

RE: Why Easy To Use Software Is Putting You At Risk

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Title

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Can Easy To Use Software Also Be Secure

Anyone who has been working with computers for a long time will have noticed that mainstream operating systems and applications have become easier to use over the years (supposedly). Tasks that use to be complex procedures and required experienced professional to do can now be done at the push of a button. For instance, setting up an Active Directory domain in Windows 2000 or higher can now be done by a wizard leading even the most novice technical person to believe they can "securely" setup the operating environment.

Where does it claim that it is "securely" setting up AD in the wizard?

This is actually quite far from the truth. Half the time this procedure fails because DNS does not configure properly or security

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permissions are relaxed
because the end user cannot perform a specific function.

Sounds like you have had this problem a few times, maybe you should not use the wizard, or attempt AD setups.

Do you understand how to "securely" setup AD, for your comments here, I would say no.

Instead of using the "sky is falling routine" suggest how to do these things securely instead of saying "look how terrible this is"

If It's Easy To Develop, Is It Also Secure

One of the reasons why operating systems and applications "appear" to be easier to work with than they are is developers have created procedures and reusable objects to take care of all the complex tasks for you.

Are you referring to shared code? In case you do not know what that is, it is code that is shared by apps for the same routines.

For instance, back in the old days when I started as a