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Business At Risk

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Read more at https://benchmarkns.com/cybersecurity-tips/

Reasons IT Professionals Get Fired

Can you guess? That's right! Failing to keep the network secure! Now, it is a fair statement that we cannot foresee every cybercrime. Hackers are very smart and very determined. However, there are best practices that every IT Professional should put in place. Not doing so, could cost you your job.

In a recent Forbes article dated June 3, 2022, it was stated, "In 93 percent of cases, an external attacker can breach an organization's network perimeter and gain access to local network resources."

This statistic was uncovered by Positive Technologies, while doing Pen Testing.

In the article, they stated, "An attacker's path from external networks to target systems begins with breaching the network perimeter. According to the research, on average, it takes two

Benchmark Updates!

New Office Location

We are now settled in our new location in Durham, NC. If you are in the area, please come by and visit us. Our new address :

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Durham, NC 27713

Hiring

We are hiring! We are looking for enthusiastic technical folks who love a collaborative culture with a passion for helping solve client issues. Please call or email us to get more details.

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days to penetrate a company's internal network. Credential compromise is the main route in (71 percent of companies), primarily because of simple passwords being used, including for accounts used for system administration."

So, what can you do to protect yourself from failing your business?

✦ Ensure you have the right IT managing your network

✦ Do you have a backup solution that is verified regularly?

✦ Define your cybersecurity Policy

✦ Employ access controls

For more information, please give us a call. We love security!

5 Reasons Cheap IT Cost You More

If you're not careful, the "cheapest" IT provider can end up costing you a lot more due to carve-outs and hidden fees

1. Adequate cybersecurity protections not provided
2. Disaster recovery solution & setup not included
3. Support outside normal business hours & onsite not included
4. Vendor liaison & management not included
5. Support for computers outside of warrantee not included & very expensive

As you look through dozens of proposals from IT services firms, you will quickly discover: no two are alike. This makes it nearly impossible to compare one against the other and sort through all the legalese, "geek speak" and terms to determine if you're getting a fair price or if you're falling victim to a misleading proposal that will end up costing you far more than you were initially led to believe.

If you're not careful, the "cheapest" or less expensive IT provider can end up costing you a lot!