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Simon Gornall <simon@gornall.net> wrote in news:3CDEFDEF.55AF2B86@gornall.net:

> *Is it cause for alarm, or is it just saying someone's been
> fiddling with my privates, and got a slap on the face ?*

It is a bug fix found in tcp_timer.c

Basically, tcp uses a window to specify how much data can be sent without it being acknowledged. What causes this message is the other side of the connection reducing the window size. This used to be allowed in the rfc's but isn't any more so the chances are you're looking at someone with an outdated ip stack.

I don't think its much to worry about, but don't take my word for it :0)

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Colin

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