THINK YOUR NETWORK IS SAFE? CHECK YOUR PRINTERS...



In the ongoing struggle to protect IT environments from internet threats, there is one endpoint that is often overlooked: The network-connected printer. While every bit as vulnerable to malicious attacks as laptops and servers, printers are critically under protected, according to a recent Spiceworks survey of IT pros. Are you doing enough? Read on to learn more...



SECURITY THREATS & BREACHES ARE PERVASIVE

of IT pros reported they've experienced a security D breach or threat in the last 12 months.

The most





commonly cited breaches are:

Very few respondents feel that printers are a security risk on their network. In fact, printers come in at the very bottom of the list of endpoints rated as a high or moderate security risk:





WHERE DO PRINTERS FALL IN CURRENT **ENDPOINT SECURITY PRACTICES?**

While most IT pros say their organizations protect other critical endpoints, printer protection is minimal. Less than half deploy any printer protection at all.

Printers Servers ••||| ••||| ••||| 72% Desktops / laptops Only 16% 58% deploy security certificates Mobile devices for printers. 44%





TYPICAL APPROACHES TO PRINTER PROTECTION

Of those who have deployed printer security, IT pros report using only basic security measures.



Specifically, organizations favor:

User authentication

Admin passwords

Printer feature restriction

IT'S TIME TO GET SERIOUS ABOUT PROTECTING YOUR PRINTERS -AND YOUR NETWORK.

While the Spiceworks survey shows that IT pros support solid endpoint security practices in many areas of their IT environments, it's clear that printers are simply not perceived as a serious security threat. Without proper security practices in place, these seemingly innocuous devices may be exposing your network to damaging security breaches.



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