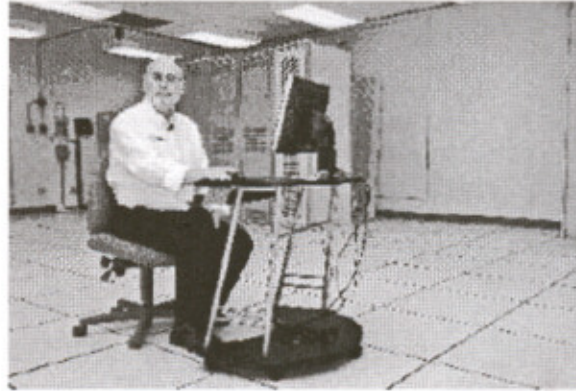


Security is no game for Cube

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Cube Global Storage Ltd. research and product development manager Maurice Auger in the secure data storage area. Clients' electronic data is protected by at least three levels of firewalls.

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Saanich site one of Canada's most secure buildings

Imagine if engineers studied the worst disasters from the Book of Revelation and then built a structure to withstand them. That's pretty much what you get with a privately-owned storage facility located in Saanich.

Now known as Cube, the facility has taken the idea of the safety deposit box to a whole new level.

"We offer protection to the standards of national security," said Michael Weston, who announced the re-branding of two of his companies – Data Base File Tech and Infosure – into Cube Global Storage at an open house last week.

The unassuming atmosphere of the hilltop industrial park, where the one million cubic foot storage centre is located, belies the building's

fortress-like strength.

Rather than razor-wire fences, patrol dogs and armed guards, the locally owned company ensures its security with hardened construction, comprehensive contingency planning and the latest technology.

Built in 1991, the structure has two-foot thick concrete walls and is built on a pillar of igneous base-rock descending 22 kilometers into the earth. A magnitude 9.5 earthquake won't topple it, 135 kilometre winds won't destroy it, and, built 35 metres above sea level, even a major tsunami won't flood it.

Three fire control systems and three back-up power generators ensure nothing will burn and power is never out. The building even has a helicopter landing pad on its roof for special access. It's so safe and secure that Ottawa and the provincial government have designated it a post disaster centre.

Inside, the building is a technological fortress. Staff must undergo criminal background checks, and while clients can access their possessions 24 hours a day, seven days a week, they must go through rigorous and thorough identification protocols.

"Safety deposit boxes are governed by the Bank Act, which we are not. Even if police come to our door with a search warrant they can't come in until they've gone through our lawyer," Weston said.

Rooms throughout the building are protected by steel doors as well as proximity card and biometric hand readers. One thousand strategically situated sensors monitoring motion, moisture, vibration, temperature and dust ensure nothing is allowed to compromise the priceless files, archives and possessions in the three vaults.

An important aspect of the facility is its ability to offer secure office space and protective computer services. The building has hard-wired Internet access and more than 1,200 telephone lines should a company need to re-locate into the facility.

For the public, Cube offers live back up, restoration and server storage.

"We expect that our electronic services will represent up to 40-45 per cent of our business in

the next two years," says Weston.

Cube is a family run company with founder Michael Weston as president and CEO and his son Christopher Weston as vice-president.

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