

## Reviewed and Prioritised Audit Findings

| Vulnerabilities Ranking Table  |   |   |
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| Vulnerability  | Recommended Policy  | Justification   |
| Several accounts were identified for employees that are no longer employed by ACME.  | When an employee leaves the company:<br>Review all access permission<br>Retrieve data from the employee if appropriate<br>Terminate access and reset all passwords  | The former employee may gain unauthorised access to proprietary and confidential information and equipment.<br>Anyone with the former employee's credentials can gain unauthorised access to the internal system. |
| Several user accounts allowed unauthorised and escalated privileges and accessed systems and information without formal authorization. | Assign the least privilege to perform the task<br>Log when elevated privileges are used   | The least privilege allows the user to perform all the necessary tasks without the risk of causing systemic changes unintentionally.  |
| Several devices and systems allowed unsecure remote access.  | Disable unsecured remote access, such as Telnet<br>Require secure remote access, such as SSH and VPN  | Unsecured remote access transmits the data in plaintext. The transmission of plaintext can expose sensitive information, such as user credentials, for malicious actors to conduct reconnaissance and attacks.    |
| Forty percent of all organisation passwords audited were cracked within 6 hours.   | New password policy:<br>Implement 2FA or MFA<br>User passphrases<br>Change passwords only after evidence of compromise<br>No reuse of old passwords<br>No reuse of passwords on different applications<br>Enable copy/paste passwords<br>Educate users on basic cybersecurity | When the passwords are cracked, the attacker can gain unauthorised access and change the passwords to lock out the authorised users.  |
| Several wireless hotspots used WEP for encryption and authentication.  | Upgrade wireless hotspots to the most secure encryption and authentication available  | WEP is prone to man-in-the-middle attacks and the key is easily cracked and hard to distribute to the users.  |

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| Company servers were not updated with the latest patches. | Establish a plan to update / test the latest patches at regular intervals. | Updating regularly can protect the data, fix security vulnerabilities, and improve the stability of the OS and applications. |
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