

Re: OpenSSH vs. www.ssh.com

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"Scott" <solsysadm@yahoo.com> wrote in message
news:74e79aa0.0210301559.429994fb@posting.google.com...
> *Please share your experiences--both good and bad--with these two*
> *ssh-based solutions. I am trying to decide if www.ssh.com's version*
> *is really worth the \$500+ per server price tag. I have the O'Reilly*
> *SSH book, and I plan to fully read it before I make my decision.*

It's not worth the tag. My last corporate dealings with F-Secure and the actual code authors, ssh.com, involved every single machine with an sshd on it needing a \$500 license as you describe for over 500 machines.

For that kind of cash, I can buy entire rack-mount servers with SCSI disk and dual-CPU's at dotcom firesales. So I put in OpenSSH, and the users there have never regretted it.

I don't agree with all of the design decisions of the OpenSSH authors, but the ssh.com team stapling in a shell script for user logins to summon the "chroot" command and calling it a "chroot jail" is like my gluing fins on a gerbil and calling it a glider....

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