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Sebastian Gottschalk <seppi@xxxxxxxxxx> wrote in
news:4bvat0F137n2jU1@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx:

Fuzzy Logic wrote:

You're wrong, these flaws
are getting exploited all day
long. This
has actually gone so far that
Microsoft declared some of
them to be
features.

References?

<<http://technet2.microsoft.com/WindowsServer/en/Library/22fffeb1-66a3-4d5c-bc12-def57c3354fa1033.mspx>>

I was referring to the flaws that are getting 'exploited all day long'.

This is one.

Which is?

While this is true our locked down configuration of IE has emerged unscathed.

Nah, you just didn't meet the right exploits yet.

But since you say they are so pervasive and we have hundreds of users using IE on a daily basis for years you think we might encounter one?

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Paranoia is a strong motivator (remember weapons of mass destruction). In reality most of these 'threats' are overblown and can easily be thwarted with common sense and proper configuration.

For any real webbrowser you can assume that it can't be exploitable until some vulnerability becomes public, and even then you can already have the workaround in place, having set up some configuration to limit the impact or not being vulnerable due to hardening.

That's the current situation for us with IE.

Wrong, as for some (even critical) vulnerabilities there are no such things like safe configuration or workaround.

So you say. It's certainly not been my experience.

BTW, you think misusing IE as a webbrowser is a credible state?

Huh? If IE isn't a web browser I'm not sure what it is? It may not be a web browser that YOU approve of but it's still a web browser none the less.

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