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How To Keep Hackers At Bay

No one wants to have their network "hacked," but what exactly can a hacker do? Plenty, and you are right to be afraid!

One common way for hackers to access your network is through spyware or viruses, which are malicious programs written to imbed themselves into your network to gather private information, steal financial data, access passwords, e-mail addresses, and spread themselves to other users.

But one of the most common ways for hackers to access your system is through e-mail, or spam e-mail to be more specific. Even if you have the latest anti-virus software installed, hackers are very clever at getting you to circumvent your anti-virus software through phishing e-mails. Phishing is when a hacker sends you a legitimate looking e-mail from a trusted source - like PayPal, your bank, eBay, or any number of other legitimate business web sites.

These e-mails will tell you that your account is expired or will be closed if you don't go to a designated web site and update or verify your account information. Although you may have seen these e-mails before, be very careful! Hackers are brilliant at making not only the e-mail seem legitimate, but also at making the web site you go to look like the real thing.

If you fall prey to their scam, the site will gather your private information (usernames, passwords, accounts, etc.) and then use that to access your bank account or to charge your credit card.

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To protect yourself, install a spam filter and NEVER open or respond to any e-mail requesting account verification. Instead, call the company. If it is a legitimate request, you can verify that with them over the phone.

Why Your Laptop Needs An "Instant Kill" Switch

It's lunch time and you stop by your favorite café to check e-mail and grab a bite to eat. You settle in at a table when your pickup number is called. Returning to your table, you find your laptop and appetite-has disappeared!

Okay, maybe you're not foolish enough to leave your laptop unattended in a public place, but one of your employees might think it's okay to leave a laptop or PDA in their car, a hotel room, or in their gym bag and end up exposing your company's data and network to thieves.

If it hasn't happened to you or someone you know, according to the FBI, it will. Sure you have a backup of the data, but now detailed information about you, your family, your business and your clients is in the hands of a criminal intent on stealing your money, identity or worse. There is a lot of software and hardware that protects your data from being stolen by online criminals, but how do you protect your data when someone steals your physical laptop or PDA?

Until now, your only recourse was to change the passwords to your network, financial websites, etc., watch your credit report and cross your fingers hoping for the best. But thanks to new security software, you can instantly erase all of the data on your laptop or PDA preventing thieves from accessing the data.

Here's how it works: Special security software is installed on your laptop that checks for your "kill" command whenever it connects to the Internet. This happens even before Windows prompts for the user name and password. If it receives the "kill" message, the data on your computer is instantly destroyed. You may not get your laptop back, but you'll prevent the thief from stealing the information it contains.

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Entries are judged by date/time received and correctness. Include your name and phone number, the question number and the answer.

1) The "Angel of the Battlefield" was born on Dec. 25th. Who was she?

2) WWI - Two countries decided to stop fighting and play nice during the "Christmas Truce". What countries were they?

3) The United States grows a little after making the Gadsden Purchase in 1853. What two present-day states did this territory add to?

4) George Washington and his Continental Army rode into their famous winter quarters during this month in 1777. What was the name of this camp?

For help in determining the best solution for you, give us a call: 630-236-6625

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