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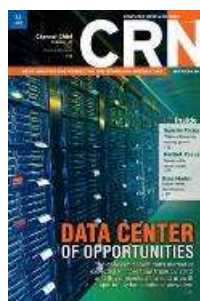
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Interop Mumbai 2009: Security Vendors Talk Of New Threats

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On the second day of Interop, the security experts emphasized that the new age threats represent new opportunities for solution providers. Both, experts and vendors described several new threats and offered preventive solutions for them.

"Gone are the days, when by securing just endpoints (PCs) you could feel secure. Today, every aspect of the IT infrastructure needs to be secured to ensure adequate protection," said Ajit Shelat, President and CEO, Nevis Networks. Currently, Nevis Networks is propagating the idea of an agent-based security that runs across the LAN, and not at the gateway. According to Shelat, it provides identity-based policy enforcement and can

have a control over who can access a company's network and what resources they are permitted to use. The agent-based security also protects against both internal and external threats.

Govind Ramamurthy, CEO and Managing Director, MicroWorld stressed on the threats associated with users sharing data via USB devices across an enterprise network, and this creates potential risks that are difficult to assess and track. "It's important to set up granular access lists, and use tools that help you set up policies."

Ethical Hacking is one of the best ways to troubleshoot and ensure that IT infrastructure is devoid of potential security holes. George Jason, Member, EC Council illustrated to the delegates how easy it's to cracking e-mail and transaction sites passwords through a live demonstration. "It's important to have a strong security policy and you also need to implement it thoroughly. Security audit services offer a lot of potential."

Though being a very popular technology, Wireless comes with its own set of security threats. Raviraj G Doshi, Head, Research & Development, MIEL e-Security provided an insight into potential threats and offered several ideas to mitigate such threats.

Steve Hannah of Jupiter Networks in a key note address introduced Trusted Computing Group, a not-for-profit organization formed to develop, define and promote open, vendor-neutral, industry standards for trusted computing building blocks and software interfaces across multiple platforms. He further explained the need for coordinated security, and also described the importance of Trusted Platform Module—a hardware module that comes inbuilt with all modern day PC motherboards.

"Current operating systems, Linux or Windows, are based on decades old code base and architecture. They are not ready to combat the perils of modern day threats. It's hence important for us to reinvent the security architecture to combat such threats," he said.

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