

Re: Looking for some website which installs spyware on Linux

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NeoSadist wrote:

- > *I surf the basic same websites as my wife does. I will not say that it's*
- > *impossible for someone to poison some java stuff on a website, but I'd say*
- > *that it's harder, as security specialists have already said thousands of*
- > *times that java is more secure than microsoft's activeX. The problem lies*
- > *in microsoft's tendency to take something good (java/flash) and try to make*
- > *their own version (activeX), which is worse than the original. It's all*
- > *part of their "open standards".*

Well, isn't UNIX the original and Linux just a clone, similar to Java/Flash being an original and ActiveX a clone?

- > *Anyways, it's not impossible to poison websites to target linux machines,*
- > *but I'd say it's a lot harder due to the way Linux is. First off it's not*
- > *popular yet (obscurity).*

Well, okay. There is sure a lot less satisfaction for the poisoner to target Linux/Unix since too few people are using it. However, it seems to be very interesting for Crackers to break into Linux/Unix machines.

- > *... Secondly its file system is a LOT more secure*
- > *(usually is secure right out of the box).*

Agree!

- > *But I will say a couple of things in abstract about this. First off, it is*
- > *the admin's job to keep the computer(s) safe (or, the owner, or whatever).*
- > *Most people don't care about HOW things work, they just want them TO work*
- > *(which is why people get fleeced a lot). Ignorance and laziness is the #1*
- > *reason why people's computers "crash" or get infected with*
- > *virii/adware/spyware, #1 reason why people's cars break down sooner than*
- > *normal, etc. etc.*

Well, in pre-XP days when most people did run 3.1, 95 or 98 there was no security at all, now since XP is getting more widespread there should be

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a security concept. But why do people still get infected?

Why do people log onto their machines with superuser priviledges? Or is it a conceptual problem of the respective OS?

Even trivial web pages like the following can cause harm

Warning IE – Users: DO NOT EVEN THINK OF CLICKING ONTO THIS LINK!

[http: // www.raus.de / crashme](http://www.raus.de/crashme) <--- remove the blanks!

Users of Mozilla with popups blocked: don't care, it is safe for you!

[[No virus, just a crazy javascript]]

However, I use UNIX/Linux since '86 and I never had any contact with any mail or webpage containing some virus which I could execute on my machine or which did any harm to the operating system itself. Well, pages like the above can confuse my browser, but a kill from a text console later, it is gone. And that page above was the badest experiance I ever had.

So I am still looking for web sites / mails which crash my OS.

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