

Re: VPN Security.

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Depending on who you ask, this could get sticky.

First of all, there's no such thing as a "hardware" vpn solution. All VPN devices must use some kind of software to control access to the network. The question really becomes, do I buy a product that is a dedicated VPN solution, or do I continue using the product I have.

A couple of questions you might want to ask yourself include:

Is it worth the monetary and administrative cost to set up a new VPN solution?

Is the product really more secure? How many IOS updates have there been for it within the last couple of years?

Can it offer Quarantine Services (or something similar) to protect my internal network (2K3 can!)

I would say if you've dedicated your win2k3 server to the VPN solution, and have taken the necessary precautions to secure it (i.e. disabling any unnecessary services and keeping the software up to date), there's no need to reinvent the wheel.

Products like Firewalls, routers, and VPN concentrators are only as secure as the administrator who maintains them makes them.

Just my \$0.02

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"Jarryd" <Jarryd@youllneverknow.com> wrote in message news:OXUzh3DjFHA.3256@TK2MSFTNGP12.phx.gbl...

> Hi,

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> I have a Windows Server 2003 machine configured as a VPN server. Access
> is restricted to L2TP IPsec using MS-CHAP v2 only and users of the VPN
> security group. Is there anything else that I can do to make it more
> secure. I am also wondering about getting a hardware VPN. I am using the
> MS one and it is working very well, but if a hardware solution is really
> that much more secure then I suppose it is worth shelling out a bit more.
> So what I am looking for is educated opinions on the matter.

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