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Wartan Hachaturow <wart@softhome.net> wrote:

> *Bit Twister* wrote:

>>> *Is Unix security better than Windows?*

>> *Yes*

> *I wouldn't answer this question with such a confidence.*
I would.

>>> *Why is that?*

>> *Security is in the design of the system.*

> *Really? Do you really think that, for example, having an uid 0
> account with the ultimate power is "secure"?*

There is always a need for "elevated privileges". If that is done "the unix way" or with a zillion discrete "privs" (interacting in strange and unforessen ways) is a design descision. I think (but that is an opinion) unix made the right descision.

>>> *What makes it better?*

>> *None of the software allows the regular user to install malware*

>> *which can impact anyone else on the system.*

Are you joking ???

> *Consider Windows NT and successors. Same argument applies.*

> *"Security" is a word with a really, really broad range of meanings.*

> *Yes, Unix-oriented services are generally written in a more secure*

> *way, thus having less bugs that may lead to security problems.*

> *Generally -- because I won't speak for every single piece of software
> on Earth that runs on MS Windows or on Unix.*

> *Yes, Unix systems are _generally_ being administered by skilled*

> *people, and thus are more secure (by means of, for example, a number*

> *of open unneeded tcp ports) -- but trust me, there are plenty of*

> *lame root's out there, who's systems are less secure then Windows 98*

> *unfirewalled on the Internet.*

> *Yes, Windows-based systems require more work to stay up-to-date with*

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- > *service packs, etc. and more work to get tuned to a "somewhat secure,*
- > *according to the current needs status", but that's how Microsoft*
- > *treats it. Skilled Windows admin may make it hard to break.*
- > *Most of the security problems on Windows come from the Microsoft's*
- > *idea that comfort is prevalent over security -- that's why, for example,*
- > *Outlook by default executes attachments. Unix isn't (generally, again)*
- > *meant to be used and administrated by a housewife.*

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> *So, It Depends :)*

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> *Regards, Wartan.*

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