

## Re: Windows Validation

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> *And Linux is a major player with servers on the web, so hitting them would  
> be a major news story. Just like SQL server, with Code Red.*

You'd think so, but again no one is targeting the Linux servers, cause all that gets from the masses is a "huh?", "what?", doesn't mean anything to most. The vast majority only listen when a bug targets home users. Then it's "Oh my god!, Where's the patch?".

Actually, it's sort of a good thing that Linux isn't targeted so much, there's no one entity to hold responsible for issuing patches for the various vulnerabilities. Who is everyone going to blame for an unpatched security hole in some lesser iteration of Linux? I subscribe to CERT's newsletters, and they divulge just about as many server security holes for Linux as the do for Windows, but no one outside of sysadmins pays much attention to them.

> *The homogeny of the Windows OS on PCs is big fat target with a sign on it  
> saying "Bring 'em on!"*

Yep, no target like the big guy on the block. No one wants to pick on the little guy.

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Best of Luck,

Rick Rogers, aka "Nutcuse" - Microsoft MVP

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> Rick "Nutcuse" Rogers wrote:

>> Psst! I'll let you in on a secret: No operating system is bullet

>> proof - some are just targeted less than others. Who wants to write a

>> bug that can only infect .1% of the users out there?

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> Which is why having one companies OS on 95% of the worlds PC is a security

> risk, in and of itself. Why go after a small target when you can hit a

> big fat one?

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> Which is easier? Finding a needle in the haystack, or spitting in the air  
> and hoping it hits something, anything.  
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>> Where's the  
>> notoriety in that? Script kiddies want bragging rights, and you can  
>> only get that by targeting the big guys. Just like the schoolyard,  
>> nobody thought you were cool if you beat up the little kids, you were  
>> only cool if you took on the bully (and didn't get your ass handed to  
>> you).  
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> And Linux is a major player with servers on the web, so hitting them would  
> be a major news story. Just like SQL server, with Code Red.  
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> And how about the recent MySQL bot that only affected those that ran it on  
> Windows?  
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> Nothing is perfect, but the MicroMonopoly is the biggest security hole in  
> the computer world today. The homogeny of the Windows OS on PCs is big  
> fat target with a sign on it saying "Bring 'em on!"  
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> Peace!  
> Kurt  
> Self-anointed Moderator  
> microscum.pubic.windowsexp.gonorrhea  
> <http://microscum.com/mscommunity>  
> "Trustworthy Computing" is only another example of an Oxymoron!  
> "Produkt-Aktivierung macht frei"  
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