

Strategies to Avoid Common IT & Security Gaps



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- Questions are welcome!

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Today's Agenda

- ➔ Introduction
- ➔ Threat landscape
- ➔ Commonly overlooked IT & security gaps
- ➔ Easy fixes to IT holes
- ➔ Questions?



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Moving Targets: Today's Threats



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Governance, Oversight, Responsibility

Requirements can be from:

- Federal or international bodies or agencies
- State authorities
- Industry specific or even self-imposed by various groups or organizations



External pressures from:

- Investors
- Auditors
- External partners



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IT Asset Management

- **Gap:** Firms don't have an inventory of all running IT Assets
- **Fix:** Keep a running list of all hardware and software, including:
 - Workstations
 - Servers
 - Applications
 - Smartphone devices such as phones, tablets and laptops

Patch Management

- **Gap:** Patches aren't tested/validated and applied appropriately or timely
- **Fix:** Automate patch management processes when possible
 - Test and validate patches first
 - Install patches as soon as they become available

Multi-Factor Authentication

- **Gap:** Firms aren't using multi-factor authentication (MFA)
- **Fix:** Enable MFA on all devices and applications:
 - Cloud platforms and remote access gateways
 - Social media sites
 - Web-based apps

User Provisioning & Management

- **Gap:** Access control policies aren't stringent enough or no policies are in place
- **Fix:** Instate the Principle of Least Privilege, leverage user provisioning software, have an official user provisioning posture in place

Vulnerability Assessments and Penetration Testing

- **Gap:** Failing to take a risk-based approach to cybersecurity
- **Fix:** Vulnerability assessments and pen tests, firms can identify real and potential risks that exist internal and external to the network

Social Engineering & User Training

- **Gap:** No formal employee cybersecurity training in place
- **Fix:** Commit to user education and training
 - Create a formal training program
 - General awareness help employees thwart any potential attacks

Business Continuity Planning

- **Gap:** The Firm has Business Continuity Plan in place, plan isn't communicated to employees, remediations aren't actionable
- **Fix:** Create an actionable, realistic BCP
 - BCP must be communicated to employees
 - Regularly update BCP
 - Ensure that the plan is actionable and realistic

Incident Response Planning

- **Gap:** Firm doesn't have an Incident Response Plan in place, or plan isn't thorough or realistic
- **Fix:** Have a realistic and actionable Incident Response Plan in place
 - Not if, but when, a security incident will occur
 - Culture of security comes from the top down

Third Party Vendor Management

- **Gap:** Firms have appropriate security measures in place, but don't monitor third party and vendor cybersecurity procedures
- **Fix:** Perform annual due diligence exercises with third party vendors and service providers

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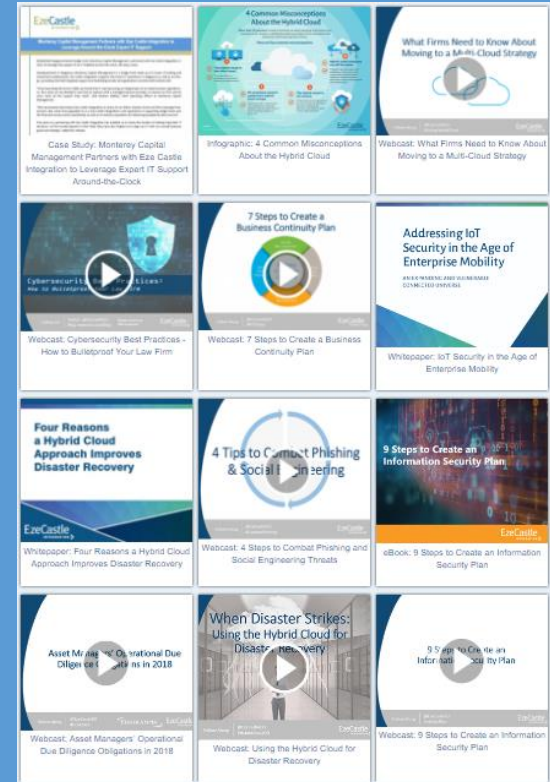


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