

Re: Office 2000 on SBS2003?

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From: root (postmaster_at_buchanangc.com)

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"Susan Bradley, CPA aka Ebitz SBS Rocks [MVP] " <sbradcpa@pacbell.net> wrote in message news:%23OBVcwBWEHA.3420@TK2MSFTNGP12.phx.gbl...

> :-) I think we're going to agree to disagree here. I was assuming that
> you'd be reading this email from a workstation. My servers never have
> me sitting in front of them emailing or reading email.

NO, as I said previously more than once no Outlook no Email no general workstation usage, no MusicMatch. Just server support. Something I read and now another poster points out that Word and Excel may be needed on a server. These are entirely different issues.

> Thus when
> there's an OE vulnerability, it doesn't phase me one bit because I don't
> surf from my server. IE in lockdown mode won't let you download that
> file anyway. Reading a newsgroup from the server would mean open up
> port 119 which in my world is not necessary.

You are changing the subject of this thread which was:

Will Office 2000 Word and Excel install on SBS2003.

> You do whatever you like, Root. It's your server. You run your ship
> the way you want to. Me, I read email from a workstation. I open Word
> from a workstation. I do Excel on a workstation.
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> For the rest of those who read this thread, know that there are a heck
> of lot more vulnerabilities in Word than in notepad. The size of the
> directory for Word alone tells you there are a lot more things under the
> hood and thus a much much bigger threat vector. Just keep in mind that
> Servers are not workstations and should never be used for functions that
> are best done at a workstation. These days any old workstation can be
> purchased for a reasonable low cost that would greatly reduce the risk
> and threats.
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> But Root, it's your server not mine.
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> *Still owe you a beer in Seattle. You coming to SMBnation or will you be nearby that weekend?*

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> *root wrote:*

> > *"Susan Bradley, CPA aka Ebitz, SBS Rocks [MVP]" <sbradcpa@pacbell.net> wrote*

> > *in message news:OPQL38AWEHA.3336@TK2MSFTNGP11.phx.gbl...*

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> > > *Do Not Use the Computer Running Windows Small Business Server 2003 as a*

> > > *Workstation*

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> > *Right.*

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> > > *Consider not using the computer running Windows Small Business Server*

> > > *2003 as a workstation, because this increases the surface area for*

> > > *attacks and affects the performance of the network. The surface area for*

> > > *attacks increases because you need to install client applications on the*

> > > *server. If there is a security-related issue for any client application,*

> > > *the server is vulnerable to attack until a security patch is installed.*

> > > *Additionally, if a user other than an administrator logs on to the*

> > > *server, the chance increases that the user will accidentally delete*

> > > *critical information or an application.*

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> > > *Do Not Install Unnecessary Software on the Computer Running Windows*

> > > *Small Business Server 2003*

> > > *Consider installing only the software on the computer running Windows*

> > > *Small Business Server 2003 that is necessary for your business*

> > > *operations to reduce the surface area of attacks and help maximize the*

> > > *server's performance.*

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<http://download.microsoft.com/download/1/f/1/1f15a874-f696-4992-b5ad-b1e7b258de1c/SecuringSBSnetwork.doc>

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> > *You see that the very file you are trying to use to dissuade me from putting*

> > *Word on the SBS2003 server is a good example of why I (administrator) want*

> > *Word on the server be be able to read such SBS2003 documentation (*.doc and*

> > *likely *.xls) there.*

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> > > *Office is a client application.*

> > > <http://www.microsoft.com/mscorp/articles/business.asp>

> > > *Office is under "information worker" division which is not a server*

> > > *application.*

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>> *Its a tool just like Notepad and what you are saying is very
>> chicken–littlish. Use the appropriate tools safely for administrative
>> purposes and don't install MusicMatch on the server....*
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>><http://www.microsoft.com/office/sharepoint/prodinfo/officeintegration.msp>
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>>> *Susan Bradley, CPA aka Ebitz SBS Rocks [MVP] wrote:*
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>>>> *Granted having Office 2003 on the "workstations" such that they use the
>>>> full power of Sharepoint and collaboration ...that is sweet..*
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>>>><http://support.microsoft.com/default.aspx?scid=kb;en-us;q266418>
>>>><http://support.microsoft.com/default.aspx?scid=kb;en-us;Q313889>
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>>>> *Susan Bradley, CPA aka Ebitz SBS Rocks [MVP] wrote:*
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>>>>> *Okay, I'll ask you. You show me where in the SBS documentation is
>>>>> says to put Word or Excel on the server and how SBS uses it.*
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>>>>> *Threat vector is a threat vector. If it's firing up those DLLs, ... as
>>>>> Russ Cooper counted the vulnerabilities in IIS 6.0 he included all the
>>>>> underlying default installed components. Thus Windows server 2003, OE,
>>>>> Media player.. etc... course his count was still incorrect but he had
>>>>> a point.*
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>>>>> *You put it there as an installation point to roll out to the
>>>>> workstations, but you don't install it as a working application on a
>>>>> server.*
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>>>>> *I have Excel and Word on workstations. Not on the server.*
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>>>>> *I google you up some citations.*
>>>>> *root wrote:*
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>>>>>> *"Susan Bradley, CPA aka Ebitz – SBS Rocks [MVP]"*
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>> <sbradcpa@pacbell.net>
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>>>>>> *wrote in message news:%23eZU%232\$VEHA.3024@TK2MSFTNGP09.phx.gbl...*
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> >>>>>> *Office on a server? No version of Office is wise to put on a server.*
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> >>>>> *Why?*
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> >>>>> *If I recall correctly in the documentation and feature set some things in SBS2003 required Word or Excel? I remember reading in SBS2003 stuff*
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> > *and*
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> >>>>> *specifically saying to myself when I read whatever it was....you need to put Office on the server..I wonder if Off2000 will work.*
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> >>>>>> *For one you've introduced a threat vector on that server.*
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> >>>>> *No, only a potential one.*
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> >>>>>> *[and Shavlik is the tool to patch Office, SUS does not do it]*
> >>>>>> *You can't load Outlook on there.*
> >>>>>> *You shouldn't have someone using it as a workstation which that implies.*
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> >>>>>> *Nope, as an admin tool.*
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> >>>>>> *I can google and find you the KB for the "don't put Outlook on the server" if you like.*
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> >>>>>>> *Right, no Outlook but what about Word or Excel and what about the versions from Office 2000?*

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> >>>>>>root wrote:
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> >>>>>>>Will Office 2000 install and run ok on a SBS2K3 server? There are
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> >>>>>>few
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> >>>>>>>requirements for Office Word & Excel on the server but if we could
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> >>>>>>>whole new Office 2003 purchase it would be nice.
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> >>>>>>><http://www.sbslinks.com/really.htm>
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