

Re: [Lit.] Buffer overruns

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infobahn wrote:

> *Paul Rubin wrote:*

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>> *infobahn <infobahn@btinternet.com> writes:*

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>>> *I've tried hard to understand how you could possibly need ABC in*

>>> *production,*

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>> *As Kernighan and Plauger put it in "software tools", enabling the
>> safety checks for debugging and disabling them for production is like
>> wearing a parachute on the ground but taking it off once you're in the
>> air.*

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> *They're wrong. Yes, I know what I'm saying and I know who I'm saying
> it about. But they're still wrong. The analogy is cute, but proof
> by analogy is fraud (Stroustrup, if he wasn't quoting someone else).*

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> *Here's another analogy for you, just as pertinent, just as relevant,
> and just as fraudulent if offered as proof:*

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> *Enabling the safety checks for debugging and disabling them for
> production is like putting scaffolding up when you're building
> a skyscraper and taking the scaffolding down again when you're
> finished.*

No, more like building access hatches and maintenance tunnels and emergency evacuation paths into the skyscraper, and then when you're done, filling them all in with concrete.

--Larry