From the Director's Desk

Why is Security Important?
I was told; I didn't listen. And now look at me - the April Fool!
Don't let this happen to you. Please read through this special issue of the ETS newsletter and follow security best practices!

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Tech News

Congratulations to Ed and Emily Swindelles who became the proud parents of their first child, Nathan Edward Swindelles. Nathan was born at 4:04pm, Wednesday, April 6, 2011. He is 9lbs 3oz and 21 in tall.
Nathan is safe and secure (but we thought we'd give him a spot anyway).

Why a Special Security Issue?
Over the last few months, ECS has responded to numerous IT security incidents that could have been avoided with stricter adherence to best practices and policies defined by the UConn IT Security office. As a result

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**Account Management**

Last summer we implemented a system to automatically generate engineering computing accounts based on a feed from PeopleSoft. This summer we will update that system to automatically delete accounts after students graduate or leave. [Read More]

**Faculty Servers and Firewall Policy**

The School of Engineering is unlike a business in that we cannot dictate what services our faculty will use for their research or provide to their students. To protect the people and resources on our network however, we are compelled to [Read More]

**Email Digital Signatures**

ECS will start using email digital signatures with all official email so that you easily differentiate our email from spam. Signed messages can be verified by your email program so that you can trust them and not worry about [Read More]