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Its not my boss, but in conversations with many people that span many companies, the general line of thought seems to be "until there is an active exploit that is blowing away machines on my network, we will do nothing. After all, not every vulnerability that is published is followed by a bad exploit. And not every bad exploit manages to get inside. Your asking me to spend real money on a theoretical problem. Remember: IT is a cost center, something where you do everything possible to reduce costs and expenditures."

The above are not my thoughts, they are a condensed version of many conversations. Do I think it is penny wise and pound foolish? Yes. Do I think these people are not seeing the big picture? Yes. But, I'm just an advisor.

-----Original Message-----

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[mailto:full-disclosure-admin@lists.netsys.com]On Behalf Of Eric LeBlanc

Sent: Wednesday, April 28, 2004 9:36 AM

To: full-disclosure@lists.netsys.com

Subject: Re: [Full-Disclosure] no more public exploits and general PoC gui de lines

On Tue, 27 Apr 2004, Jedi/Sector One wrote:

> On Tue, Apr 27, 2004 at 04:05:13PM -0400, kquest@toplayer.com wrote:

> > Are you saying that unless there's an exploit

> > that gives you access to the target machine

> > your company wouldn't patch

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> It's a matter of priority.

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> For most PHBs, proactive security must be very low priority because

> keeping systems up to date doesn't bring any money to the company.

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Just to tell your boss that the
worm/DoS/exploit/wathever-that-will-cause-a-severe-damage-on-machines-and-ne
twork
will cost them more than keeping their system up to date (with proof).
It's enough to convince them that the patching will save them a *LOT* of
money and time (if the patch don't broke the system of course, especially
with microsoft patches).

If they don't want to understand it.. Well, I want to be there when their
system will have a virus/w