

Re: Holes in my security – advice needed

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The network is 2003 standard servers and one W2K server. All users are XP Pro. All users are joined to the domain.

Except:

One user bought a laptop with Vista Home on it. It is used at home by children and then brought into work and plugged into the network. It was also given the printer drivers. It cannot be joined to the network and I have no control over it. I do not know if it has up-to-date antivirus.

One Mac desktop that was just brought in one day and plugged in.

Company policy is XP Pro machines only and they must be joined to the domain.

I need information to present to management on why having computers just plugged into the network is dangerous.

I don't know what to say. It would be like trying to explain what the color blue looks like.

If they don't understand why it is bad,...then how did the company policy get put in place that says, "Company policy is XP Pro machines only and they must be joined to the domain"? That would be the whole point of that policy,...if they aren't going to enforce that policy then get rid of it and let the LAN be a free-for-all, because your Policies have no "teeth",...they have no authority.

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