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October Monthly Meeting

TOPIC:

Security Concerns with VPNs and Remote Access

Location: Sheraton Hotel, Creyts Road , Lansing MI
Date: Wednesday October 20th, 2004
Time: 5:00pm Social
5:30pm Presentation
6:30pm Dinner
Dinner Choice: London Broil or Canadian White Fish
Speaker: Steve Akers, Consulting Director with Truarx

Background

Today many companies are enjoying the cost savings inherent in allowing some employees to work from home, while those employees benefit from the convenience of telecommuting. In addition, executives, salespeople and others need to connect to the company network when they go on the road, and/or need to access network resources in the evenings or on the weekends from home.

All this adds up to a lot of remote access connections to the organization's network. These connections may be made over the phone lines by directly dialing into a remote access server on the network, or they may be made by virtual private networking (VPN), using the Internet to "tunnel" into the corporate network. Either way, security is always an issue when you have people connecting to the network from the outside, because you have less control over offsite computers.

There are a number of things you can do, however, to make remote access connections more secure.

At our October meeting, **Steve Akers**, Consulting Director with **TRUARX** will discuss how to prevent remote connections from creating a security nightmare on your network.

As one of the consulting directors at TruArx Inc., Steve Akers is responsible for managing customer and partner relationships, consulting teams, and conducting information security assessments. With over eight years experience in information systems and security, largely within the energy community, Akers was an integral developer of the TruArx security life cycle and methodology. Prior to working in the private sector, Akers worked in the U.S. Army, Military Police Corp. Special Investigations division reporting directly under the Provost Marshall for United States Army Europe. His assignment was to perform monthly security audits of the systems



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being used by the regional military police offices across Europe. Prior to joining TruArx, Akers was the Director of Deployment Services for Internet Security Systems (ISS). Within this role, Akers was responsible for designing and deploying the Disaster Recovery and Failover plans across eight of the worldwide ISS Security Operations Centers. Prior to ISS, Akers was the Information Security Manager at CMS Energy. His key responsibilities included design and implementation, and audit for compliance of a corporate wide security policy that spanned multiple continents. Akers has personally performed security assessments and infrastructure deployments for Fortune 500 companies, and has many years experience in both commercial and open source related security technologies, and holds many related certifications.

Steve will cover:

- The Changing face of remote access
- Remote Access Issues and Concerns
- What organizations are doing today
- How remote access and end point security go hand and hand

Upcoming Chapter Events

November, 2004

Topic: Battling Cybercrime

Location: Lansing

Time: Half Day Seminar with Lansing IIA

Speaker: FBI Special Agent

February, 2005

Topic: Auditing Active Directory

Location: Grand Rapids

Time: One-Day seminar in Grand Rapids

March, 2005

Topic: Reviewing Firewall controls

Location: Lansing

Time: Evening Meeting

April, 2005

Topic: Auditing Outsourced Operations

Location: Kalamazoo

Time: Evening Meeting

May, 2005

Topic: Controls in a Wireless Environment

Location: Lansing

Time: Half- Day Seminar



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Our client (World Savings) is one of the nation's largest federally chartered savings bank, and has consistently been ranked by Fortune magazine as the best run financial institution within the United States. Based in San Antonio, Texas the Manager Information Systems Audit reports to the Vice President of IS Audit. This is an individual contributor role and requires someone who is comfortable serving in a role requiring significant self-direction. The successful candidate will possess the appropriate undergraduate degree with five or more years IS auditing experience. This experience must include significant exposure within a mainframe environment.

We have a targeted base salary in the \$80,000 to \$110,000 range. This is coupled with an appropriate benefits package, and a full relocation program. If additional information is needed please contact us so we might forward a formal position description. We appreciate your continued assistance and hope that we might one day return your courtesy.

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