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pet peeve here also; for opposing reasons;

vendors toss too much crap into kernels and build too many modules. if parts of the kernel/OS are even built as modules. This leave kernels and the systems they run on far to open to exploits of sub devices and parts of the kernel structure. Knowing how to build a tight and efficient kernel with only those services one needs and those modules that one will use is a requirement for effective security, on both gateway and multi-user systems.the word 'trust' should leave a bad taste in the mouth of anyone that uses the term in a security context, even if applied towards the vendor.

Thanks,

Ron DuFresne

On Mon, 26 Jul 2004, Mark Tinberg wrote:

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> On Fri, 23 Jul 2004, Victor Williams wrote:

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> > 5. A custom kernel is always a better idea vs blindly trusting what  
> > others have compiled or let leak into theirs. I compile custom kernels  
> > for any Linux machine (serving internet content/services or not),  
> > regardless of the function.

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> This attitude is a pet peeve of mine. Why do people assume that because  
> they can build a kernel for themselves that they must naturally be  
> better at it then the people at RedHat, SuSE/Novell or Debian who live,  
> sleep, eat and breathe the kernel all day long. I think that it is as  
> much about blindly throwing away all of the work that people who maintain  
> production quality kernels do as it is about trusting their work. Another  
> way to put this is, in what is your trust in the vanilla kernel sources,

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> *or your builds, based? Hopefully not blind trust 8^)*  
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"Cutting the space budget really restores my faith in humanity. It eliminates dreams, goals, and ideals and lets us get straight to the business of hate, debauchery, and self-annihilation."

-- Johnny Hart

testing, only testing, and damn good at it too!

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