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<http://www.tech-archive.net/Archive/BackOffice/microsoft.public.backoffice.smallbiz/2004-09/0392.html>

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Jeanne is moving up the USA coast and Kevin still writes a song
[news://msnews.microsoft.com/e\\$IzgfqoEHA.3464@TK2MSFTNGP14.phx.gbl](news://msnews.microsoft.com/e$IzgfqoEHA.3464@TK2MSFTNGP14.phx.gbl)

Harry Brelsford's September 2004 SMB Technology Watch Newsletter:
<http://www.smbnation.com/newsletter/Issue4-3-September2004.htm>

We have a new fix to allow workstations to roll out SP2 automagically
<http://msmvps.com/cgross/archive/2004/09/24/14251.aspx>
Chad points to the new update that allows workstations to get sp2 rather than sp1 when they /connectcomputer to the server
And he points to the info you need to put the file on the server in the right place:
Preparing XP SP2 for deployment on SBS 2003:
<http://msmvps.com/cgross/archive/2004/09/26/14393.aspx>

Introducing the Microsoft Exchange Best Practices Analyzer Tool:
<http://blogs.msdn.com/exchange/archive/2004/09/21/232516.aspx>

Hi folks,

We just released an update to the rules. If you have Internet connectivity from your workstation, then the tool should auto-detect the update and prompt you to download. If you're working in a closed environment, or the tool doesn't manage to detect the update, then you can download and apply the "Web Update Pack" from <http://www.microsoft.com/downloads/details.aspx?FamilyID=4f2f1339-cbcd-4d26-9174-f30c10d7ec4c>. Simply extract the files to your installation folder (usually, C:\Program Files\ExBPA). Within a short period of time we'll also have a link to the Web Update Pack from our main <http://www.microsoft.com/exchange/exbpa>"><http://www.microsoft.com/exchange/exbpa> page.

If you want to double-check if the update is applied, then click the "About..." link in the left-hand navigator when the tool is open. You'll

see two version numbers ...the first is 1.0.7408.1 ...this is the version of the main binaries. The second version number is what we call the "ConfigVersion". You'll see one of the following:

- 1.5.4.0 = You're running the rules as shipped in the original MSI package
- 1.5.5.1 = You're running the rules update that we posted a few days ago
- 1.5.6.1 = You're running the very latest rules available

These latest rules include some refinements that we made in response to the postings on the newsgroup and the blogs that we're monitoring.

Please keep the feedback coming! Through your help we can further refine the rules and documentation so that you see only the issues which are relevant for you.

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Exchange Server Best Practices Analyzer
<http://www.microsoft.com/exchange/exbpa>

Speaking of blogs...

If you've found a really good SBS blog or SBS related blog
Please forward the link
I've just started to list them on www.sbslinks.com

KB's of interest

875422 - "The wizard cannot set the DHCP scope options" error message when you run the Configure E-mail and Internet Connection Wizard in Windows Small Business Server 2003:

<http://support.microsoft.com/?kbid=875422>

873434 - The Exchange Intelligent Message Filter does not scan e-mail messages on your Exchange Server 2003 computer:

<http://support.microsoft.com/?kbid=873434>

An email from Scott Schnell:

<http://msmvps.com/bradley/archive/2004/09/23/14182.aspx>

Did everyone check this out?

This is so off topic it's not funny but ... hey

Amazon.com: DVD: Star Wars Trilogy (Widescreen Edition):

http://www.amazon.com/exec/obidos/tq/detail/-/B00003CXCT/qid=1096259172/sr=8-1/ref=pd_csp_1/102-0

The Star Wars DVD is out

Star Wars: Episode IV | Star Wars Trilogy on DVD:

http://www.starwars.com/episode-iv/trilogy_dvd.html

Star Wars: Community | Wallpaper:

<http://www.starwars.com/community/downloads/wallpaper/>

Are you patching for GPIplus?

UPDATE: Microsoft JPEG Image Processing Overflow (MS04-028)

Description: Multiple exploits and a toolkit (posted on the th-research mailing list) that create specially crafted JPEG files are now available. Viewing such JPEG files using Internet Explorer, Outlook, Word etc., results in the execution of arbitrary code. Some security analysts predict the outbreak of an email virus exploiting the JPEG vulnerability by the end of this month.

Council Site Actions: All of the council sites have either patched the systems, are in the process of patching the systems (or testing the patches) or plan to patch in the near future. In addition, one site is

working with their network staff to enable appropriate IPS-like filters at the network perimeter. Another site reported they were hit with this attack and have taken steps to block it (details not provided).

References:

Various Exploits

<http://www.securiteam.com/exploits/5EP0M0KE0W.html>

(Opens a command shell)

<http://archives.neohapsis.com/archives/fulldisclosure/2004-09/0819.html>

(Adds an administrator)

<http://www.securityfocus.com/archive/1/376320/2004-09-23/2004-09-29/0>

(Binds a remote command shell or opens a reverse command shell)

SANS GDI Detection Tool

<http://isc.sans.org/qdiscan.php>

Previous @RISK Newsletter Posting

http://www.sans.org/newsletters/risk/vol3_37.php (Item #1)

3) CRITICAL: Symantec Firewall/VPN Default SNMP Community String

Affected:

Symantec Firewall/VPN Appliance 100, 200/200R (firmware builds prior to build 1.63)

Symantec Gateway Security 320, 360/360R (firmware builds prior to build 622)

Macromedia is not affected

http://www.macromedia.com/devnet/security/security_zone/mpsb04-07.html

Description: The Symantec Firewall/VPN and the Gateway Security appliances are designed to protect small business networks. These appliances use "public" as the default read/write community string for the SNMP service. In addition, the appliances do not perform sufficient checks on the UDP packets with the source port set to 53 i.e. a DNS response. An attacker can exploit these flaws in tandem via specially crafted SNMP "GET" or "SET" requests with a source port of 53. Such crafted requests may permit the attacker to make arbitrary changes to the firewall configuration, thereby putting the entire network protected by the firewall at risk. Note that the firewall administrator can neither disable the SNMP service nor change the default SNMP community string.

Status: Symantec confirmed. Firmware updates are available for all the affected products. The updates also fix a denial of service attack vulnerability that can be triggered by performing a UDP scan on the firewall appliances.

Council Site Actions: The affected software is not in production or widespread use at any of the council sites. They reported that no action was necessary.

References:

Posting by Mike Sues

<http://www.securityfocus.com/archive/1/376029/2004-09-20/2004-09-26/0>

Symantec Advisory

<http://www.sarc.com/avcenter/security/Content/2004.09.22.html>

Product Homepage

<http://www.symantec.com/smallbiz/gtw/>

SecurityFocus BID

<http://www.securityfocus.com/bid/11237>

HIGH: Alt-N MDaemon Multiple Buffer Overflows

Affected: MDaemon version 6.5.1

Description: The MDaemon SMTP and IMAP server contain multiple buffer overflows. The flaws in the SMTP server can be triggered by sending overlong arguments to the "SAML", "SOML", "SEND" or "MAIL" commands, and the flaw in the IMAP server can be triggered by an overlong argument to the "LIST" command. The flaws may be possibly exploited to execute arbitrary code with "SYSTEM" privileges on the Windows server running the MDaemon software. Whereas an attacker needs authentication privileges to exploit the flaw in the IMAP server, depending on the

configuration, the flaws in the SMTP server may be exploited by an unauthenticated attacker. The proof-of-concept exploit code has been publicly posted.

Status: Vendor not confirmed, no updates available.

Council Site Actions: The affected software is not in production or widespread use at any of the council sites. They reported that no action was necessary.

References:

Posting by pigrelax

<http://www.securityfocus.com/archive/1/376082/2004-09-20/2004-09-26/0>

Proof-of-concept Exploit Code

<http://www.securitylab.ru/48146.html>

http://www.securitylab.ru/Exploits/2004/09/mdaemon_rcpt.c

http://www.securitylab.ru/Exploits/2004/09/mdaemon_imap.c

Product Homepage

<http://www.altm.com/products/default.asp?product%5Fid=MDaemon>

SecurityFocus BID

<http://www.securityfocus.com/bid/11238>

In other news

A man admits hacking into computers of high tech company
According to the Plea Agreement, Mr. Erfurt admitted that, on January 23 and 24, 2003, he hacked into the computer system of MESC by using a computer from his workplace at a separate company in Irvine, California.

Mr. Erfurt had previously served as the Information Technology Manager and then as Network Manager for MESC. After gaining unauthorized access to MESC's computer system, Mr. Erfurt admitted that he downloaded a proprietary database, read the e-mail account of the company president, and deleted data from the servers.

<http://www.crime-research.org/news/24.09.2004/646/>

Four Los Alamos lab workers fired over security, safety lapses
Four laboratory workers were fired from their jobs at the Los Alamos National Laboratory because of their roles in several recent security and safety incidents in the facility. One other worker resigned in lieu of being fired, while seven other workers faced disciplinary actions, including demotions, pay cuts and suspensions or reprimands, according to Kevin Roark, a spokesman for the New Mexico-based facility. Another 10 workers who were under investigation in connection with the problems have returned to their jobs after being cleared of wrongdoing, according to Roark. One employee remains on paid leave.

<http://computerworld.com/securitytopics/security/story/0,10801,96169,00.html>

Hackers use Google to access photocopiers

Making copies of something important? Photocopiers are the latest networked devices to fall prey to hackers armed with nothing more than Google's search engine. Hackers are using search engines to watch what people photocopy. Using Google hacks -- requests typed into the search engine that bring up cached information on networks -- hackers are discovering and using login details for networked photocopiers so they can watch what is being copied.

<http://news.zdnet.co.uk/internet/security/0,39020375,39167848,00.htm>

FDIC warns consumers on e-mail scams

Banking agency warns of 'phish' schemes. The FDIC Friday issued an alert about an increasingly common e-mail scam designed to steal personal information and money from millions of unwary consumers. The Federal Deposit Insurance Corp. (FDIC), perhaps best known as an insurer of bank deposits, issued its warning about so-called "phishing" eight months after criminals began misappropriating its name and reputation to perpetrate e-mail fraud.

<http://msnbc.msn.com/id/6091951/>

Invasion of the identity snatchers

http://www.theregister.co.uk/2004/09/24/identity_snatchers/

Credit card leaks continue at furious pace

<http://msnbc.msn.com/id/6030057/>

Speedy cybersecurity legislation killed by turbulence

An attempt by House Republican leaders to strengthen the Office of Management and Budget's role in cybersecurity was withdrawn late Thursday after industry and government officials voiced their opposition to the provision in legislation overhauling the U.S. intelligence community. Media reports this week had described the legislation as shifting responsibility for cybersecurity from the Homeland Security Department to the Office of Management and Budget. But David Marin, spokesman for Rep. Tom Davis (R-Va.), chairman of the House Government Reform Committee, disputed that.

http://www.gcn.com/voll_nol/daily-updates/27449-1.html

Piracy cut back by compliance laws

Having to fit in with new laws is keeping big businesses in line when it comes to counterfeit software - but their smaller counterparts are still a problem. New compliance and accounting regulations are helping to drive down the number of firms who use unlicensed and counterfeit software, according to Microsoft.

<http://news.zdnet.co.uk/business/legal/0,39020651,39167738,00.htm>

Virus writers hit home PCs as companies get tough
Stronger corporate defences make poorly protected home users easier targets. Virus writers are increasingly targeting poorly protected home PCs because company defences are proving too much of a challenge. Vincent Gullotto, vice president of the Anti-Virus Emergency Response Team (Avert) at security company McAfee, said recent attacks have ignored corporate networks and aimed for the home user instead.

<http://www.vnunet.com/news/1158338>

JPEG File Flaw Prompts New Wave of Attacks

http://www.newsfactor.com/story.xhtml?story_title=JPEG-File-Flaw-Prompts-New-Wave-of-Attacks&stor

MS fires armour-piercing suit at 'bullet-proof' spam host
Microsoft has fired off nine new lawsuits against spammers including an action against a web hosting firm that allegedly offered so-called "bullet proof" hosting to junk mailers. National Online Sales and its owner Levon Gillespie are jointly accused of offering a "safe haven" for purveyors of get-rich-quick schemes and penis

enlargement rackets. The case was filed in Washington State's King County Superior Court.

http://www.theregister.co.uk/2004/09/24/ms_anti-spam_lawsuit/

<http://money.cnn.com/2004/09/23/technology/msftspam.reut/index.htm>

Sender ID dealt killer blow

<http://news.zdnet.co.uk/software/applications/0,39020384,39167720,00.htm>

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Symantec Warns of Firewall Weakness

Symantec says it has identified security flaws in several of its firewall and gateway products that could leave networks vulnerable to denial-of-service attacks. The security company has issued firmware upgrades to close the loopholes.

http://www.newsfactor.com/story.xhtml?story_title=Symantec-Warns-of-Firewall-Weakness&story_id=27

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When they start making Sponge Bob Square Pants Secure ID tokens... we're in trouble :-)

VeriSign creates kid credentials

VeriSign and a children's safety group has unveiled a new technology designed to make it easier for children to avoid child predators online. The i-Stik token, inserted in a computer's USB port, provides verification of a child's age and gender. Chatroom lurkers who can't prove their age will stick out like sore thumbs as more kids adopt the tokens, backers said.

http://news.zdnet.com/2100-1009_22-5380589.html

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So what is it about Win2k security MS won't enhance? If you want the 'security enhancements' of Windows XP SP2 but you're running an earlier version of Windows, then you're going to have to upgrade, Microsoft has been confirming to the public prints this week. Despite this being highly significant for the many companies still running Windows 2000, Microsoft has been confirming it pretty quietly - CNET and Microsoft Watch both seem to have been given statements on demand, and Redmond does not yet seem to be exactly bulging with detail on the subject.

http://www.theregister.co.uk/2004/09/24/no_sp2_fixes_for_old_windows/

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<http://www.sbslinks.com/really.htm>

<http://www.msmvps.com/bradley>

<https://www.ecora.com/ecora/jump/pm99.asp>