

## Re: Terminal Services question

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Agreed. Based on his situation, he'd better take the first level of improving security over that right away by renaming the administrator account and setting up a complex password policy.

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"Phillip Renouf" <PhillipRenouf@discussions.microsoft.com> wrote in message news:C246BDC3-EEB5-4AC8-902B-6CCACB60BAD0@microsoft.com...

> As I re-read the ominous "you will be hacked" statement that didn't come  
> across quite right. Opening that hole on your firewall will dramatically  
> increase the likelihood of someone hacking your system.

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> Phil

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> "Phillip Renouf" wrote:

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> > The risk of opening the Terminal Server ports on your firewall is that  
> > essentially anyone can connect via RDP to your server right through your  
> > firewall. That is an enormous security hole and you will get hacked if  
> > you do

> > that.

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> > Everyone is hyping up the Citrix solution because most remote access  
> > schemes

> > involving Citrix are using the Citrix Extranet client and NFuse. That  
> > combination gives you a secured VPN connection to the NFuse portal which  
> > allows you to access your Citrix server(s) remotely. Essentially it's  
> > like a

> > VPN, but it is only for access to Citrix and nothing else. This is a  
> > nicely

> > secure connection especially if you combine the Extranet client with a  
> > SecurID authentication.

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> > Citrix offers a lot of other features that Terminal Services doesn't and  
> > that is really why it is worth the extra money if you are interested in  
> > using

> > those features. The biggest ones are that Citrix has published  
> > applications

> > and published desktops. Instead of just having a remote connection to  
> > the

> > server you can control access to applications on a per application basis  
> > and

> > can tailor a desktop for various groups of users to allow them to see  
> > only

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> > the applications that they need to use on the server. You can also put  
an  
> > icon on someones desktop that will display the application just as if it  
was  
> > running right on their desktop even though it is actually running on the  
> > Citrix server. There are many other features, but I'd be here all day  
going  
> > over them.  
> >  
> > Phil  
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> > "Jeff" wrote:  
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> > > I set up the Terminal Services on my Win 2003 server and a  
> > > few of us access it through VPN and it works GREAT. What  
> > > is the risk of opening the port on our router to access it  
> > > from anywhere vs Citrix which was highly recommended by a  
> > > lot of people. You know this Terminal Server works great  
> > > and if it's secure enough why not use it instead of paying  
> > > the extra \$\$\$.  
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> > > Any suggestion I would greatly appreciate.  
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> > > Jeff  
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