

Re: Password Storage

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In our case, our department is Data Security, and we hold all the passwords, including the one to decrypt the database. Yes, HR has their own quirks, but in general we control access to those systems too.

d wrote:

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> "Reid Forrest" <NOSPAMreid@cvtelecom.com> wrote in message

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>> d wrote:

>> > I

>> > see two solutions: a) The Low Tech – Each department writes down the
>> > password(s), seals them in an envelope and sends it to Iron Mountain or

>> > another document storage company. Unfortunately, this could add hours
> to

>> > our recovery times. b) The High Tech – some sort of crypto–intranet

>> > server

>> > at our DR site. Unfortunately all the password management solutions

>> > appear to be a single PC/Single user design.

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>> I prefer the semi–low–tech way. I keep a CD with encrypted copies of a
>> password database, along with recovery documentation, DR plans, vendor
>> contacts, etc. at home and in my car. Other key department members store
>> CDs also, and as a last resort, there is a copy at Iron Mountain.

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>> This has worked very well so far. You just need to make sure that you
>> keep the CDs updated.

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> Thanks for the feedback. I have a few questions though.

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> Who has the Password to unencrypt the database? And if it is on CD, how
> do

> you audit if it has been accessed? What seperation exists? Exec

> Management does not want me or my staff to have the passwords to the

> Accounting or HR systems, nor they have access to the Network passwords

> normally, but they want the ability to get at the passwords in the event

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> *of a Disaster. (Assume worst case scenario, it occurs during business*
> *hours and significant numbers of each department are incapacitated.)*
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> *Thanks,*
> *Dave*

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