

Re: News groups

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I have seen messages that contain virus and simply reading them, you get infected. the mime exploit works that way. other active X virus can get you the same way!

>-----Original Message-----

>*I thought I was crazy! This is the same that occurs to me. I don't know any*

>*reason for not accessing a newsgroup, beyond a bad use.*

As you said everyone

>*can download by ftp or http. So why not news?*

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>*Marco Aurelio Tessaroto*

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>*Brazil*

>*"Scott" <drx32us@yahoo.com> wrote in message*

>*news:0bea01c330eb\$75e89350\$a301280a@phx.gbl...*

>> *My system administrator does not allow the use of news*

>> *groups within my organization.*

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>> *When I ask why he is unable to give any reason beyond a*

>> *vague it is a security risk.*

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>> *What exactly is the security risk?*

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>> *I understand that a developer can download from newsgroups*

>> *but one could just as easily download something off the*

>> *net.*

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>> *I would also be more then willing to provide a list of the*

>> *particular groups to be let though*

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>> *Microsoft.public.security for example.*

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>> *Using web forms are not as convenient as having a*

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>> *newsreader that you can look through every morning and I*
>> *also find that some third party vendors who's components*
>> *that I use don't offer a way to post to there forums*
>> *through the web.*
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>> *Could someone outline the risk for me?*
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>> *Thanks in advance*
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