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ITSA Day: Top 10 Excuses for Not Improving Security

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10. I don't have enough time.
   ...Is there enough time to recover from an incident?

9. I don't have enough money.
   ...Are there enough funds to recover from an attack?

8. The administrator of that faulty host is on vacation/out of town.
   ...Hosts that aren't fixed will be blocked, and you'll lose service.

7. I didn't know that service was running on that machine.
   ...You can request a vulnerability scan from Network Services.

6. I enabled that service temporarily and forgot to turn it off.
   ...Have you checked your logs daily for port scans?

5. It's just a test box.
   ...Remember, if it's connected to the network, it must be secured.

4. That host doesn't have anything important on it, so it's not a target.
   ...Hackers aren't picky. Any vulnerable host is an appealing launching pad.

3. A faculty member, not the administrator, maintains that host.
   ...All hosts connected to the network should be managed by a qualified person.

2. I didn't know there was a patch for that bug.
   ...You can keep informed by monitoring news, lists and Web sites.

And the number one excuse for not improving computer security?

1. I don't know very much about security.
   ...That's easy. Attend ITSA Day.

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