

# How Home Depot CEO Kept His Legacy From Being Hacked



*Fortune* has posted a detailed examination of how former Home Depot CEO Frank Blake took ownership of the company's customer data breach in the latter days of his tenure and, in the process, cemented his reputation as a straight-shooter.

According to *Fortune's* report, "Blake's response to the breakdown matches his approach to running Home Depot—an approach few foresaw when the board abruptly named him to replace Bob Nardelli in 2007. He tackled the hack with the same forthrightness, humor, and humility that he has displayed in reviving Home Depot."

Some other companies have suffered greatly after similar disasters, but "Home Depot has shown no public signs of a decline. That is in part because it was the first of several hacking episodes to occur in rapid succession. But it is also because of Blake's forthright approach," the article says.

**Read the story.**