



Top 10 Excuses for Not Improving Security

10. It's just a test box.

...Any host connected to the network is vulnerable to attack.

9. The host administrator is on vacation.

...Compromised hosts will be blocked, and you'll lose service.

8. I didn't know that service was running on that machine.

...Request a vulnerability scan from Network Services.

7. I just installed that computer 10 minutes ago.

...The Internet is flooded with thousands of attacks every second.

6. That host doesn't have anything important on it, so it's not a target.

...Hackers aren't picky. Any vulnerable host is an appealing launching pad.

5. A faculty member, not the administrator, maintains that host.

...All hosts connected to the network should be managed by a qualified IT worker.

4. I don't have enough time.

...Is there enough time to recover from an incident?

3. I don't have enough money.

...Are there enough funds to recover from an attack?

2. I didn't know there was a patch for that bug.

...Keep informed by monitoring news, lists and vendor Web sites.

And the number one excuse for not improving computer security?

1. I don't know very much about security.

...That's easy. Attend ITSA Day.

Security issues bugging you? Attend ITSA Day!

