

You're especially susceptible to network envy if you're a gadget freak. There's always a better switch to be had or some fancy network-protocol gizmo to lust after. Don't give in to these base urges! Resist the devil, and he will flee!

## VII. Thou Shalt Not Take Down Thy Network without Proper Notification

As a courtesy, try to give your users plenty of advance notice before you take down the network to work on it. Obviously, you can't predict when random problems strike. But if you know you're going to patch the server on Thursday morning, you earn points if you tell everyone about the inconvenience two days before rather than two minutes before. (You'll earn even more points if you patch the server Saturday morning.)

## VIII. Thou Shalt Keep an Adequate Supply of Spare Parts

There's no reason that your network should be down for two days just because a cable breaks. Always make sure that you have at least a minimal supply of network spare parts on hand. (As luck would have it, Chapter 29 suggests ten things you should keep in your closet.)

## IX. Thou Shalt Not Steal Thy Neighbor's Program without a License

How would you like it if Inspector Clouseau (from the classic *Pink Panther* movies) barged into your office, looked over your shoulder as you ran Excel from a network server, and asked, "Do you have a *liesaunce*?"

"A *liesaunce*?" you reply, puzzled.

"Yes. of course, a *liesaunce* — that is what I said! The law specifically prohibits the playing of a computer program on a network without a proper *liesaunce*."