

Re: [fw-wiz] Outlook Web Access – Paranoid?

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Christopher Lee wrote:

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> *While the number of RPC ports one must open to allow OWA(or any MS DCOM apps)*
> *to work is insane, that doesn't mean you have open them manually. Check Point*
> *firewall (for example) has the smarts to be able to open them dynamically as*
> *needed. This way, unless the intruder is able to forge the same DCOM/RPC*
> *communications, the exposure is not all that bad...*

Ah, yes, and such mechanisms are of course entirely impossible to fool into opening up arbitrary ports of the attacker's choice. </sarcasm>

Fortunately, the set of RPC ports used can be reduced. And, quite frankly, if I have to do RPC through a firewall (yuck, argh, ptooiiee), I'd rather have a manageable small set of static holes open than some Black Magic figuring it out for me.

More info about this at:

<http://support.microsoft.com/default.aspx?scid=KB;en-us;q154596>

"HOWTO: Configure RPC Dynamic Port Allocation to Work with Firewall"

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