

Eeye Still has critical vulnerability associated with NT

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The NT source code is still weaker than 9x code in terms of security since eeye has one vulnerability left and it affects Windows 2000. The NT code includes current Windows 2000 and XP products as well as older NT products. The 9x code refers to 95, 98, 98SE and ME(which is terrible and I cannot suggest it because it was done as a rush job in my opinion)The NT code does not have a true maintenance operating system according to Chris Quirke, MVP. Gary S. Terhune has told me that NT relies on a command.com prompt and does not have true MS-DOS. This is a fact. The 9x code operating systems all contain true MS-DOS although some MS-DOS commands have been removed in the later versions of 9x operating systems according to Brian Livingston's "Windows 98 Secrets" book on Windows 98. Chris Quirke, MVP has mentioned the critical need for an NT underlying maintenance system that can focus exclusively on NT and finally leave the traces of 9x and MS-DOS behind for good. I think this is completely correct and there is an urgent need to divide NT from 9x because the NT code of XP and 2000 has not been able to completely emulate the 9x code and I think it is doubtful that it will ever be able to do that. I may end up having to purchase Microsoft Virtual Machine to be able to run older operating systems in order to support my client base. Gary Terhune, MVP plans to do this as soon as possible. Also, Windows XP has more services so there are more points of entries into a secure XP PRO. system than a secure 98SE system. Sure the user has to use more third party products with a 98SE system but overall it has less services so there are not as many points of entry for a hacker to attack and that is why I will continue to use a 98SE/XP PRO dual-boot system and the strange thing is I have more trouble maintaining XP PRO. than I do with 98SE but that may be due to the fact that I know the 9x code deeply and know only a small amount about the NT code which used to be named the not there code back in its early days. I do not hate XP because if I did why would I use it. In addition, XP does have some new things that 98SE cannot due even with third party support but actually I cannot think of any right now except some new Microsoft hardware and some software that requires XP or 2000 instead of 98SE. I think their was a concerted forced attempt by the software and hardware industry to drive the consumer into the NT product line and lessen support for 9x products because it is all about the money. We live in a capitalistic society and so even though Microsoft and this newsgroup as well

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as the 98 general newsgroup have given me awesome support the one who suffers will be the little person due to the lessening of support for 9x operating systems. The solution is to release the 9x code to the open-source community and allow awesome brainiacs come up with a true competitor to Microsoft's NT code. I think it is doubtful that Microsoft will give up the 9x code easily since it is so awesome but after 30 June 2006 there will not be any support for 98SE and users in third world countries still will need to get support from somewhere. Why not allow the open-source community give it their best shot and bring new innovation to the marketplace and allow even more consumer choice. Mozilla Firefox is the start of the open-source trend for the average consumer and I think the floodgates will open soon if allowed to be opened by Microsoft because they are the owner and gatekeeper of 98SE and the whole 9x code. If this will not happen then I think Microsoft has a responsibility to continue to support 9x and allow the consumers to have the choice of this operating system as compared to Windows XP/2000, or Linux, or even Apple products. Even though, this vulnerability does not affect Windows XP you must remember that the two operating systems are based on NT (New Technology) as compared to the 9x code of 98SE

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