

Re: Big hole??

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Care to corroborate that info with a URL from a LEGITIMATE CERT or Security Organization ?

So far this information remains uncorroborated !

But what do you expect from an anonymous poster posting in HTML.

Dave

"User1" <user1@msn.net> wrote in message news:uwD88BfnEHA.392@tk2msftngp13.phx.gbl...
"Windows XP Service Pack 2 with Advanced Security Technologies helps you protect your PC against viruses, hackers, and worms." – this is how Microsoft promotes its Service Pack 2 on its website. What the company does not say: Instead of viruses, worms, and hackers, the supposedly safe SP2 for Windows XP invites any Internet user to have a look around your PC.

As soon as you install SP2 on a Windows XP PC with a certain configuration, your file and printer sharing data are visible worldwide, despite an activated Firewall. This also applies to all other services. The PC only has to provide sharing for an internal local network and connect to the Internet via dial-up or ISDN. Users of DSL services are also affected, if a firewall is not integrated into the DSL modem or a common modem instead of a DSL router is used. Additionally, Internet Connection Sharing of the PC has to be disabled.

A number of test scans run by PC-Welt revealed that this in fact is a common configuration and not a rare sight. Without great effort, we were able to discover private documents on easily accessible computers on the Internet. It must be assumed, that these users wrongly believe they are safe and that their sharing configurations are only visible in their network at home: Often, we did not even encounter password protection.

Already Windows 95 affected by a similar problem

Experienced Windows users may remember that there was a similar problem in the past, specifically with Windows 95. Back then, Microsoft forgot to separate file and printer sharing from the dial-up network adapter when such a connection was configured.

In other words, this caused the service to be released worldwide through the dial-up connection as soon as you were connected to the Internet. Microsoft at that time issued an update to patch the bug. The fact that file and printer sharing since then is not connected to the dial-up connection anymore, can easily be seen on your system: Right-click on the

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symbol "My Network Places" and select "Properties". Repeat the right-click and selection with the icon of your dial-up connection and select the tab "Settings". If there is no check at "File and Printer Sharing", it indicates that this service shoul