

RE: /etc/default/passwd and SSH

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> > *if you use UseLogin settings for sshd, this will solve this*
> > *(and a few others)*
> > *problem.*
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> *..and open up the system for remote overflows via SysV login.*
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> *Not one of my favorite choices.*

Gm... If you are not able to apply a patch for /bin/login, why should you use ssh anyway? :)
HHOK :)

Seriously:

/bin/login in Solaris performs a few other things, not only setuid() and exec() for a user default shell, but also, for example it works with audit code in Solaris, to give you appropriate permissions (look for a Bug ID 4375204 on SunSolve for example). Also, it display all these warnings, and able to run 'passwd', when it needed. Therefore you SHOULD use 'UseLogin' option and patch you login and use bug-free version of ssh.

AFAIK even dtlogin uses /bin/login when performs logging in of an user.

If SUN would implement all that functionality of /bin/login through PAM (like this is done in Linux-PAM, for example, where you have PAM, which check /etc/shells, PAM, which check tty for root, PAM, which sets limits for a user and so on), that MIGHT be nice (hey! SUN people! is it a problem? :) or there are some hidden reasons not to do that?), course this give you some flexibility, over traditional scheme.

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