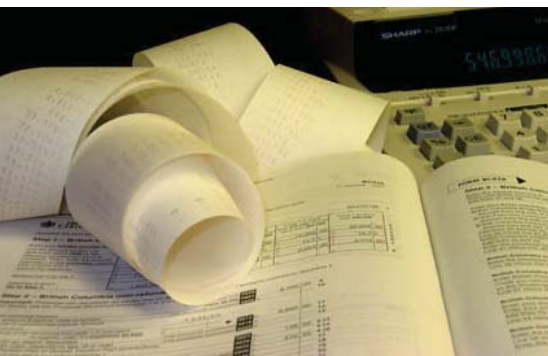


# Client data protected at Business Office Strobbe

*ACCOUNTANT SETS THE RIGHT EXAMPLE WITH THE AXS GUARD*

## The Last of the Mohicans

In the field of digitalization and Internet the accountant is amongst the last of the Mohicans. The reason for this is the specific situation the accountant finds himself in. On the one side, details about the fortune of clients are strictly confidential, so the average accountant is scared to death for intrusions on the corporate network through the Internet. Therefore he stays on the safe side: no Internet at all or an Internet connection on just 1 computer, outside the corporate network. On the other side, the government stimulates the sector to work more electronically. There is EDIVAT, which makes it possible to pass on the VAT of different files at the same time through the Isabel-system. Besides that accountants can also deposit annual statements digitally.



In the world of bookkeepers and accounts, Business Office Strobbe sets the right example regarding computerization and Internet security. Business Office Strobbe's main activity is accountancy. Already more than 35 years, they are taking care of assurance and accounting matters of SME's and advising private individuals about asset management. The accountancy office chooses to see the possibilities of the Internet, instead of focusing on the dangers. As soon as e-communication with the government became possible, all employees received access to the Internet.

### CONFIDENTIALITY AND SECURITY

Geert Strobbe, business manager of Business Office Strobbe, explains: "From the beginning on, I understood that we could not ignore the Internet, even not in our field where one – because of confidentiality – prefers to work with paper

documents. At the same time, you already heard about all different types of Internet crime. I did not want to take a risk. Our data have to be thoroughly secured."

The accountant engaged integrator TopPower for all its matters concerning information technology. TopPower came up with the ideal solution for uniting confidentiality and working electronically: they placed an aXs GUARD Soho between the Internet and the network of seven computers, to exclude the risk of Internet crime.

### LITTLE, BLUE BOX WITH A LIGHT

VASCO's aXs GUARD is an "ALL-in-1" solution where as well hardware, software, support, installation as training are united in one appliance. The solution meets all the needs that companies have in the field of Internet security and communication. aXs GUARD is put together à la carte and is developed in a way that it can easily grow at the pace of the company. Clients only pay for the modules they need today, which makes this solution attractive and payable for SME's as well as for blue chip companies.

The aXs GUARD Soho that was installed at Business Office Strobbe consists of a dozen modules, among which a firewall, anti-virus software, a mail server and a content scanning

module. It allows Geert Strobbe to see - by mean of statistics - what is happening on his network, whether there are any attempts of intrusions and whether there is a lot of surfing and to which web sites.

Integrator TopPower is specialized in IT-solutions for SME's in 3 vertical markets: petroleum/oil, logistics and accountancy, for which it develops its own software. The majority of its customers can be found in the accountancy market. TopPower is Gold Partner of VASCO and works only with aXs GUARD for the network security of its clients.

"We scoured the market for security solutions, but no hardware offers as much functionalities and such good service as the aXs GUARD. At VASCO, they are always busy improving aXs GUARD," says Peter Derycke, sales manager at TopPower. "Thanks to its modular system, this integrated security is so flexible that it can be used at all our clients. Moreover, the product is payable and grows with the company.



Although the aXs GUARD is very complex hardware in itself, the configuration is very simple, because of the web based user interface and its user friendliness.”



Geert Strobbe summarizes as follows: “I admit: I don’t know a lot about IT. But that’s what I have TopPower for. I do not want my employees or myself losing time with messing around with servers and computers. That’s not our job. Our network and the whole IT-infrastructure is like a car: when you put the car key in the ignition, the car should drive. When I turn on my computer, I should be able to work securely on the network. And that little, blue box with the light in it, takes perfect care of that.”

### OBJECTIVE

Business Office Strobbe want to connect its corporate network to the Internet to allow the employees to communicate electronically with the government.

### CHALLENGE

Business Office Strobbe needs a security solution that protects client data from hackers and fraudsters, but in the mean while is very user friendly for the employees of the office.

### SOLUTION

aXs GUARD offers Business Office Strobbe one integrated solutions which guarantees the protection of the corporate network. Thanks to the user friendliness of aXs GUARD, nobody in the office needs to receive specific training to be able to work with it. The flexibility of aXs GUARD makes sure that Business Office Strobbe still can adapt or enlarge its aXs GUARD with other and new modules. That way the company always has a solution that is suited for its needs.



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## About TopPower



TopPower is an ISO certified IT-company that was founded in 1984 with headquarters in Poperinge and offices in Deinze, Leuven and Namen. With more than 50 professional employees, they offer IT-solutions for SME's: business software and services, hardware and services, networks, Internet and security. TopPower is market leader in its software offerings for fuel distributors, gas stations, bus companies, travel agencies, wine shops and accountants. TopPower took a participation in GROUP 2000, a company in Leuven, which is also Microsoft Navision Dynamics partner. For more information, go to [www.toppower.be](http://www.toppower.be)

## About Business Office Strobbe



Business Office Strobbe was founded 35 years ago in Meulebeke – Belgium. Currently, they have 7 employees. Tax law has no secrets for Strobbe. The office takes care of the bookkeeping of SME's and partnerships. Business Office Strobbe also advices private individuals about asset management. More information on [www.zs.be](http://www.zs.be)

## About VASCO

VASCO designs, develops, markets and supports patented user authentication products for the financial world, remote access, e-business and e-commerce. VASCO's user authentication software is delivered via its Digipass hardware and software security products. With over 28 million Digipass products sold and delivered, VASCO has established itself as a world-leader for strong User Authentication with over 550 international financial institutions and approx. 3,300 blue-chip corporations and governments located in more than 100 countries

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