

# Your System IS NOT Unbreachable

In a recent Bravura Security-sponsored poll from Enterprise Management Associates, business leaders shared their privileged access management (PAM) challenges, realities, and goals — providing a clearer picture of what security pros can do to get ahead of those inevitable vulnerabilities.

It's also a frequent reminder of an unfortunate reality for all businesses:

**No system is unbreachable.**

# 80%

of organizations discovered a privileged access policy violation within the last year.

That's true even with every best practice in place — but three current trends are putting organizations at even greater risk.

## RISKS



### Shared Privileged Access Is Running Rampant

87% use shared privileged accounts within their organization.



### Outside Access Is Overused and Undermanaged

More than 1/2 of organizations have granted privileged access to users who are not direct company employees.



### Standing Privileged Accounts Create Pathways for Hackers

Nearly all (97%) of surveyed organizations maintain at least some standing privileged accounts.

## Poor PAM Practices Have Significant Consequences

# 87%



of businesses that experienced a policy violation in the last year reported significant impacts to operations.

# 1 in 5



businesses that suffered a policy breach experiences serious impacts to overall business performance:

- direct loss of revenue
- loss of customers
- damage to the company's reputation

## Current PAM Solutions Are Numerous, But Don't Inspire Confidence

Percentage of survey respondents indicating the principal method(s) used to manage privileged access in their organizations.

Software platform specifically designed to perform PAM	<b>66%</b>
Directory service (e.g., Azure Active Directory)	<b>56%</b>
Features that are part of an identity and access management platform	<b>48%</b>
Features that are part of a network security management platform	<b>39%</b>
Features that are part of an endpoint/mobile management platform	<b>26%</b>
Custom scripts or company-created software	<b>18%</b>
Native endpoint operating system tools	<b>14%</b>
Features that are part of a free/low-cost password vaulting solution	<b>13%</b>
Shared spreadsheets	<b>4%</b>

# 93%

do not have confidence their adopted solutions will prevent privileged access security breaches

## The Solution? A Stronger Privileged Access Management Solution

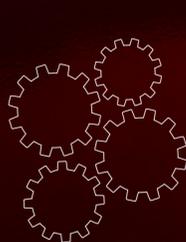
Violations were **44%** less frequent

Violations were 44% less frequent among organizations with policies that define the length of time privileged access is authorized.

**33%** less likely to have a breach

Organizations with a PAM solution that specifically defines which business services or devices receive privileged access for each user were 33% less likely to have experienced a breach.

## Automation Is a Particularly Significant Feature



# 7x

Businesses without automation for auditing privileged access were 7x more likely to experience a violation.

# 3x

Organizations that lack the ability to automatically expire privileged access were 3x more likely to report violations

Interested in reading more about the survey and report?

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