

Re: Remote connections

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> *Why not? I don't know of any current exploit for RDP set to high
> encryption, and even if there were any, connections may very well be
> shielded by encrypted tunnels.*

I'm not aware of any currently either, but as their track record proves, that's meaningless. It was more of a rhetorical question and a snide remark – please excuse it.

> *RDP can be tunneled thru SSH as well and has much better performance
> than VNC (don't know about Radmin).*

This may very well be true. I'm not up to par as much as I'd like on RDP, although I'm quite well learned on VNC and such. TightVNC has some of the best compression I've ever seen on a remote control app, aside from some of the trojans out there. I've used TightVNC through Dial-up many a times without delay or a problem. I'd love to see RDP perform the same feat.

But I digress. Again, I very well could be wrong about RDP. I've always leaned towards other remote control programs due to problems that usually arises with proprietary programs. (I've been using a form of WinVNC since before RDP was even thought of.) I'm biased – I'll admit it. No harm in suggesting an alternative and letting the user decide.

> *Regards
> Ansgar Wiechers*

Thanks for the intelligent reply, as usual. =) Take care.

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Peace. ~G

On Thu, 14 Oct 2004 17:43:41 +0200, Ansgar -59cobalt- Wiechers
<bugtraq@planetcobalt.net> wrote:

> On 2004-10-13 GuidoZ wrote:

> > Can the terms "Microsoft Remote Desktop" and "Secure" even be used in
> > the same discussion? =)

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> Why not? I don't know of any current exploit for RDP set to high
> encryption, and even if there were any, connections may very well be
> shielded by encrypted tunnels.
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> > The only way I could see applying any form of security is to do it
> > under the protection of a VPN. As for not having the active user
> > logged off, I don't have an answer for that.
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> > Personally, I'd recommend one of the many other remote desktop tools
> > out there. WinVNC and Radmin both come to mind quickly. (WinVNC can be
> > done through SSH. Though I'm not positive, I believe you can encrypt
> > Radmin sessions as well.) Google both for more info.
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> Regards
> Ansgar Wiechers
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> "Those who would give up liberty for a little temporary safety
> deserve neither liberty nor safety, and will lose both."
> --Benjamin Franklin
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