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While it is commonly understood that deploying network security devices is critical to the well-being of an organization's systems and data, all too often companies assume that simply having these devices is enough to maintain the integrity of network resources. To really provide effective protection for their networks, organizations need to take the next step by closely examining network infrastructure, host, application, and security events to determine if an attack has exploited devices on their networks.

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–Marcus J. Ranum, Chief of Security, Tenable Security, Inc.

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