

Re: dangerous to leave root logged in?

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hans_schulze98@yahoo.de wrote:

> > *They're all trying to tell you something that ought to be obvious to you by now. When you're logged in as root, it's as if you're walking around with a lit stick of dynamite in each hand. This is not something that any sane person wants to do longer than he has to.*

> > *How often do I have to repeat it...*

> > *All commands run as root are those that need root perm, and are those that *you* would use root for too.*

> > *The question is not whether to run things root or not. The question is if you can leave them sitting logged on as root when idle.*

One last hammer blow...:)

There is no difference between "running" as root and "leave them sitting logged on as root when idle". Repeat, "No difference".

Opps, yes there is a difference!

You seem to think that the keyboard physically attached to the box has some magical significance not shared by remote keyboards.

Remote access is different, but that does not make it impossible or even difficult for the knowledgeable cracker (or script kiddies these days). Not only was *nix designed for multi-user access; it was designed for multi-user remote access. Go figure. Both keyboards can wake up a "sleeping" process.

Why you spend so much time (or us for that matter) trying to do it "your way" without simply stating what it is you're trying to do, is beyond all sense. Strangely, it is not uncommon.

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Never have I seen an explanation of the problem or lessening of the reluctance to clarify when no clarification was provided by this time. You're committed to "doing it your way".

In one last p**s-in-the-wind effort might I suggest such other things as:

snmp

Nagios

Webmin

MRTG

KDE System Guard

Did I mention syslogd and logrotate? Think I did already. Others mentioned SSH, so I won't suggest that.

Just tell us what you're trying to accomplish and we will try to get you to success. We're helping you now by telling you, "not this way". Help us by telling us what you're trying to accomplish, not how to make your solution work. Think about it. If it was that obvious, you would have it done already.

We're not asking for you to surrender or cry "Uncle" ;)

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