

RE: remote desktop question

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Edmund,

Since you already have a firewall system in place, I would suggest looking into the VPN capabilities of that firewall, closing the RDP port you have opened and only allow authenticated VPN users who have logged into the network access to the RDP sessions. RDP sessions are encrypted with 128bit anyway, but at least with protecting the login to authenticated VPN users you won't need to worry about external break-ins.

Hope this helps. Richard

-----Original Message-----

From: cc [<mailto:cc@belfordhk.com>]

Sent: 21 October 2005 7:28 AM

To: security-basics@securityfocus.com

Subject: remote desktop question

Dear All,

The company I work with recently required a remote desktop access and to keep the budget down, I used a XP Pro system to receive only one Remote Desktop user.

Since this requires the opening up of a port on the firewall, I'm quite concerned. I have limited the system to only one or two users who can log on. Since this is my initial foray into the remote desktop client (in the past, we used PCAnywhere, but it's getting more and more expensive (hard to justify purchasing a license for each system).

In what ways can I protect the remote desktop system from being broken into? (Well, aside from shutting it down.)

Any pointers appreciated.

Edmund

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