Taking the Guesswork Out of Security: SecurityNow!

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Are you currently spending too much or too little on security? If you increase your security budget, what technologies should you invest in to get the best financial return? Which parts of your infrastructure are the most vulnerable and valuable; what is the most cost effective way to secure them? How much money does your business lose due to security breaches every day, and how will your security degrade over time?

These questions and many more plague IT executives. However, without a system that includes a proper risk assessment methodology, loss minimization strategies and a complete financial analysis, there is no accurate way to answer these questions. CIOview Corp. and ISECOM (the Institute for Security and Open Methodologies) are about to change all of this!

CIOview, in collaboration with ISECOM, has developed a software product that leads you through a structured interview process. In a matter of minutes it will determine your current security risk. In fact, it even will provide a Risk Assessment Value (RAV), a standardized method of risk assessment commonly required by banking authorities and government regulators throughout the world. Now you can have a preliminary security and financial assessment of your organization in less than one hour-compared to the weeks or months typically associated with a security audit.

Then, using a system and network-scanning tool, a complete audit of your system vulnerabilities can be completed with very little effort. This scanned system audit can then be imported into CIOview's SecurityNow! to give you a real-time risk and financial cost assessment. This is the first time that a security audit, loss minimization assessment and financial analysis has been available in a simple but comprehensive package based on open and vetted standards.

In fact, within 30 minutes of importing a scan of your current systems, CIOview's SecurityNow! automatically will generate a security business case explaining your individual risk, appropriate loss minimization options, financial details, and the expenditures necessary to reduce your risk status.

Companies and government organizations around the world are required to comply with the OSSTMM, a security testing, auditing and risk analysis methodology. SecurityNow! is ideal for companies required by law to use the OSSTMM security methodology, as well as companies that simply see the OSSTMM as a security "best practices."

There is no longer a need for guesswork, or black-box consulting advice that cannot be trusted. CIOview has leveraged ISECOM's groundbreaking open-source methodologies along with our unmatched financial analysis expertise to create a new product built to take the guesswork out of security.

CIOview's SecurityNow! will be available July 15, 2004 as a single desktop application or on an Enterprise-wide license basis. For further details go to www.cioview.com.

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Established in 1997, CIOview has spent more than five years gathering data from IT customers, IT consultants, and the major hardware and software companies. The result is an industry standard method to measure the business value of IT products. CIOview's TCOnow! and ROInow! software combines customer data with a sophisticated system configuration engine, making it quick and easy for each customer to generate their own business case report.

CIOview has created 55 distinct products all of which use the same desktop player application and a product-specific content module. This provides customers access to a complete portfolio of business case analyzers for all of their IT purchase decisions.

Where Can You Go From Here?

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