

Re: FW: Adding OpenBSD sudo to the FreeBSD base system?

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To: asym <bsdlists@rfnj.org>

On Fri, Jul 22, 2005 at 12:28:41AM –0400, asym wrote:

> At 23:07 7/21/2005, markzero wrote:
> > On Thu, Jul 21, 2005 at 10:23:56PM –0400, ender wrote:
> >> Stephen Major wrote:
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> >> *If sudo offered the opportunity for more features, but by default
> >> behaved exactly the same way as su, I would see no disadvantages to
> >> replacing su with sudo. Am i missing something?*
> >
> > *What happens if you maintain systems that don't need sudo?*
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> *You don't use the additional features. That was a hard one. Next?*

Don't patronise me. This is supposed to be a mailing list discussing security, not a childish pissing contest.

It is a valid concern when a tiny, well tested SUID binary is to be replaced with one almost seven times its size:

```
$ wc -l /usr/src/usr.bin/su/su.c
  572 /usr/src/usr.bin/su/su.c
```

By comparison:

<http://www.openbsd.org/cgi-bin/cvsweb/src/usr.bin/sudo/>

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$ du -h `which sudo`
98K /usr/local/bin/sudo
$ du -h `which su`
14K /usr/bin/su
```

I am not opposed to having sudo in the base system, I am however opposed to it replacing su. I use sudo on about a third of my systems, on those that I don't, I would no longer have the option to remove it unless I wanted a crippled, su-less system. If sudo does not replace su, those

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that don't use it can remove it. Those that use it – good, less work for them. Everybody is happy.

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