

Re: Securing a Windows 2003 server

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In article <t09ga012hov0fc1up5svttu9n7t7lp41lo@4ax.com>, chris@nospam.com wrote:

>On Sun, 16 May 2004 14:02:23 GMT, jcochran.nospam@naplesgov.com (Jeff

>Cochran) wrote:

>>Most Microsoft patches are out before the exploit is tracked in the

>>wild, yet still many admins and most home users get compromised

>>because they haven't installed the patch. Even with all the

>>automation available for updating the systems.

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>That's because the exploit is usually created using the documentation

>provided with the patch.

Wait, I thought you were suggesting that patches should be released sooner, and with much public fanfare... if exploits come from "using the documentation provided with the patch", wouldn't this suggest that the best way to patch vulnerabilities is to hide patches inside regular feature packs?

And no, I'm not suggesting this myself – it's just a natural endpoint for that part of your argument. Refine your argument, make sure it's logically consistent, and you might have something we can all use. At the moment, you're contradicting yourself, and making it sound like all you want to do is disagree with Microsoft and anyone who posts anything that sounds like a defence of them.

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