Many organizations employ contractors and temporary workers — “guest users” — to address surges or downturns in business, like specialized projects. Instead of hiring full-time workers, who may become a surplus over time, organizations employ these guest users, and provide them with temporary and controlled access to a corporate network.

This need exists across many industries and roles, including medical consultants, contract engineers, guest lecturers, researchers, off-shore workers and temporary staff in finance and insurance, and temporary or seasonal staff in manufacturing, retail, or logistics. In an increasing number of cases, a guest user is highly mobile and requires remote yet secure access to a company or clinic’s network.
Why is IGEL the best endpoint OS partner to equip guest users and temporary staff with secure, controlled access to the corporate environment?

IGEL OS is quick and easy. Any compatible x86-64 device can be set up in minutes with IGEL’s UD Pocket. A highly portable and tiny USB stick solution, the UD Pocket can be delivered via express post to users located almost anywhere. They simply plug it into their device and then connect to the IGEL Cloud Gateway via the Internet and they are up and running! WATCH THE UD POCKET VIDEO

IGEL OS supports a broad range of unified communications software solutions over VDI and cloud workspaces. These include Cisco WebEx Meeting, Microsoft Teams, Jabra, Avaya, and Zoom.

Additionally, a vast technology partner ecosystem of more than 100 leading partners ensures integration with the latest technologies: VDI client, authentication, dictation, e-signature, printing, USB management, and many more.

In healthcare, visiting medical consultants, experts, and temporary medical staff are common in hospitals and clinics. Single sign-on technology demonstrates the seamless solution clinicians experience every day, with Imprivata OneSign delivered via IGEL OS 11. Imprivata’s solution is embedded into the IGEL OS operating system, giving clinicians rapid and secure access to apps and patient data, while allowing them to concentrate on excellent patient care, rather than worrying about lost passwords and multiple logins.

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Across all industries, the flexibility and simplicity of IGEL OS and the UD Pocket offers a quick and secure solution. Based on Linux and structured as a modular, read-only firmware base, IGEL OS has an extremely small attack surface and a broad array of security-focused features designed to minimize exposure and prevent attackers from infiltrating your organization through the most popular entry point: the network edge. IGEL enables secure access to cloud workspaces from end to end. IGEL’s complete “chain of trust”, which verifies all boot-up processes from the user hardware/UEFI to the destination VDI host or cloud, applies even to remote temporary and guest users and offers added confidence for IT endpoint administrators.

For those users running IGEL OS via the UD Pocket, once they have completed their work, they need only remove the UD Pocket to return to the native environment. All underlying apps and files remain untouched. The ease of control, even from remote locations, makes the UD Pocket a simple mobile guest user solution for IT administrators. Upon completion of an assigned task or contract, the UD Pocket at a remote location can be disabled by the IT admin.
IGEL offers the essential components needed to enable secure guest user access to the corporate network.

**IGEL OS**
A platform-independent Linux-based next-gen endpoint operating system designed for simple, smart, and secure endpoint control and optimization. It allows access to cloud services, server-based computing applications or virtual desktops, and provides outstanding audio, video, interactive graphics, and unified communications.

**Universal Management Suite (UMS)**
A single management and control solution for just a few to up to 300,000 distributed IGEL OS powered endpoint devices. Purpose-built to simplify complex enterprise environments, UMS supports diverse operating systems, databases and directories. The UMS server can be located on the corporate network or in the cloud.

**IGEL UD Pocket**
A portable and powerful USB pluggable endpoint solution. No larger than a paper clip, the UD Pocket is essentially “IGEL OS on a stick” and offers secure high performance for remote mobile and guest workers. The UD Pocket boots IGEL OS from a PC, laptop or any compatible x86-64 CPU based endpoint device.

**IGEL Cloud Gateway (ICG)**
Enables full UMS management and control of IGEL OS-powered endpoints located “off-network” in remote locations including home offices, remote campuses, or for mobile “road warrior” workers. It extends the reach of UMS without requiring a separate VPN connection to ensure strong management and control of all your IGEL OS-powered endpoints, regardless of their location.
As the dynamics of business continuity continues to change, IGEL has emerged as an ideal endpoint OS partner in these times of agile working. IGEL customers can benefit from a unified, coordinated end user computing solution that enables secure and productive working that is quick and easy. With an emphasis on secure and powerful unified communications and collaboration, IGEL delivers a great user experience for end-users be they employees, guest users or temporary staff, while giving both IT administrators and the CFO peace of mind!

Experience more about how IGEL OS and the IGEL UD Pocket support business continuity through equipping remote and mobile guest users with secure, controlled access to the company network: [IGEL.COM/UDPOCKET/](https://igel.com/udpocket/)