



## Lenovo T410s - near perfect machine

Wired Magazine recently published a raving review of the Lenovo T410s. Below their review:

Wired Rating: 9

Few laptops can be all things to all people, but the ThinkPad T410s comes dangerously close. First there's the screen: The 14.1 inch laptop offers improved resolution, at 1440 x 900 pixels and a display so bright it should come with sunscreen (Seriously, it's not just the brightest notebook display in our records, it's brighter than some desktop monitors). Specs leave nothing to complain about: 2.4 GHz Core i5 chip, 4 GB RAM, an Nvidia NVS 3100M graphics processor and the aforementioned bad-ass screen. Only the 128GB SSD hard drive is perplexing: either up it to a proper 256 GB or forgo SSD for a big, regular hard drive, Lenovo. Space concerns aside, the benchmarks are record-breaking. The T410s had the highest numbers on general performance apps among anything we've ever tested and it's no slouch in the gaming department, too: while short of our all-time highs, for a business machine, it's more than graphics capable. And all of this comes in a perfectly thin, 3.9 pound package,

which earns it yet another record by making it the lightest 14 inch laptop we've tested, as well. Naturally, few ThinkPads come at a discount, and the price tag is likely too steep for most (try subbing that HD in lieu of the SSD to trim the cost a bit), but our sole operational complaint is one of battery life. That ultra-bright screen clearly exacts its toll on your power cell, with the T410s turning in just 83 minutes of DVD playback while operating at full brightness. It may not be able to make it through back-to-back episodes of Mad Men, but you'll certainly love it while it's running.

**WIRED** A multiple record-breaker: Top performance and brightest screen among all laptops we've seen. Very slim and extremely lightweight. Rock-solid ThinkPad keyboard with well-thought-out controls. Love the textured touchpad. Sturdy as a granite pillar anchored in Dolomite.

**TIRED** Battery life needs a serious boost. Expensive. No HDMI connector.



## Search more social

Microsoft and Facebook announced that they're teaming up to make search more social. When someone searches for a restaurant or movie on Bing, he can see what his friends have liked. People now can more easily depend on their friends to get online guidance, Microsoft said. "It's an unfolding of a new era of search. Our quest is to enable our users to make informed decisions faster."

The social search announcement is an extension of an ongoing partnership between Microsoft and Facebook. Microsoft said to expect more tools

and technologies in the future. Facebook's search, which is powered by Bing, is also making it easier to find people on the social networking site.

"Now when you search on Bing, Bing finds and provides the results most relevant to you based on your Facebook connections - those with whom you have mutual friends will now show up first," said Facebook CEO Mark Zuckerberg. "Bing is also making more prominent the ability to add these people as friends on Facebook directly from Bing."

## Green IT - asset recovery

Green IT is still at its early stage of development in the industry world-wide. Nonetheless, it is an essential domain for businesses not only to boost corporate environmental responsibility but also to reduce companies' bottom line. It is no longer a question of choice, it is a necessity.

Corporate awareness and interest in environmental responsibility has heightened. However, IT companies still need to become more green-conscious. For instance, they need to be more proactive in reducing the energy consumption of their IT platforms and realise that if they don't robustly deal with it, they will run out of energy.

Organisations can look at taking advantage of being green, instead of viewing it as another noise in the market. Going green is a feasible practice and in fact can have a bottom-line impact. The good news is that green practices can yield significant savings over time.

Initiatives such as waste elimination, engaging customers and government organisations in green activities, deploying environmentally friendly computing devices will all help reducing carbon footprint.

At Moncrieff, we are committed to the environment. One step towards a greener environment is our asset recovery service, where we aim to recycle a company's obsolete computer equipment. **Check [www.moncrieff.com.au/solutions/asset-recovery](http://www.moncrieff.com.au/solutions/asset-recovery) for more information.**

## Tips and tricks 'how can you...'

### ...secure your smart phones?

Smart mobile devices are an essential tool for employee productivity. Anywhere, anytime access to company information increases employee responsiveness and facilitates around-the-clock communication. Smart mobile devices will soon become as ubiquitous as corporate laptops.

The downside of this rapid growth combined with the widespread availability of developer toolkits is that cyber criminals are increasingly attracted to these devices. Sensitive corporate information in emails, downloads and customer contacts on smartphones could get compromised and end up in the wrong hands, so securing smart mobile devices has become as important as protecting laptops and desktops.

Blackberries have always been thought to have the best security and many corporates don't wish to use other devices because of lack of security. But with McAfee VirusScan Mobile Enterprise (VSME), all smart mobile devices that run Microsoft Windows mobile operating system are safeguarded. VSME is a centrally managed anti-malware solution and scans and cleans viruses, worms, dialers, Trojans, battery-sapping malware and other malicious code. Mobile devices are protected at virtually every point of potential exposure - inbound emails, outbound emails, text messages, attachments, files and internet downloads over multiple connectivity mechanisms, including Bluetooth, Wi-Fi or infrared connections.

### Did you know?

A 23 year old pianist without arms has won the 'China's Got Talent' tv show. The man lost both his arms as a ten year old when he was electrocuted. He learned to play the piano with his feet when he was 18.

VSME supports scheduled over-the-air signature updates, providing immediate protection against emerging threats. VSME also enables the IT department to wipe all information from the smartphone remotely, should the phone be lost or stolen. In case of loss, a GPS will inform you where the phone was left so you can retrieve it.

VSME is administered by McAfee ePO, the award-winning security management console that delivers a coordinated, proactive defense against malicious threats and attacks for the enterprise. With ePO as the hub of McAfee Security Risk Management (SRM) solutions, administrators can mitigate the risk



of rogue, noncompliant systems; keep protection up to date; configure and enforce protection policies and monitor security status 24/7 from one centralised, web-based console. Deploy ePO and manage all of your new security solutions or extend your investment in enterprise security management by adding VSME to your existing ePO infrastructure. With ePO, VSME is easy to deploy, easy to

configure and easy to manage. As a result, ePO can be used to manage all of your corporate Windows-based mobile devices along with other endpoints.

#### Features and benefits

- Safeguard corporate assets and meet compliance requirements
- Keep confidential information safe and avoid potential data theft
- Comply with government and industry legislation that requires enterprises to protect sensitive data
- Maintain a high level of employee productivity
- Viruses and other threats can interrupt mobile service and disrupt business communications.
- Secure corporate smartphones, so that employees stay productive and business runs smoothly.

VSME is the answer to protecting your business information, regardless of which mobile device it's stored on. With VSME, your company can be assured that security on any device is not compromised and look beyond the traditionally safe Blackberry phone.

At Moncrieff, we can provide this VSME as a managed service or large enterprises can choose to purchase outright. For more info, contact Director Mark Carrick on 08 9473 3824 or email [mark.carrick@moncrieff.com.au](mailto:mark.carrick@moncrieff.com.au).

### Quote of the month

"My theory is that all of Scottish cuisine is based on a dare."

- Mike Myers



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