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THE SECURITY LANDSCAPE

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What Is Your Idea of Security

We need to agree that the Security Landscape is changing and evolving. Gone are the days a Basic router or firewall to protect the internet connection and a bit of antivirus to protect the desktops, is or should be a relic of the past.

The notion that we are a small country and therefore not a target for hackers is a misnomer. Attacks are not always personal, but a widespread assault to gain nuisance factor or monetary gain such as ransomware.

What does security now need to cover

To answer that question you need to understand the makeup of your environment. Public Cloud, private Cloud, Inhouse Applications, desktops, laptops, remote workers, mobile devices, collaboration with other companies.

The puzzle is getting bigger.

The move from Antivirus to malware protection, the inclusion of DNS as a security measure. Firewalls and client

based software that is tied to malware protection. The need for subscription based services to ensure up to date resources.

The Puzzle is getting more complex.

Training and Awareness

How are you equipping your IT staff for this challenge?

Are you constantly updating your awareness? Do you continue to train your IT staff in security. Do you have IT staff whose role is ensuring your security posture is right for your company?

Security Policy

A security policy is the basis for the decisions for security for your company. This document is misunderstood.

Your policy is a business level agreement on what is an acceptable security posture for your business. If you have no agreed policy, then you have no target as to what is acceptable or not.

You cannot afford not to define at a high level what security depth is non-negotiable for your company.

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What Is Your Security Posture

Do you have a clear idea of what makes up your security landscape? Most organisations need to include specialist, consultants, and or vendors to understand their landscape. Security can't be ignored. What is your stance? Do you have enough information to ensure your company is posed correctly?

Testing Your Security Posture

This is not a compliance issue. Testing or auditing your security is all about using knowledgeable security professionals to ensure that you have the right security ingredients and they are implemented properly and working correctly. This is done while ensuring the posture is fit for purpose and relevant to today's threat landscape.

Monitoring your Security Posture

The nature of the Security means that we need to ensure all is working and deal with events in a timely manner. In days gone by we may have had a role looking after our network known as a Network Operations Centre (NOC), sometimes referred to as our helpdesk. The security needs now dictate that the security needs to be monitored. Network and Security Operations Centre (NSOC) functionality is now mandatory for your business.

Checklist and action you need to take

- Have a security Policy?
- Have the correct security posture?
- Tested that your posture is right and working?
- Have Monitoring and reporting on your security posture?

The Total Team is a specialist security and networking company. We have business and technical skills around security perimeter and posture. We pride ourselves in our reputation for integrity in the industry.

The Total Team has been in business since 1998 and has focused on Networking, Networking Infrastructure and security policy setting and Auditing.

The Total Team are a true Network and Security Operations centre (NSOC) available for New Zealand businesses.

- Advice
- Consultancy
- Training
- Policy setting
- Auditing
- Monitoring
- Reporting

Who do you trust to ensure your protection.

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