

Re: Unix vs. Windows for Security

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Bottom line....

Both OS's require a degree on intelligence and expertise to setup and maintain in a secure environment. Over the years BOTH have demonstrated security weaknesses.

However, there is a difference in philosophy. MS have explicitly written usability features into their products which have actively contributed to security problems (e.g. email viruses, Melissa, Love Bug et al).

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"Sunadmin" <sunadmin@fuse.net> wrote in message

news:u70u5gt4at3r32@corp.supernews.com...

> *Unix is a multiuser operating system, so out of the box it is far from*

> *secure.*

> *Unix was designed to allow multiple people and groups to run multiple*

> *programs from the same machine within different shells on the system.*

> *So Unix by default comes with a lot of services enabled, tftp, ftp,*

> *telnet,*

> *sendmail just to name a few.*

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> *Windows comes with nothing basically. MS has gotten a lot better with Win2k*

> *offering most services now as standards like Unix always has. You still*

> *don't have that multiuser shell ability on Windows you have on Unix. So*

> *unless you take the proper steps to secure Unix it will be less secure*

> *then*

> *Windows by default. Only because Windows doesn't really have an offering in*

> *the way of multiuser abilities out of the box. You have to buy separate*

> *packages and add ons to make it a functional peice of crap:-) (no bias*

> *here)...*

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> *If you do take the proper precautions using products like Secure shell,*

> *tripwire, logchecker, Kerberos etc.. Unix far surpasses Windows security*

> *wise.*

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> "*Colin*" <geoffkeston@hotmail.com> wrote in message
> <news:964e46c2.0202090916.4efa0d4f@posting.google.com...>
> > *I would like your opinion on the merits/faults of Unix compared to*
> > *Windows in respect to security. What are the specific issues that*
> > *differentiate them? Which is the better overall?*
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> > *Thanks.*
> > *Colin*
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