

Re: Opinions on Security of Reverse Proxy

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At 08:50 AM 6/25/2002, Andrews, Ryan wrote:

>Here's a question for those conducting pen tests against reverse proxies:

>what are your opinions of reverse proxies?

Hey Ryan-

Reverse Proxy (or server publishing) can be a double-edged sword... The obvious benefit is that you can have one box on the hostile network that is hardened to spec, but that can publish to several internal boxes on the service ports you want. From the network standpoint, it can cut way down on administration.

However, if someone finds a hole in your application, they can gain access to the internal network. As long as you know the risks and plan for them, publishing can be an important security measure.

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