

Top Tip: Keep Your Server Patching Up-To-Date

With the increase in cyber-attacks, the need for every business to protect themselves is as important as ever. It is not just the large global corporates that are being hacked but small to medium size businesses who think they will never be a target. There are a lot of IT companies out in the market selling complex security solutions, however, one of the most simplest and cost effective ways of protecting your business is by ensuring you have all of your servers patched to the very latest software versions. It has been shown time and again that if organisations that have been hacked would have had their server estate patched and up to date then they would not have been vulnerable and would avoided the costs and frustrations that a successful hack will cause.

Operational Challenges

With ever increasing requirements around BAU operational management – systems monitoring, security patching and data backup – many businesses are struggling to balance workloads between operational support teams and project delivery teams capable of delivering real business value. Often the choice is clear – deliver less value and manage BAU activity, or sacrifice BAU activity in order to deliver project work.

Systems need to be online

The business expects key systems to be available as and when required. High performance infrastructure and applications are key to your business succeeding – issues should be proactively addressed before they become service affecting and potentially damage the business. How are system issues addressed out of hours?

Secure your infrastructure

Security is expected but often taken for granted. With an ever-increasing variety of threats and complicated compliance requirements, systems need to be patched and updated regularly – and often they need to be patched out of normal business hours to minimise impact to business services. If something does go wrong during the patching process, can it wait until the morning before it's addressed? Will there be an impact the next day within operational teams?

Data protection

Data needs to be available and accessible 24/7 – even during periods of site outage or network disruption. IT teams no longer want the hassle of tape backups, with the daily grind of changing, storing and cataloguing backup tapes. The business expects all data to be securely backed up and ready to restore instantly – and it wants it back before major impact is felt across the organisation.

Need Help?

NAK has a packaged Patching as a Service (PaaS) offering that solves all of these problems and ensures you are fully protected. For more information please call us on 0300 456 0471 or email us at sales@nak.co.uk