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REMOTE CONTROL WORKING FROM WHEREVER

REMEMBER WHEN THE promise of being able to ditch the office to work from home in your pajamas sounded like the best invention since Pop-Tarts? Alas, far from making our lives more tranquil, it seems that all too often advances in mobile technology have actually tethered us to the office. Now, wherever we go, the office is there—airports, coffee shops, hotel rooms, you name it. At least the technologies that connect you to your office have gotten easier to use and more secure, whether you're manning your office desktop from afar or collaborating on projects via the Web. For better or worse, it's as if you never left the office.
—Ryan Underwood

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WHAT IT IS:

Hardware that blocks hackers and viruses while allowing employees to remotely log in to the company's network

WHAT'S COOL:

After your IT department installs this equipment, which includes a firewall, you can tunnel into your office's secure network over the Internet.

There are two levels of authentication: a password and a randomly generated PIN. Once you're in, you can use your company's in-house applications and network files.

Keep
out
hackers

DRAWBACK:

WatchGuard's products are made for businesses with highly sensitive data. For other companies, it's overkill.

PRICE: \$5,499 for the hardware and a one-year subscription to security services. Security services thereafter run about \$830 per year for up to several hundred users.