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I replied accordingly to Sean's song parody ... he was only two years late

;~)

<http://seanda.blogspot.com/2004/11/happy-thanks-giving-backup-song.html>

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Kevin Weilbacher [SBS-MVP]

"The days pass by so quickly now, the nights are seldom long"

"Susan Bradley, CPA aka Ebitz - SBS Rocks [MVP]" <sbradcpa@pacbell.net>

wrote in message news:uM8yn\$e1EHA.2196@TK2MSFTNGP14.phx.gbl...

> Kevin's song of the week

> [news://msnews.microsoft.com/OF4crXD1EHA.2804@TK2MSFTNGP15.phx.gbl](http://msnews.microsoft.com/OF4crXD1EHA.2804@TK2MSFTNGP15.phx.gbl)

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> I'd invite you to review and look at Andrew's excellent drafts on

> "management" of a network ... comment back... what do YOU think?

> [news://msnews.microsoft.com/On1WXbD1EHA.1524@TK2MSFTNGP09.phx.gbl](http://msnews.microsoft.com/On1WXbD1EHA.1524@TK2MSFTNGP09.phx.gbl)

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> [news://msnews.microsoft.com/OiVZ#MP1EHA.3452@TK2MSFTNGP14.phx.gbl](http://msnews.microsoft.com/OiVZ#MP1EHA.3452@TK2MSFTNGP14.phx.gbl)

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> It might be 25 shopping days before Christmas..but it's 31 days before the
> end of the road for NT4.

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> For anyone still on SBS 4.5 please advise them that the platform is "not
> good enough" anymore.

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> Why you want XP in your networks

> <http://www.microsoft.com/australia/smallbusiness/issues/running/productivity/home.mspx>

> <http://www.microsoft.com/canada/smallbiz/themes/practical/article10.mspx>

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> A recent KB points up the "know what you have installed and what ports you
> have open"

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> How to help protect against a WINS security issue:

> <http://support.microsoft.com/kb/890710>

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> I would hope that we don't have port 42 open at the border perimeter?

> While us SBSer's have WINS enable, we don't do that.

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> Keep in mind also that WINS is needed for Exchange so don't remove it
> Exchange 2003 and WINS:

> http://weblogs.asp.net/eileen_brown/archive/2004/11/11/255661.aspx

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> Blogs of interest this week
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> Exchange Best Practice tool has been updated
> <http://blogs.msdn.com/exchange/archive/2004/11/24/269316.aspx>
>
> IPsec front end tool
> <http://www.leastprivilege.com/PermaLink.aspx?guid=511af9d9-9f31-4c1b-a371-0233b061ed2d>
>
> <http://www.securitypipeline.com/54200021>
> Privacy and security are at stake if you use P2P networks or IM apps that
> support P2P file sharing.
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> Hey? Sean? Did you clear this with Kevin? ;-)
> <http://seanda.blogspot.com/2004/11/happy-thanks-giving-backup-song.html>
>
> Sean on a funky backup error
> <http://seanda.blogspot.com/2004/11/so-what-exactly-is-backup-error.html>
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> SCO hacked.. again...
> <http://www.neowin.net/comments.php?id=25934&category=main>
>
> Jerry's security resource guide
> <http://msmvps.com/secure/archive/2004/11/24/20647.aspx>
>
> Mikko's presentation from AVAR conf
> <http://www.f-secure.com/weblog/#00000368>
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> SCO under attack again
> The main SCO Group web site (sco.com) has been
> intermittently accessible on Tuesday and Wednesday,
> having been down on Monday, displaying characteristic
> patterns seen during a protracted Distributed Denial
> of Service (DDoS) attack. Several related domains
> have also been off - and on-line over the last 72
> hours.
> <http://www.ebcvq.com/articles.php?id=393>
> -----
> Windows and Linux exposed by Java flaw
> A flaw in Sun's plug-in for running Java on
> a variety of browsers and operating systems could
> allow a virus to spread through Microsoft Windows
> andLinux PCs. The vulnerability, found by Finnish
> security researcher Jouko Pynnonen in June, was
> patched last month by Sun, but its details were
> not made public until Tuesday. Security information
> provider Secunia posted information about the flaw
> in an advisory that rated it a "highly critical"
> threat.
> <http://software.silicon.com/security/0,39024655,39126099,00.htm>
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> Millions at risk from Java Virtual Machine flaw
> <http://www.vnunet.com/news/1159632>
> Microsoft emphasises security problems
> <http://news.zdnet.co.uk/internet/security/0,39020375,39174905,00.htm>
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> 'Skulls' Virus Disables Smartphone Apps
> A malicious code dubbed "Skulls" was launched
> from Web sites that offered phone users
> downloads of wallpaper, games and ring tones.

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> The virus targets Nokia model 7610 phones that
> run on the Symbian operating system. It replaces
> all the phone's icons with skulls and crossbones,
> and replaces all the working applications,
> rendering the phone useless for anything but
> voice calls.
> http://www.newsfactor.com/story.xhtml?story_title=-Skulls--Virus-Disables-Smartphone-Apps&story
> - - - - -
> Poison applet peril affects IE, Opera and Firefox
> A vulnerability in a Java plug-in from Sun
> Microsystems used by most web browsers poses
> a risk for users of IE and alternative browsers
> alike. Because of the flaw, malicious applets
> can escape the safe confines of a sandbox and
> damage vulnerable systems.
> http://www.theregister.co.uk/2004/11/24/java_browser_vuln/
> - - - - -
> Fraudsters recruit phishing middlemen
> Fraudsters are trying to recruit phishing mules
> with bogus job offers. Email filtering firm
> MessageLabs reports more than 20,000 copies
> of this scam email have been intercepted to
> date, following the emergence of the fraud
> over the weekend. The bogus messages pose
> as offers for regional representative and
> general assistant positions with ICG Commerce.
> http://www.theregister.co.uk/2004/11/24/phishing_mule_spam_campaign/
> - - - - -
> Career database 'wide open' to hijacking
> An on-line database containing the career
> and contact details of over 22 million business
> people can be edited by anyone. The database
> - put together by US company Eliyon - is
> extracted from information published on the
> net (press releases, electronic news services,
> SEC filings and other online sources etc.)
> and compiled into a single searchable archive.
> http://www.theregister.co.uk/2004/11/24/cv_hijack_risk/
> - - - - -
> Microsoft proposes piracy amnesty
> Microsoft has announced what it hopes will be
> a new attack on piracy. The company has decided
> to give away software to those who bought machines
> with fake copies pre-installed. Microsoft will be
> offering anyone who's "unsure" about whether they've
> got dodgy software the chance to have it checked
> out by Microsoft, with the promise that if it does
> turn out to be counterfeit, they'll replace it.
> http://news.zdnet.com/2100-3513_22-5466487.html
>
> Microsoft gets tough with XP pirates
> <http://www.vnunet.com/news/1159640>
> - - - - -
> Security officials to spy on chat rooms
> The CIA is quietly funding federal research
> into surveillance of Internet chat rooms as
> part of an effort to identify possible terrorists,
> newly released documents reveal. In April 2003,
> the CIA agreed to fund a series of research
> projects that the documents indicate were
> intended to create "new capabilities to combat
> terrorism through advanced technology." One

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> of those projects is research at the Rensselaer
> Polytechnic Institute in Troy, N.Y., devoted
> to automated monitoring and profiling of the
> behavior of chat-room users.
> http://news.zdnet.com/2100-1009_22-5466140.html
> - - - - -
> Home PC users weigh price of protection
> Criminals hijack consumers' PCs by the thousands
> every day and use them to do their dirty work.
> Armies of zombies, for example, are now regularly
> used to attack Web sites and extort their owners.
> <http://www.msnbc.msn.com/id/6560512/>
> - - - - -
> Tasin worms ate my Windows files
> Security experts have issued a warning over the
> newly intercepted A, B and C variants of the Tasin
> worm, which have begun to spread rapidly by email.
> The malicious worms use social engineering tricks
> to distract users while they are sent out from
> infected computers before deleting large number
> of system files.
> <http://www.vnunet.com/news/1159612>
> - - - - -
> New Sober variant spreading
> A new version of the Sober e-mail worm started
> spreading in Europe last week, according to antivirus
> software vendors, which have given the worm a midlevel
> threat rating. By the end of the workday in Europe,
> the worm had spread to North America and was
> propagating there as well, said Marius van Oers,
> an Amsterdam-based antivirus research engineer
> at McAfee Inc.
> <http://computerworld.com/securitytopics/security/story/0,10801,97818,00.html>
> - - - - -
> Year of the global malware epidemic - Top ten lessons
> 2004 is set to become the worst year on record
> for malware variants and their hybrids as
> vulnerabilities in Microsoft Windows are
> exploited within days of being posted on the
> internet. Witness the latest and ongoing Bofra
> malware episode, which is a hybrid of the MyDoom
> family. There is evidence to show that malware
> writers are learning from each others' code and
> refining carrier vectors continuously based on
> live-tests within the internet environment.
> <http://www.crime-research.org/articles/812/>
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> <http://www.sbslinks.com/really.htm>
> <http://www.msmvps.com/bradley>
> <https://www.ecora.com/ecora/jump/pm99.asp>

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