

Re: Firefox Security Warning

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On 1/8/2005 5:53 AM On a whim, Dan pounded out on the keyboard

> <snipped because it is getting way too long>
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> *Linux has the same problem that all the other responders to this post have
> pointed out. I had a co-worker that was trying Linux and found his hard
> drive was out of disk space. Get this! The Red Hat installation he used
> came with a CD that enabled the NFS and anonymous FTP servers by DEFAULT!
> In my former zeal of spreading Linux to the masses, I gave a friend a copy
> of Debian GNU/Linux for Dummies as a gift. Guess what? NFS and FTP server
> running in the DEFAULT installation!*
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> *So, I like open source software and have even written a few little
> application myself. However, I made them open source and freely available
> because I never want to be responsible for addressing problems that may or
> may not exist in the software! All I'm saying is that much of the Open
> Source community is the same way. As a business owner, I would rather have
> a known cost for a known level of service, good or bad, just not
> indifferent.*
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> *carl*
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> *The thing that I wonder about is how can one make sure that open source is
> safe. I mean that I use and like Mozilla Firefox and use it exclusively
> except where IE is required such as accessing Windows Update. I personally
> have not downloaded and installed the plugins or extensions except for one
> because of the possibility that they may have malicious code attached to
> them. My question is how can the open source community prevent malicious
> creators of the plugins or extensions from attaching malicious code?*
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As FF states when you install a Theme/Extension/Plugin, you are accepting what you are installing. It comes down to the user. At least that way you can't blame anyone but yourself. But with ActiveX and all the other convenient features IE implemented, it would install just about anything without your knowledge. Of course that is slowly being

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fixed but I'm sure we will see many of the "features" that caused IE to gain user share to be eliminated because of the security risks.

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