Network Barometer 2011 Results

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Dimension Data launches its Network Barometer Report 2011, gauging enterprise organisations' networks' readiness to support business securely.

In evaluating enterprise networks' practices, Dimension Data reports more than 73% of corporate network devices have at least one known security vulnerability-- nearly double the 38% from last year's report.

One particular higher-risk vulnerability-- PSIRT 109444 (identified by Cisco in September 2009)-- is found in 66% of all devices, and is the cause for the dramatic increase in enterprise device vulnerabilities.

The percentage of network devices passing "last-day-of-support" is down-- from 2010's 31% to just 9% for 2011, with 47% of such devices in late stage obsolescence (as "beyond end-of-contract renewal").

Dimension Data says "The Network Barometer Report 2011 raises the question of whether organizations have the necessary visibility into their overall technology environment to adequately protect customer data, privacy and sensitive business information, and to intelligently manage and 'sweat' IT assets."

It also appears that companies are unaware of as much as 25% of their networking devices--

highlighting their need for a full view of each device (and its function) on their networks.

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