

# Announce: three new security BluePrints on SunFire, Host-based Firewalls, and NTP

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I'm pleased to announce the publication of three new security-related BluePrints in this months BluePrint OnLine issue.

First off – Tony Benson and I worked to provide recommendations on how to secure the System Controller, or SC, which is part of every Sun Fire Midframe server. These recommendations apply to environments concerned with security and particularly those where the uptime requirements of the SC and/or the information on the Sun Fire is critical to the organization. The article is available here:

<http://www.sun.com/blueprints/0901/sunfire-msp-sc.html>

To simplify the implementation of these recommendations some article-specific drivers were written for the Solaris Security Toolkit (aka JASS). These new drives are available in the newly released version 0.3.1 of the Toolkit which is available at:

<http://www.sun.com/security/jass>

Secondly – Martin Englund did some great work discussing the hows and whys of host-based firewalls as an effective alternative to choke-point based firewalls. Details are also provided on how to implement these recommendations using Sun's free host-based firewall software – SunScreen[tm] SecureNet Lite. The article is available here:

<http://www.sun.com/blueprints/0901/sunscreenlite.html>

Thirdly – David Deeths and Glenn Brunette teamed up to put together a three part series on Network Time Protocol (NTP). This month the third, and final, article in this series was published. This article completes the series by discussing NTP troubleshooting and monitoring. The article is available here:

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<http://www.sun.com/blueprints/0901/NTPpt3.html>

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