

RE: Windows XP SP2 and Security Tools

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It is my understanding that the new nmap has bypassed the raw socket issues that were in SP2. Ethereal runs fine with the new beta Winpcap, so you shouldn't have any problem running what you want to run on Windows. But as everyone pointed out, if you really want to pen-test (Linux/Mac) is a much better OS to use. Windows is useful for some apps but you aren't being as powerful as you could be. Just my 2 cents.

-Todd

> -----Original Message-----

> *From: Michael Gargiullo [mailto:mgargiullo@pvtpt.com]*

> *Sent: Monday, September 19, 2005 3:07 PM*

> *To: pen-test@securityfocus.com*

> *Subject: RE: Windows XP SP2 and Security Tools*

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> *Win xp sp2 works fine. I run the windows nessus port when I*

> *need to cross a VPN. Nmap runs fine, as does nbtenum.*

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> -----Original Message-----

> *From: Steve McLaughlin [mailto:Steve.McLaughlin@aggreko.co.uk]*

> *Sent: Monday, September 19, 2005 10:46 AM*

> *To: pen-test@securityfocus.com; security-basics@securityfocus.com*

> *Subject: Windows XP SP2 and Security Tools*

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> *Hi List,*

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> *We are currently in the stage of rolling out Windows XP SP2.*

> *I know that this had some problems with winpcap a while back.*

> *we use all the good open source security tools we can with*

> *windows, cos its easier than putty to the linux box.*

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> *Des anyone know of any issues, or problems that SP2 may pose*

> *from what a security pen-testing box is concerned..*

> *Will it affect any Windows based security tools, or are there*

> *any other issues it has from a security point of view?*

> *Considering it is also my workstation, and hence we have to*

> *use windows for it.*

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> Thankyou in Advance,
> Steve
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