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Sabotage like at Tesla could have been prevented with a suitable data loss prevention solution

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Prevent sabotage by employees

The nightmare scenario of every company: loss of data, acts of sabotage and finally production outages - as happened at Tesla. A suitable IT security solution would have been able to prevent the data theft.

Kiel - Palo Alto - Tesla has been struggling with production delays for some time now. This is due to data losses and reprogramming of the production processes. An employee of the automobile manufacturer has apparently already admitted leaking highly-sensitive data to a third party. Previously, he had attracted attention among his colleagues for dissatisfied and even aggressive behavior. This is actually a classic warning sign for impending abuses of company data, as explained by Dennis Buroh, Senior Consultant at Consist Software Solutions GmbH, in an article in Computerwoche at www.computerwoche.de/a/so-wird-man-zum-innentaeter,3330434.

Technical measures alone, such as firewalls and access restrictions, are not enough to prevent an employee becoming a weapon against their own company. In addition, a clear code of conduct - which also covers internal interactions between colleagues and managers - in combination with appropriate internal control systems, are also essential. These should use data sparingly, in accordance with the German Federal Data Protection Act (BDSG), but also for IT performance reasons, so the system is not burdened unnecessarily. At the same time, employee rights may not be violated, such as in last year's case before the Federal Labor

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Court. This is why Consist relies on ObserveIT (OIT), as it is one of the few security solutions in this area that is able to meet all these criteria.

What exactly is behind the production downtimes of the Tesla Model 3, whether it is in fact only sabotage after not receiving a promotion, or in fact targeted attacks from the outside as Elon Musk suspects, is currently being determined in court in Las Vegas. There, the head of the company filed suit against the former employee for hacking its manufacturing operating system and stealing company data. Musk's company memo asking employees to be even more vigilant in future regarding colleagues may work to shake things up internally, but ultimately only a suitable IT security solution will ensure success in the long run.

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You can also find it at www.consist.de/presse

More information:

- About Consist: www.consist.de
- About Insider Threats: www.computerwoche.de/a/so-wird-man-zum-innentaeter,3330434
- As to Federal Labor Court judgement: www.consist.de/de/presse/Rechtssichere-und-datenschutzkonforme-IT-Security-Loesungen-sind-gefragt/
- About ObserveIT: www.consist.de/de/produkte/security_bigdata/it-compliance-observeit/

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Company Portrait



Consist Software Solutions GmbH is a specialist in IT services and software. The IT service provider supports its customers throughout the entire software lifecycle, from development projects to maintenance in the operating phase, to supplementary big data and security products.

With more than 190 employees at the sites in Kiel, Berlin and Frankfurt, Consist is setting the benchmark for data analytics, IT security and managed services.

Founded in 1994 at the Kiel headquarters, the company continues its growth path, which makes Consist one of the most experienced IT service providers, thanks to proven mainframe competence and highly qualified specialists for innovative technologies. Awarded with the „Großer Preis des Mittelstandes“ Consist again received the plaque of honor in 2016.



Year of founding:	1983 profit center of Krupp MAK 1994 spin-off under the name Mak DATA SYSTEM Kiel GmbH
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Sales, employees:	26 Mio. € (2016), 190 employees (01/01/2017)
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