big” companies sometimes do shady things with their software; however, Bitlocker was designed by Niels Ferguson, which is someone that Schneier trusts. The article does have other links that lead to more information about Bitlocker, which discuss whether or not Bitlocker is secure, whether or not Microsoft is trustworthy, and how much access will the government have/does the government have to Bitlocker “backdoors.” Because my project is centered on Bitlocker, I like to think Bitlocker is an excellent choice for most (not all) companies. The savings, the ease of implementation, and the ease of management make Bitlocker an overall, good product for your typical business.

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