

Re: MonkeyShell: using XML-RPC for access to a remote shell

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So lets think about this. You write a web service to specifically allow access to the shell.

- > *Of course to really understand the security risks posed by Web*
- > *services,*
- > *you need to understand the basics of Web services. Enter an application*
- > *I wrote called "Monkey Shell."*

Surely this is proving the security risks of running any type of unknown software rather than being limited to showing a problem with web services. If you bound telnet to port 80 would that should a problem with HTTP? No of course not.

Now I'll grant you that if you're protocol sniffing on well known ports a rebinding of telnet would get caught, but heck you could write a remote shell which used straightforward HTTP posts if necessary, it doesn't take web services to do that.

Or am I missing something obvious here?

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