

Re: [fw-wiz] Multiple firewalls from different manufactureres

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> -----Original Message-----

> From: Joseph S D Yao [<mailto:jsdy@center.osis.gov>]

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> To: 'Keith A. Glass'

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> Subject: Re: [fw-wiz] Multiple firewalls from different manufactureres

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> On Fri, Jan 28, 2005 at 05:00:03PM +0000, Keith A. Glass wrote:

> ...

>>> As Paul said, TANSTAAFFW (there ain't no such thing as a free firewall)

>>> - but what you spend and where and how differs from firewall to

>>> firewall.

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>> Yes and no. You CAN put up a decent firewalling solution using commodity computers, especially the 1-U units (Dell 1700-series, HP Proliant DL360s, etc. . .) and either Linux, Solaris (now that it's free) or some flavor of BSD, and the firewall of your choice. I just wish some of the vendors would allow their FW solution to be available outside the "appliance" vehicle (Yes, I'm talking about Symantec and Secure Computing. . .)

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>> When I was running the firewalls at SEC's EDGAR project, we used a mix of Gauntlets and FW-1, all running on various flavors of Sun hardware, from old Ultra 5's and 10's to new SunFire 480's (we were in an upgrade cycle, 18 months ago. . .)

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>> Keith

>> Merrily running systems at Fort Belvoir. . .

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> Keith, "commodity" hardware still isn't "free"; neither is recycled

> hardware if there is some other possible use for it, or if its age

> causes it to fail earlier than it would otherwise have. TIS Gauntlet

> and Check Point Firewall-1 still cost something, last I checked [and

> last Gauntlet was available]. And I don't THINK you were donating your

> labour to put together even the free-software packages, eh? This is

> what I meant, and inferred from Paul's comment, about TANSTAAFFW.

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> [In all of the above, "free" is intended as in "free beer".]

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My point was, you CAN build reliable firewalling solution that does not cost a LOT of money. And yes, Gauntlet HAS disappeared, merging with Sidewinder and showing up as the "Sidewinder G-2" software on Secure's Firewall appliance (a 1-U Dell Box running a cut-down version of some flavor of BSD. . .and costing far more than it should. . .)

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