



# Radatti's Rules of Computer Security

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1. The minimum cost of computer security failure is directly related to the value of the information lost, the loss of the system's operational capability, operational corruption and the cost of cleanup.
2. The outcome and financial costs associated with a computer security breach is always higher than predicted and unknowable by all parties involved.
3. If a computer security solution is common enough that an attacker can study it, then its value may be greatly diminished.
4. The more interconnected a system or network, the greater the opportunity for a security breach.
5. Nothing is completely secure, but you can make it difficult.
6. The job of computer security is to allow only the good guys to do their jobs effectively and efficiently.
7. Computer security is a never-ending task that requires constant vigilance.
8. There is no relationship between the cost of security and its effectiveness.
9. Great computer security is a result of design.
10. When designing great computer security, it is critical not to forget things like wires, simple physics and most important of all, the users.
11. A \$1,000,000 computer security system protected by a \$20 door lock is only worth \$20.
12. Intelligent people are always available, on both sides.