

## IBM bans all removable storage for staff

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We talk pretty regularly on our podcast about data breaches and hacks, however, the biggest liability is still your users when it comes to security weak points. IBM is taking things to a new level by banning all removable storage for their staff members which seems a little extreme but quite frankly isn't the worst idea in the world. Unfortunately for IBM and any other big company, it's nearly impossible to actually enforce a policy like this. The [Register has the full story](#) .

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