

Re: password logging for illegal ssh login attempts

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Matthew Poole wrote:

> *In article <41f54b8f\$0\$11485\$e4fe514c@news.xs4all.nl>, noname <noaddress@no.mail> wrote:*

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>> *With openssh, what do I need to log both login and password to*

>> */var/log/messages for failed login attempts?*

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> *A recompilation of OpenSSH, I believe. By design it doesn't log*

> *passwords, in case someone who's a legit user puts in a correct*

> *username/password that's meant for another system – I do it on occasion,*

> *and I'm sure I'm not alone.*

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I agree logging the passwords can be a security risk for users. I think it's more of a risk in case a legit user doesn't provide the correct password for the same system.

But it also can be a very handy feature. F.e. test systems, honeypots etc.

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