

Hot Tip #13



How to Avoid Network Security Breaches

According to Network World, most network managers are making the same mistakes over and over again. The mistakes resulted in corporate security breaches, and many of these mistakes are easy to avoid.



In 2008, experts analyzed 90 security breaches that represented 285 million compromised records, most of the incidents involved identity theft by organized crime. What's surprising is these security breaches were often the result of network managers forgetting to take obvious steps to secure their systems, particularly non-critical

servers. Here are the top two mistakes that result in a security breaches and how to avoid them :

1. Not changing the default passwords on all network devices.

According to the experts' study, more than half of the records that were compromised last year were the result of using a default password on a network device. This mistake can be easily avoided by changing the password on all network connected devices.

2. Sharing a password across multiple network devices.

IT departments often use the same password across multiple servers, and more than one person knows the password. Even if it is a strong password, once shared, all the systems are at risk.

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