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SUMMARY

The goal of document is to define new guidelines in order to improve the security in Microsoft Windows-based internal networks. In order to be useful in real situations, these measures have been thought in function of obtaining the lowest-cost possible approach, to prevent such a project to become financially prohibitive. Security being a field in constant evolution, it is possible that new solutions will be integrated to these presented here in the future.

DETAILS

1. Introduction

One of the first things you learn when you start looking into computer security is that about 80% of the attacks reported on networks come from the inside, principally from fired or disgruntled employees, from external consultants or from malicious hackers that got inside the network one way or the other (non-secured Internet connection, plugged modems, social engineering, got hired by the victim under false pretensions, etc.). Since the demographical explosion of the Internet, this number tends to lower, but latest estimates still declare that between 60%–80% of network incidents happen on the internal network. However, the majority of computer security companies will put most of their efforts on securing the periphery of the network, while leaving the internal network itself

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completely open, either by a lack of consciousness about this problem, either by lack of competence, or more often either by lack of money to put up a project affecting all workstations on a network.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

The complete article can be found at:

<http://www.geocities.com/floydian_99/secneten.txt>
http://www.geocities.com/floydian_99/secneten.txt

The complete article (in French) can be found at:

<http://www.geocities.com/floydian_99/secnetfr.txt>
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