

From: XNET1::GATE
To: @mail1.dis

8-JUN-1983 15:55

DP Security

It has come to the attention of OS division that an open DP was recently penetrated by unauthorized users who used the DEMO account (password = DEMO) to gain access. OS would like again to caution you about the following points:

1. Do not allow accounts on your system with PASSWORD = USERNAME. It would probably be a good idea to delete the DEMO account and any other standard DEC accounts if they are not necessary. If you must keep DEMO or other DEC accounts, change their passwords and take a good look at their privileges.
2. Educate your users not to use trivially obvious passwords such as username, first or last names, initials, etc. Remind them that they are responsible for all activity which occurs within their account(s).
3. Exert control over your privileged accounts. Some systems simply give too many privileges to users who should not have them. (Especially be careful of DEC field service accounts.)

OS-4 plans to have a representative at a future LUG meeting to answer your questions about these and other security issues.

Jay Wooten, 7-3709

VERIFIED UNCLASSIFIED
LANL Classification Group