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## 2 minutes with Bob Venero, chief executive of Future Tech Enterprises

By David Reich-Hale

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Bob Venero opened his security technology firm in 1996 in his Sayville basement; now the company has 125 employees and takes up 65,000 square feet in Holbrook. We caught up with Venero, who sports a watch that doubles as a USB drive, to discuss the latest happenings with his company – which hit \$70 million in revenue – and the security industry in general.

**What security threats do companies face today?** In many cases, we're still talking about the same issues as in the past. We see e-mail threats, spam, hacking as major problems.

**Why aren't these problems going away? Are the bad guys staying out in front of the software and hardware providers?** No, not really. Corporations

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should look at old answers and implement them. Some of this is fairly simple. Walk into any office, pop open your laptop and see how many wireless access points are available. Every one of those are security risks. Why aren't companies locking down routers? By not doing so, all of your information could leak out.

**How can Future Tech help lock down a company's secrets?**

We have new software

technology that can control the flow. I can steal your drives by using an iPod or even a CD. We go in with software that controls and locks down anything I don't want you to access. It's all about controls.

**So I shouldn't believe all those Mac commercials that say I'm safe? Steve Jobs says I'm safe, and that's good enough for me. I love Steve, but he's not right on this one. Mac is not a target because they have such a small market share. They're not big enough to be a target. If they grow, they will have all the same problems – I'm sorry to say.**

Gee, thanks Bob. You'll thank me later.

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