

Re: just simple facts

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Dear..

you got messed up to much..

Client ... is required to browse and use the network resources..

if u dont have client.. u cant access local network..

life file sharing n all

but u can use tcp/ip connections..

password saving feature is ... somehow related to Client for

mIc.....

it is vulnerable as it lets u save ISP passwords :)..but that doesnt matter

this much with win2k.. on win9x.. it was worse.. one could try to snatch

saved passwords...

ISP would recommend to hide their problem of authentication so u dont have

to type password again n again

btw.. when credentials are refused once.. password is unchecked already....

so Autodial would give u a biiiiiiiiiiiig telephone bill

and if u think i got confused just as much as u are.. we can keep in touch

to be unique :D

"V4" <dontmailme@overyonderblueyonder.co.uk> wrote in message

news:tp_A8.21784\$Gc5.152789021@news-text.cableinet.net...

- > *I'm tired, I've been reading too much. I admit I'm a security novice but I*
- > *am willing to learn. Unfortunately, after following some web-based*
- > *recommendations I find someone else attacking me for my new found beliefs.*
- > *So, I read some more [their advice] and that is 'trashed' by another*
- > *know-it-all, and so it goes on.*
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- > *I'm very busy studying Windows 2000 Server [among other things] so I hate*
- > *wasting my time.*
- > *Simply, I want to know what enabling 'Client for Microsoft Networks'*
- > *does/allow.*
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- > *It all stems from Win2K Server DUN 'deleting' the saved dialup password*
- when
- > *encountering an ISP Authentication error – i.e. My ISP, for whatever*
- reason
- > *may refuse my credentials (which are correct and have been successfully*

- > *accepted previously) and the connection is refused. DUN will then redial*
- > *but, as I have discovered, it now has no password to pass on (confirmed by*
- > *opening DUN settings where the password had mysteriously disappeared) and*
- > *will loop in this failed authentication/redial process until limits are*
- > *reached or human interaction occurs.*
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- > *My ISP recommended I re-enabled 'Client for Microsoft Networks' to cure*
- this*
- > *fault, stating this process is required to "cache" my password. This*
- caused*
- > *me some concern as I'd just followed several security articles claiming*
- > *Client for Microsoft Networks and File and Print Sharing are not required*
- > *for Internet access and should be disabled/uninstalled.*
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- > *In my endeavour to question the wisdom of my ISP I was "told" by others*
- that*
- > *I was [insert derogatory phrases] and pointed to many links that were,*
- IMO,*
- > *personal attacks of GRC aka Steve Gibson. With patience, I read through*
- > *article after article of how "although I generally agree and cannot fault*
- > *his reasoning...but I cannot agree xxxxxx-statement is entirely true or*
- > *proved..." and came up with nothing concrete. They really do generally*
- > *agree. Most of this appears to stem from the Linux vs Windows gangs – I*
- > *don't want to go there at all – I'm forced to use Windows and I'm stuck*
- with*
- > *it, end of.*
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- > *Please, I just want facts.*
- > *What are the vulnerabilities of Client for Microsoft Networks [NOT File &*
- > *Print Sharing]?*
- > *How does it work?*
- > *Is it required to remember DUN passwords?*
- > *Why would an ISP 'recommend' it be installed for Internet access?*
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- > *All input welcome and thank you for reading [listening to] this.*
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