

Re: Deploying Microsoft patches

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Bear in mind that SUS only supports OS patches. Application patches, Service Packs, etc. are not handled by SUS.

<http://www.microsoft.com/windows2000/windowsupdate/sus/susfaq.asp>

This does NOT mean that SUS isn't useful, only that it does have limitations (e.g It can't be used for MS Office, which may be a drawback for your workstations).

You may also want to look at Shavlik's HFNetChk LT for free products. I believe you can do *some* application patching with it).

If you are looking to do more than simply rollout OS-level security updates, you may well want to reconsider the commercial products.

There are a number of solid products (Shavlik's HFNetChkPro, Patchlink and Update Expert all performed well in tests I've performed) that will allow you to more comprehensively manage your patch levels than the free tools alone.

I would certainly investigate their capabilities (if you haven't already) to determine if any of the products provide you enough extra benefits to justify the cost.

Charlie

Dan Bartley wrote:

> *Software Update Services from Microsoft. It is free.*

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> <http://www.microsoft.com/windows2000/windowsupdate/sus/default.asp>

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> *Best Regards,*

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> *Dan Bartley*

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

> *From: Ronish Mehta [mailto:sf_mail_sbm@yahoo.com]*

> *Sent: Friday, July 11, 2003 05:47*

> *To: security-basics@securityfocus.com*

> *Subject: Deploying Microsoft patches*

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- > *Hi,*
- > *there are about 500 pcs in the company that i work*
- > *for,*
- > *all of them are on Win 2K Professional*
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- > *With this amount of PCs, it is very difficult to keep*
- > *all of these PCs patched with the latest security*
- > *patches*
- >
- > *We have tried to automate the process by launching the*
- > *installation by using AD 'Startup Script'. However the*
- > *patch is installed every time the PC is booted*
- >
- > *Currently we are deploying patches manually, and this*
- > *is very time consuming, and we are not able to keep*
- > *uptodate with the latest patches being released by*
- > *Microsoft*
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- > *Anyone who has an automated process for deploying*
- > *patches without the use of Commercial tools for remote*
- > *installations?*
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- > *Thanks!*

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