

Re: Security of IIS – Secure Intranet web site on SBS2003 box

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whoops, sorry, 100 months.

not even I can get webhosting that cheap.

"SuperGumby [SBS MVP]" <not@xxxxxxxxxxxx> wrote in message
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> we've run OWA over HTTPS for a good many years, and not been bitten, but
> does that mean we won't?

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> Though arguments over the impact of webserver traffic on your office
> connection are valid it's not the main justification for outsourcing. COST
> IS.

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> How much does it COST you to ensure that not only 'patch Tuesday' patches
> are applied to your server but also those ones which come out at random?
> When you patch, you have a choice, either wait for everybody to go home
> and do it outside hours or ask everyone to shutdown during business hours.
> Is the cost of either alternative on par with outsourcing?

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> A reasonable guestimate suggests a client of mine could pay for
> webhosting for 100 years @ \$15/yr rather than pay me a similar amount to
> take two days to rebuild their server and return everything to normal. If
> their server was compromised I WILL NOT promise to return all facilities
> in two days.

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> Before 'Code Red' IIS was considered reasonably secure. The only way to
> recover fully from a Code Red violation was to flatten every PC on the
> network, the possibility existed for not only the Code Red infestation but
> just about any trojan to walk through your network (once one was coded).
> The consensus of opinion in security circles was 'format C:', no, actually,
> a format may not be good enough, take the HDD's out of every system and
> throw them in the bin, the possibility exists that not one can be
> trusted and the effort involved in moving items from 'untrusted' to
> 'sortta trusted' outweighs the benefits'.

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> Code Red was avoidable by a patch released several months before the
> exploit 'went wild', I gave up paying attention to systems trying to get

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> into mine about three years later.
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> "SBS2003 Upgrader" <rogerdav@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx> wrote in message
> news:%23vIXKuUgFHA.1416@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx
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>> The user group continues to provide useful advice and the benefits of
>> others
>> experiences. Thanks to all who contribute. I have a general policy type
>> of
>> question to raise in the light of "improved security" in the 2003
>> software.
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>> The more experienced SBS users [I include herein both the Gurus and
>> Divas – but not sure about the dog ?] have usually advised against
>> running
>> a public access web server on SBS box. Traffic volume and IIS security
>> issues seem to be the reasons. "Run the public access web site at the
>> ISP"
>> is probably still very good general advice.
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>> However, if one is only looking at only INTRANET sized traffic for 9
>> staff
>> and 6 directors we can rule out the traffic problem. One is surely left
>> only with concerns about IIS related security. If one ever implements
>> RPC
>> over HTTP via SSL for OUTLOOK–EXCHANGE links to users operating in the
>> field
>> then one is now running IIS anyway on the SBS2003 server albeit only via
>> SSL. Same would apply to providing OWA. Under these conditions, is a
>> restricted access web server also now safe to run ? The restricted
>> access
>> web site needs to house commercial in confidence documents. Providing
>> the
>> RPC over HTTP via SSL for exchange benefit and enabling IIS to suit
>> must
>> not place any other server based files at risk.
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>> Using only the SSL certificate supplied with SBS2003, and given all the
>> work
>> MS has done in the last 2 years to tighten up security in IIS, do you all
>> believe it is now safe to run a restricted access web "site" on the
>> SBS2003
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>> SBS2003 Upgrade from SBS2000 is planned for next week.
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