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Kevin's song of the week

<news://msnews.microsoft.com/#fiUssU6EHA.1292@TK2MSFTNGP10.phx.gbl>

ONE MORE WEEK OF OFFICIAL SUPPORT FOR SBS 4.5
END OF LIFE FOR WINDOWS NT

Are you near Toronto?

If you are any where NEAR CANADA you need to be here:

<http://msmvps.com/bradley/archive/2004/12/23/27229.aspx>

Blogs of interest

Chad and fixing Outlook over Http

<http://msmvps.com/cgross/archive/2004/12/23/27195.aspx>

Want Amazon's phone number?

http://customerevangelists.typepad.com/blog/2004/12/amazons_phone_n.html

Directions on Microsoft's challenges for 2005

<http://msmvps.com/bradley/archive/2004/12/26/27657.aspx>

Bugs and worms for Christmas?

<http://www.eweek.com/article2/0.1759.1745693.00.asp?kc=EWRSS03129TX1K0000614>

2004 – the year of the blog

http://www.micropersuasion.com/2004/12/filter_the_year.html

Spyware and retail

<http://www.microsoftmonitor.com/archives/005639.html>

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So what did you get for Christmas and did you blog about it?

http://www.internet-nexus.com/2004_12_26_archive.htm#110410823325017123

Odds and ends

Issues with Mail?

1. The POP3 Connector service connects and logs on to the remote POP3 server.
2. Mail is retrieved and placed into the %systemroot%\Program Files\Microsoft Small Business Server\Networking\POP3\Incoming Mail folder.
3. When all mail has been retrieved from the remote POP3 Server (or the maximum number of messages has been downloaded for this POP3 session), the Microsoft Collaboration Data Objects (CDO) will pick up the mail that is in the Incoming Mail folder. The headers of the messages will be modified to indicate that the messages are being sent to a local Exchange mailbox user, and then the mail will be placed into the %systemroot%\InetPub\mailroot\Pickup folder.
4. If the CDO is unable to send the message to the Pickup folder, such as if the message is corrupt, then the e-mail message will be placed in the %systemroot%\Program Files\Microsoft Small Business Server\Networking\POP3\Failed Mail folder.
5. All messages that are in the Pickup folder will be processed by the local SMTP service and sent to the appropriate recipient.

Check the folders, in order of mail flow.

Mail is downloaded, but is not reaching the user mailbox:

In this situation, there may be an issue either with Mailflow or the configuration of the POP3 connector itself.

Some possible steps to take here would include:

* Stop the SMTP Virtual Server (not the service). Initiate a POP3 download. You will find the message is placed into the mailroot\Pickup folder. From here, you can use Notepad to open the mail message and view the content. The main thing you are looking for here is the header information.

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* Increase the level of diagnostic logging to maximum. Initiate a download of POP3 mail and then check the event viewer for POP3 events.

* If IIS or SMTP has been removed and then reinstalled, the POP3 Conn Event Sink will no longer be registered and therefore messages will NDR with the mspop3conn recipients. To fix this, run imbreg.exe which is located in the %systemroot%\Program Files\Microsoft Small Business Server\Networking\POP3 folder.

In other news:

Exploits released for new Windows flaws
A Chinese security group has released sample code to exploit two new unpatched flaws in Microsoft Windows. The advisory comes in the week before Christmas, a time when many companies and home users are least prepared to deal with the problems. Security firm Symantec warned its clients of the vulnerabilities on Thursday, after the Chinese company that found the flaws published them to the Internet.
http://news.zdnet.com/2100-1009_22-5502534.html

Database flaws more risky than thought
http://news.zdnet.com/2100-1009_22-5502538.html

Google Stops Santy's Claws – For Now
Google acted quickly to block Santy.A, a worm that targeted the company's popular Internet search engine. Antivirus experts say this threat has passed, but predict that it may be just the first of a new wave of worms that attempt to spread through the search engine.
http://www.newsfactor.com/story.xhtml?story_title=Google-Stops-Santy-s-Claws---For-Now&story_id=29250
<http://computerworld.com/securitytopics/security/story/0,10801,98514,00.html>

New Symbian Mobile Phone Virus Identified
The METAL Gear.a virus encourages mobile phone users to install it by masquerading as a Symbian version of the Metal Gear Solid game. The trojan is the first to target Symbian antivirus software specifically and is another example of the increasing sophistication of malware for the Symbian platform.
http://www.newsfactor.com/story.xhtml?story_title=New-Symbian-Mobile-Phone-Virus-Identified&story_id=29250
<http://computerworld.com/securitytopics/security/story/0,10801,98515,00.html>

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Apple Sues over Leaked Mac OS X Tiger

Apple is in court again, suing three developers who allegedly distributed a prerelease version of the next iteration of Mac OS X, code-named 'Tiger,' through file-sharing networks. More than 2,500 copies of the software have been downloaded, Apple says.

http://www.newsfactor.com/story.xhtml?story_title=Apple-Sues-over-Leaked-Mac-OS-X-Tiger&story_id=29260

Ohio speeds recovery for victims of identity theft

Last year almost 10 million people were robbed of something more precious than gold: their identity. Ohio is using technology to help victims restore their identities. Next month Ohio's state attorney general, working with the National Notary Association, will begin issuing biometric identification cards to help victims of identity theft recover quickly.

http://www.gcn.com/vol1_no1/daily-updates/31413-1.html

Legal Hurdle For Internet Sting

Investigators who ran an undercover sting operation have been stung by a judge's ruling. Officers have had to round up the same suspects a second time. When Trooper Scott Haugaard reports for duty he doesn't act his age. He plays the part of an underage girl or boy being enticed over the Internet into a sexual encounter. "Mostly they try to look for easy prey," he tells us. A few months ago, working with La Vista Police investigator, Haugaard made several arrests.

<http://www.wowt.com/home/headlines/1304051.html>

Experts Say India's Cyber Law is Outdated

Cyber law expert Pavan Duggal feels India's Information Technology Act of 2000 is completely outdated and not fit to deal with cyber crimes.

He said that the law was promulgated four years ago primarily to bolster the e-commerce business and not intended to deal with cyber crime issues.

http://www.menafn.com/qn_news_story.asp?StoryId=CqCJ_ueidAw5KAweTy3LIxjSyxC

Army focuses on cyber protection

A recently issued Army white paper, "Fight the Network," provides a new framework for the Signal Regiment, the service's communications organization, as it changes to support lighter, more mobile warfighting units.

<http://www.fcw.com/fcw/articles/2004/1220/web-armywp-12-23-04.asp>

DHS' info assurance chief resigns

Frank Libutti today tendered his resignation as undersecretary for information assurance and infrastructure protection at the Homeland Security Department. The department did not disclose when he would step down, and Libutti declined to detail where his career will take him next. DHS has named no interim chief.

http://www.gcn.com/vol1_no1/daily-updates/31418-1.html

When viruses strike

It's a message people like Ryan Kokai try to knock into the heads of family, buddies and co-workers time and time again. And he's not talking about sex. In his role as tech wizard, the 25-year-old is frequently called away from his desk to clean up co-workers' computers that have been infected with viruses or other troublesome computer ailments.

<http://www.globetechnology.com/servlet/story/RTGAM.20041222.gtvirus1222/BNStory/Technology/>

2005: The year IT gets easier?

It's about time to ring out the old year and ring in the new, and we believe IT pros have plenty to look forward to in 2005. Why? Next year should be marked by a confluence of innovative and mature technologies to help automate labor-intensive processes and make it easier to do more with less. Through intelligent use of these tools and sound operational discipline, IT professionals should be able to achieve significant improvement in the efficiency and effectiveness of operations.

<http://computerworld.com/securitytopics/security/story/0,10801,98479,00.html>

Poor IT hindering crime fighting

Most of Britain's police forces have come under fire in a recent Home Office report for poor use of IT systems, with London's Metropolitan Police coming in for particularly heavy criticism. Police forces in England and Wales are suffering from "outdated and overstretched" crime recording systems, with many failing to meet Home Office data standards, according to an Audit Commission report.

<http://news.zdnet.co.uk/software/applications/0,39020384,39182224,00.htm>

Marine's family gets e-mail dispute help

Offers of help have been pouring in for a Michigan man who is trying to persuade online giant Yahoo! to allow him access to the e-mail account of his son, a Marine killed in Iraq. From lawyers to

computer-code crackers, people across the nation have come forward wanting to help the family of 20-year-old Justin M. Ellsworth, who was killed last month during a foot patrol in Iraq.

http://www.usatoday.com/tech/news/computersecurity/hacking/2004-12-23-hack-email_x.htm

ID theft fears linger after laptop returned
A California blood bank has retrieved a stolen laptop, but remains concerned that some donors could be at risk of identity theft. Delta Blood Bank, based in a Stockton, Calif., paid a reward for the Compaq laptop, which had been stolen after a Dec. 10 blood drive in the nearby town of Tracy. On Dec. 15, the blood bank notified more than 100,000 donors that their personal information had been filched and warned them of the threat of identity theft.

http://news.com.com/ID+theft+fears+linger+after+laptop+returned/2100-1029_3-5501200.html

Blood bank fears ID heist

http://news.zdnet.com/2100-1009_22-5500114.html

AMD stopped from advertising NX flag as anti-virus cure
CHIP FIRM AMD has been prevented from advertising its NX bit as an antivirus panacea in the Netherlands. Dutch site Tweakers.net reports that after a complaint to the consumer commission that the AMD advertising was misleading, the firm is being prevented from describing the NX bit as a cure for all forms of viruses, as it can actually only prevent some.

<http://www.theinquirer.net/?article=20352>

Linux lasting longer against Net attacks

Unpatched Linux systems are surviving longer on the Internet before being compromised, according to a report from the Honeynet Project released this week. The data, from a dozen networks, showed that the average Linux system lasts three months before being compromised, a significant increase from the 72 hours life span of a Linux system in 2001.

http://news.com.com/Linux+lasting+longer+against+Net+attacks/2100-7349_3-5501278.html

Security workers praise Sarbanes-Oxley

Many security workers feel that government regulations aimed at protecting IT networks from threats are working, according to new survey. The survey, released Wednesday by security services company RedSiren, indicates that many IT professionals view security guidelines as work-intensive. But they also

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believe the regulations—such as the Sarbanes–
Oxley Act, HIPAA (the Health Insurance Portability
and Accountability Act) and the Gramm–Leach–Bliley
Act—are making a difference.

http://news.com.com/Security+workers+praise+Sarbanes–Oxley/2100–7348_3–5500894.html

How to close the information security gap at your company

<http://computerworld.com/securitytopics/security/story/0,,98364.00.html>–

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2004 Review of the Year: Security

Not all MyDoom and gloom. Security has
remained high on the agenda throughout the
IT recession, and the year has seen some
major steps forward, and a few steps back.

<http://www.vnunet.com/news/1160135>

IT industry facing a turbulent 2005

<http://www.vnunet.com/news/1159831>

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An open letter to the Security Community::

<http://msmvps.com/bradley/archive/2004/12/12/23540.aspx>