

Nebulas Security's New Assessment Highlights Risks to Corporate Data

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New Assessment service gives complete picture of company's risk of data loss

London, UK, 27 July 2009 – Nebulas Security, the data security specialist has just launched its new Data Loss Prevention (DLP) Assessment to help companies fully understand and address the risks they face from losing their corporate data.

The Assessment helps companies assess the potential security weaknesses in their systems: Verizon's 2009 Data Breach Investigation Report showed that during last year, 285 million records were compromised and 74% of the data breaches analysed were caused by external parties. It also highlighted that over 90% of the breaches were linked to organised criminal groups.

Aiming to help companies secure their systems against such losses, Nebulas Security's DLP Assessment qualifies and quantifies the risks to organisations' data. It also highlights the impact losing or leaking data would have on the business. In addition to looking at data at rest (such as file shares), the comprehensive Assessment shows the risks presented by data in motion, such as email, Instant Messaging, web traffic and FTP file transfers. By analysing data in its different states, the Assessment shows the implications of where data is stored and who can access it; often highlighting unforeseen threats to its security.

Nick Garlick, Nebulas Security's Managing Director is confident that many organisations will see the benefit of this new Assessment. He commented: "Most organisations have now deployed considerable amounts of security technology to protect themselves from external and internal threats. As a result, the challenge is now to understand the effectiveness of the technology that they've installed. This Assessment shows customers exactly where they're vulnerable, the risks they face, the impact data leaks and losses would have on their business.

He added: "The Assessment gives customers detailed information which they can use as a blue-print to address their security issues before they become a major problem or result in serious financial loss, damage to their credibility or legal action. The Financial Services Authority fining three HSBC companies £3.2 million for not doing enough to protect customer data is a case in point."

The Assessment takes place over a number of days: a monitoring device is installed on the organisation's network, which unobtrusively gathers data without any impact on its performance. Following careful analysis of the findings, Nebulas Security produces a detailed report summarising the risks which organisations face.

The report's management summary gives a high level perspective, which is then broken down into more specific information such as a quantifiable list of the greatest risks to the business. It is accompanied by a full statistical analysis by type of data and activity.

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