

Puzzle

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What does this paragraph say to a system administrator or security officer seeking insight to defend her systems?

To fight and conquer in all your battles is not supreme excellence; supreme excellence consists in breaking the enemy's resistance without fighting. In the practical art of war, the best thing of all is to take the enemy's country whole and intact; to shatter and destroy it is not so good. So, too, it is better to capture an army entire than to destroy it, to capture a regiment, a detachment, or a company entire than to destroy it.

From Sun Tzu, *The Art of War*, translated by James Clavell, Dell Publishing, New York, NY (1983), p. 15.