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Security and Organizational Risk Planning – Protecting Personal Information for Small Businesses

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Section I

COMPUTER SECURITY



Physical Security

- Never leave unattended machines unlocked
- Never leave keys/cellphones unattended
- BIOS password
- Hard drive encryption
 - 48 NASA Laptops stolen in the last 2 years! (PC World)
 - Logon password and BIOS password does not protect raw data on hard drive.
 - Included in Windows 7 Ultimate and Enterprise
 - http://www.pcworld.com/article/226785/how_to_encrypt_a _hard_drive.html



Internet/Network Security

- Don't trust unsecured wireless.
 - WEP is very basic and easy to hack
 - WPA and WPA2 are the best
- Wired connectivity is always better and more reliable
- Network-Edge security device
 - Need a firewall and/or intrusion detection device between your network and internet connection



Internet/Network Security

- Passwords
 - Password vs. Passphrase
 - Password length
 - Greater than or equal to 16 characters
- Security Questions
 - Don't answer with single words or easy to find answers
 - Examples:
 - What street did you grow up on?
 - 983main (House number and street)
 - Favorite Pet?
 - Rover2003 (Pet name and year born or adopted)



Social Networking Security

- Don't post anything you wouldn't post on a bulletin board.
- Make sure no easily-accessed information on a social networking site connects to password or security question.
- Careful what information is in photos or wall posts
 - Clothes with town names
 - Stating that you are leaving town



Email Security

- Never communicate sensitive information via email.
 - Anything you are uncomfortable with shouting at the top of your lungs in a crowd should not be communicated via email.
- Phishing
 - It's best not to click on links in an email message.
 - Open a browser and type the link directly
 - Snopes.com
- Viruses
 - Most common form of virus transmission



Section II

SECURITY SOLUTIONS



Domains

- What is a domain?
 - Multi-building campus with a security office in every building vs. a multi-building campus with a centralized security office
- When should you have one?
 - 10 or more employee users or workstations
 - Need for own email and scheduling system in house



Devices

- Paid Solutions
 - SonicWALL
 - Cisco
 - Fortinet
- Open Source Solutions
 - IPCop
 - PF



- Asset Identification
- Threat Evaluation
- Vulnerability Appraisal
- Risk Assessment
- Risk Mitigation



- Asset identification
 - Process of inventorying items with economic value
- Common assets
 - People
 - Physical assets
 - Data
 - Hardware
 - Software



- Determine each item's relative value
 - Asset's criticality to organization's goals
 - How much revenue asset generates
 - How difficult to replace asset
 - Impact of asset unavailability to the organization
- Could rank using a number scale



- Threat evaluation
 - List potential threats
- Threat modeling
 - Goal: understand attackers and their methods
 - Often done by constructing scenarios
- Attack tree
 - Provides visual representation of potential attacks
 - Inverted tree structure



Category of threat	Example	
Natural disasters	Fire, flood, or earthquake destroys data	
Compromise of intellectual property	Software is pirated or copyright infringed	
Espionage	Spy steals production schedule	
Extortion	Mail clerk is blackmailed into intercepting letters	
Hardware failure or errors	Firewall blocks all network traffic	
Human error	Employee drops laptop computer in parking lot	
Sabotage or vandalism	Attacker implants worm that erases files	
Software attacks	Virus, worm, or denial of service compromises hardware or software	
Software failure or errors	Bug prevents program from properly loading	
Technical obsolescence	Program does not function under new version of operating system	
Theft	Desktop system is stolen from unlocked room	
Utility interruption	Electrical power is cut off	



- Vulnerability appraisal
 - Determine current weaknesses
 - Snapshot of current organization security
 - Every asset should be viewed in light of each threat
 - Catalog each vulnerability
- Risk assessment
 - Determine damage resulting from attack
 - Assess likelihood that vulnerability is a risk to organization



Impact	Description	Example
No impact	This vulnerability would not affect the organization	The theft of a mouse attached to a desktop computer would not affect the operations of the organization
Small impact	Small impact vulnerabilities would produce limited periods of inconvenience and possibly result in changes to a procedure	A specific brand and type of hard disk drive that fails might require that spare drives be made available and that devices with those drives be periodically tested
Significant	A vulnerability that results in a loss of employee productivity due to downtime or causes a capital outlay to alleviate it could be considered significant	Malware that is injected into the network could be classified as a significant vulnerability
Major	Major vulnerabilities are those that have a considerable negative impact on revenue	The theft of the latest product research and development data through a backdoor could be considered a major vulnerability
Catastrophic	Vulnerabilities that are ranked as catastrophic are events that would cause the organization to cease functioning or be seriously crippled in its capacity to perform	A tornado that destroys an office building and all of the company's data could be a catastrophic vulnerability



- Estimate probability that vulnerability will actually occur
- Risk mitigation
 - Determine what to do about risks
 - Determine how much risk can be tolerated
- Options for dealing with risk
 - Diminish
 - Transfer (outsourcing, insurance)
 - Accept



Section III

DISASTER RECOVERY



Disaster Recovery

- This is part of your Threat Audit
- Have action plans ready for various scenarios
 - Disaster Recovery Template
 - Included with this presentation
- Once you develop your plans, test them periodically
 - Once a season or a minimal of annual testing
 - Run business operations from backup hardware for a day
 - If an offsite operations room is in planning, run operation from that site for a day
 - Restore data from tapes or backup devices periodically



Section IV

LAWS AND REGULATIONS



PCI Compliance

- Maintain a secure network
- Protect Cardholder Data
- Maintain a Vulnerability Management Program
- Implement Strong Access Control Measures
- Regularly Monitor and Test Networks
- Maintain an Information Security Policy



SOX Compliance

- Contains provisions for:
 - Network and data security
 - Data access logs
 - Network access logs
 - Backing up data



eDiscovery

- Provides laws for gathering and storing data for litigation purposes.
 - Data and electronic messages cannot be deleted when notified of pending litigation
 - Includes "raw data" on a network, email, voicemail, smartphones, PDAs and other messages or data owned by the organization
 - Data and documents need to be saved or archived in formats for investigators



Section V

NOTEWORTHY TIDBITS



Tidbits

- Security and DR will never be 100%
- Security through obscurity
- Common sense

Thank You!

- Mark your calendars for the upcoming webinars of this season – 2nd Thursday, 2:00pm (ET)
 - Apr/May/June 2012 will focus on Art and Business
 - -April 12, 2012
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