

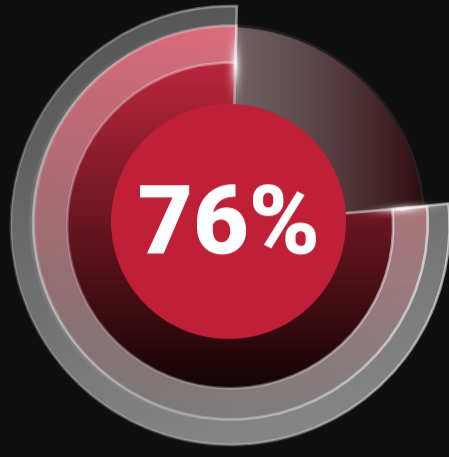
THE HIDDEN DANGERS OF USB DEVICES IN THE WORKPLACE

Protecting Your Organization: The Critical Role of USB Device Security

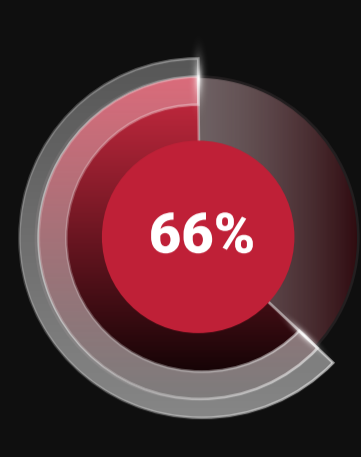
USB devices are essential tools in modern workplaces, used for data transfer, storage, and connectivity. This infographic highlights key statistics on usage patterns, common behaviors and misconceptions, and security concerns. Discover how organizations manage USB devices, the security challenges they face, and best practices for mitigating risks to ensure a safer digital environment.

The Scope of USB Device Usage

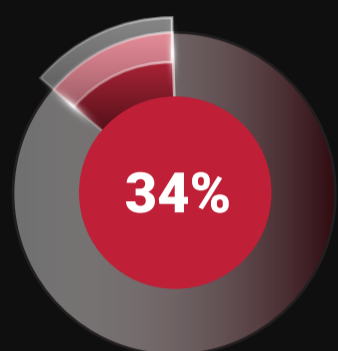
USB devices are everywhere in the workplace, and their convenience and functionality make them indispensable. Explore how frequently end users rely on USB-connected devices.



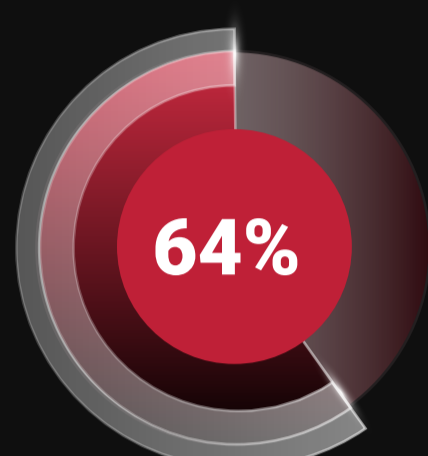
76% of end users use USB-connected headsets



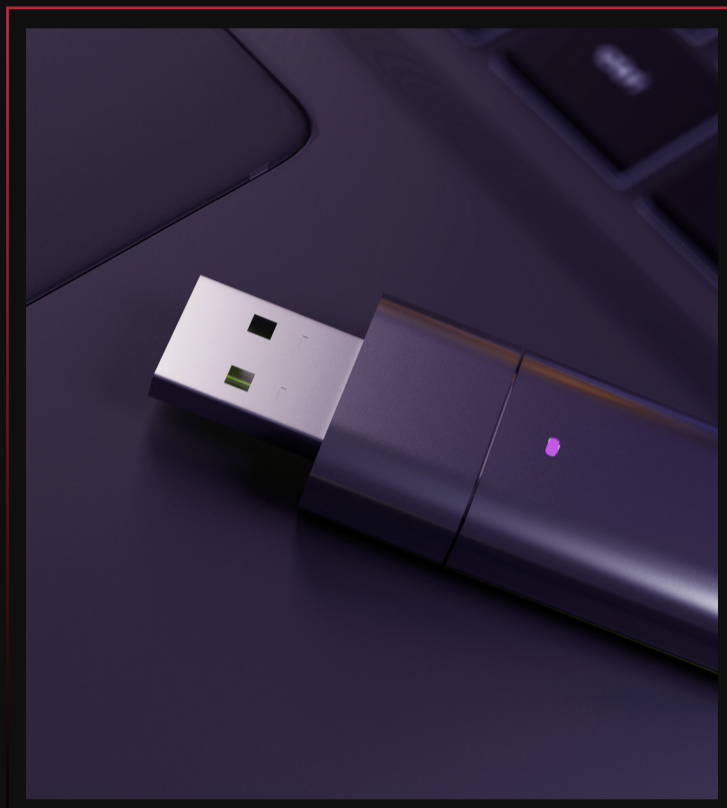
66% use USB-connected webcams



34% use USB storage devices daily, 31% weekly



66% use USB-connected webcams



Risky Habits and Misunderstanding Among End Users

End users' risky habits and misunderstandings about USB device security can jeopardize organizational data. Despite awareness efforts, many still engage in practices that expose sensitive information to potential threats.



21%

21% would plug a found USB into their work computer



54%

54% of end users have lost a USB device, **80%** contained company data



47%

Only 47% reported lost USB devices



30%

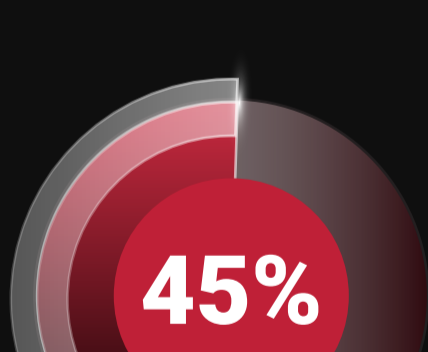
30% believe deleted files are permanently gone

IT Security Professionals Concerns

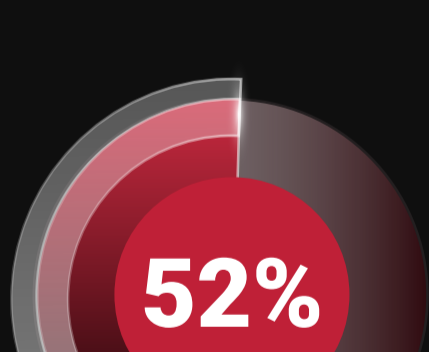
IT security professionals highlight ongoing concerns. Despite efforts to educate and secure, risks persist, highlighting the complex balance between utility and security.



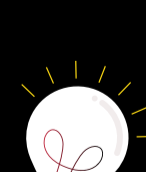
60% have confidence in end users, yet 21% would plug in a found USB



concerned about ransomware and spyware/keyloggers with 34%



52% report company data stolen via USB in the last 24 months



Mitigation Strategies

Effective Strategies to Mitigate Risks

- Standardize Encryption: Use 256-bit AES encryption on all USB devices
- Remote Erasure: Implement remote erasure capabilities for lost/stolen devices
- Managed USB Programs: Only allow authorized USB devices to connect

Enhance Your Data Security Today

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