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Stanley - November 6, 2025, 5:55 pm

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BeyondTrust's annual cybersecurity predictions point to a year where old defenses will fail quietly, and new attack vectors will surge.

Introduction

The next major breach won't be a phished password. It will be the result of a massive, unmanaged identity debt. This debt takes many forms: it's the "ghost" identity from a 2015 breach lurking in your IAM, the privilege sprawl from thousands of new

<https://thehackernews.com/2025/10/preparing-for-digital-battlefield-of.html>

Vectura - November 6, 2025, 11:59 pm

Good call, the "digital battlefield" isn't just about firewalls anymore. Ghost identities, poisoned accounts, and AI agents acting on autopilot? That's a level up from standard phishing. If the next big breach comes not from a brute-force attack but an old dormant account or a compromised agent, we're going to need smarter layers around identities, fast.

RangoWorld - November 7, 2025, 1:32 am

I think there will be a lot of battle between control / authoritarianism and freedom.

JoshAllen - November 9, 2025, 6:09 am

The next big hack won't be from stolen passwords but from too many unmanaged accounts and AI tools with too much access.

This is why it is important to manage these tools and not let them control.

DewGho - November 9, 2025, 6:27 am

If you look on the internet, you will see that many people are already expressing their opinion about banning the use of AI or severely restricting its capabilities.