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***** ALERT! *****

ALL OF THE FOLLOWING APPLICATIONS ARE VULNERABLE TO ATTACK!:

- *** Oracle
- *** Microsoft SQL Server
- *** Sybase
- *** Lotus Domino

QUESTION: How Vulnerable are Your Applications?

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[**General security news**]

CHECK POINT CLAIMS VICTORY IN FIREWALL/VPN TESTS

Tests of three market-leading firewall/virtual private networking devices by the engineer calibre testing outfit The Tolly Group puts Check Point Technologies Ltd's VPN-1 Pro ahead of rival systems.

>> <http://www.net-security.org/news.php?id=1227>

PASSWORDS A RISKY BUSINESS

A Kiwi executive with RSA Security, Mark Pullen, says New Zealand's remote geography gives a false sense of security to organisations.

>> <http://www.net-security.org/news.php?id=1228>

HACKTIVISTS AGAINST CENSORSHIP

Western hackers are developing programs to defeat the Internet censorship barriers of repressive countries overseas - and you can take part in the effort.

>> <http://www.net-security.org/news.php?id=1229>

CHROOT JAILS MADE EASY WITH THE JAIL CHROOT PROJECT

Once in a while, you can stumble on a real gem that simplifies even the most difficult system administration tasks. One such gem is the Jail Chroot Project.

>> <http://www.net-security.org/news.php?id=1230>

WIRELESS - A SECURITY NIGHTMARE

Wireless devices could soon be ubiquitous in american business, but the security of their transmissions still has a ways to go.

>> <http://www.net-security.org/news.php?id=1231>

US COPYRIGHT OFFICE WAKES UP TO FLAWS IN ANTI-HACKING LAW

It seems the US Copyright Office has finally realised that some parts of the Digital Millennium Copyright Act are just plain stupid.

>> <http://www.net-security.org/news.php?id=1232>

BOOK REVIEW: UNIVERSAL COMMAND GUIDE FOR OPERATING SYSTEMS

According to Emmett Dulaney, if there is one book the administrator of a mixed network needs on his shelf, it is Universal Command Guide for Operating Systems.

>> <http://www.net-security.org/news.php?id=1233>

LINUX PLANET TALKS TO GENE SPAFFORD ABOUT OS SECURITY

Is open source software more secure? To most Linux enthusiasts, the answer is yes. But noted security expert Gene Spafford says that this may not necessarily be true.

>> <http://www.net-security.org/news.php?id=1237>

FORMER FBI CHIEF TAKES ON ENCRYPTION

When Louis Freeh ran the FBI, he loved nothing more than launching into a heartfelt rant against the dangers of encryption technology.

>> <http://www.net-security.org/news.php?id=1238>

SPAM FIGHTER DEFEATS JUNK EMAIL COMPANY

A "fearless spam fighter" has won a David and Goliath legal battle against a junk email marketing company.

>> <http://www.net-security.org/news.php?id=1239>

NASA CYBER PROGRAM BEARS FRUIT

NASA has demonstrated that using a scanning and remediation program can turn the tide against hackers, according to a recent report.

>> <http://www.net-security.org/news.php?id=1240>

GERMAN IT SECURITY EXPERT ROBS ATMS

A German boffin who invented a security system for ATMs has been sentenced to nearly five years in prison for faking credit cards and using them to withdraw cash from the machines.

>> <http://www.net-security.org/news.php?id=1241>

FEAR FACTOR

Here's a reality check on your top five concerns about reporting security incidents.

>> <http://www.net-security.org/news.php?id=1242>

DETECTING CYBERATTACKS BY PROFILING "NORMAL" COMPUTER HABITS

A new software system that detects cyberattacks while they are in progress by drawing highly personalized profiles of users has proven successful 94% of the time in simulated attacks.

>> <http://www.net-security.org/news.php?id=1243>

PHRACK MAGAZINE CALL FOR PAPERS

New papers will be accepted up until Friday the 13th of December. Editorial changes to the papers can be submitted until Friday the 20th of December.

>> <http://www.net-security.org/news.php?id=1244>

FREED HACKER MITNICK DEBUNKS MYTHS

Kevin Mitnick claims that false accusations of breaking into top secret US installations were used to demonise him by law enforcement agencies in their fight to bring him to justice.

>> <http://www.net-security.org/news.php?id=1247>

SPAM MASQUERADES AS ADMIN ALERTS

Pop-up ads disguised as Windows system administration alerts annoy users and puzzle security experts. Spammers, on the other hand, say the tactic works.

>> <http://www.net-security.org/news.php?id=1248>

EMBEDDING SECURITY INTO SERVERS

Embedded systems control much of the world's critical infrastructure, which makes them a prime target for attack by everyone from hackers to terrorists.

>> <http://www.net-security.org/news.php?id=1249>

THE CODE MAKERS GET CRACKING

Wars have been won and lost by the cracking of secret codes. Now Australian scientists are involved in an international race to develop the ultimate secret weapon, an uncrackable code.

>> <http://www.net-security.org/news.php?id=1250>

BOOK REVIEW: THE ART OF DECEPTION

Rather than focusing on the writer's past, it is clear that Mitnick wishes the book to be viewed as an attempt at redemption.

>> <http://www.net-security.org/news.php?id=1251>

OPENSSSH 3.5 HAS BEEN RELEASED

OpenSSH is a 100% complete SSH protocol version 1.3, 1.5 and 2.0 implementation and includes sftp client and server support.

>> <http://www.net-security.org/news.php?id=1252>

STUDY FINDS SPAM WORSE IN MANUFACTURING SECTOR

A report analyzing e-mail messages sent during September found that the problem of viruses and spam continued to grow, hitting manufacturing, banking and finance, and health care very hard.

>> <http://www.net-security.org/news.php?id=1253>

HIGHLIGHTING AN 'ETHICAL HACKER'

Companies should bolster their computer network security by hiring hackers, said Ankit Fadia, a 17-year-old who is a popular "ethical hacker" from India.

>> <http://www.net-security.org/news.php?id=1255>

MS BETA SITE CRACKED

The server on which Microsoft makes its beta programs available for testing has been infiltrated by outsiders who have downloaded an unspecified cornucopia of programs.

>> <http://www.net-security.org/news.php?id=1257>

SKLYAROV DENIED US VISA TO TESTIFY IN DMCA CASE

Dmitry Sklyarov, the Russian programmer at the centre of the first DMCA prosecution, has been denied a US visa in a move that jeopardises his requirement to testify in the forthcoming trial of ElcomSoft.

>> <http://www.net-security.org/news.php?id=1258>

VOICEPRINTS MAKE CRYPTO KEYS

Researchers from Lucent Technologies' Bell Labs are tapping the individuality of the human voice to generate unique cryptographic keys for computer users.

>> <http://www.net-security.org/news.php?id=1259>

WORLD CYBERCRIME EXPERTS SEE NEED FOR LAWS, TIES

Top international cyber-crimebusters wrapped up a three-day conference in the world's most wired country with a call for greater global cooperation to fight online offences.

>> <http://www.net-security.org/news.php?id=1260>

TRUST OF NET DECLINING, REPORT SAYS

Americans are using and enjoying the Internet more than ever, a private research firm said Wednesday, even though they're still not entirely sure their personal information is secure.

>> <http://www.net-security.org/news.php?id=1261>

STUDENT REMEMBERS HACKING EXPERIENCE

Junior's experience highlights computer hacking concerns for C.U. technology offices.

>> <http://www.net-security.org/news.php?id=1262>

OPENWALL GNU*/LINUX AKA OWL 1.0 RELEASED

Openwall GNU*/Linux" aka Owl is a security-enhanced operating system with Linux and GNU software as its core, compatible with other distributions of GNU*/Linux.

>> <http://www.net-security.org/news.php?id=1263>

THE TECH INDUSTRY RESCUE SQUAD

What makes CERT/CC unique is that it functions as an independent security reporting center that assumes anonymity with each client unless it receives permission to use the client's identity.

>> <http://www.net-security.org/news.php?id=1264>

CAN A HACKER OUTFOX MICROSOFT?

Cypherpunk Lucky Green files a defensive patent to prevent the software giant from using Palladium to block piracy efforts. Analysts say it just might work.

>> <http://www.net-security.org/news.php?id=1267>

NET FORCES SCRUTINY OF OPEN RECORDS

Crime victims, jurors and witnesses fear assailants can easily identify them. With many records now available on the Net, governments are revisiting public information policies.

>> <http://www.net-security.org/news.php?id=1268>

TIF TO TAKE HACKERS TO TASK

Blue-chip user group The Corporate IT Forum has set up a security taskforce to work with the police.

>> <http://www.net-security.org/news.php?id=1269>

UK FIRM TOUTS ALTERNATIVE TO DIGITAL CERTIFICATES

Two factor authentication, using secure tokens is being backed as an alternative to digital certificates by Quizid Technologies, which is enjoying support from the Parliamentary All Party Export Group.

>> <http://www.net-security.org/news.php?id=1270>

BOGUS YAHOO EMAIL PICKS UP CREDIT CARD NUMBERS

Yahoo says that some of its customers have been tricked into giving their credit card numbers to an unaffiliated third party that had posed as Yahoo in a mass e-mail.

>> <http://www.net-security.org/news.php?id=1271>

CYBERTHREAT RESPONSE AND REPORTING GUIDELINES

CIO Magazine worked with the Secret Service, the FBI and industry leaders to create guidelines for reporting security incidents - what to report, who to report it to, and how.

>> <http://www.net-security.org/news.php?id=1272>

SECURE LINUX DESKTOP BEGINS SHIPPING TO UK POLICE FORCE

A pilot scheme which could see police forces throughout England and Wales switching to Linux desktops has kicked off with delivery of the first systems to the West Yorkshire force.

>> <http://www.net-security.org/news.php?id=1273>

[Vulnerabilities]

All vulnerabilities are located here:

http://www.net-security.org/archive_vuln.php

Solution: Kill a Unisys Clearpath with nmap Port Scan

>> <http://www.net-security.org/vuln.php?id=2151>

ZoneLabs reply on ZoneAlarm Pro Denial of Service Vulnerability Thread

>> <http://www.net-security.org/vuln.php?id=2150>

Microsoft SQL Server Webtasks Privilege Elevation Vulnerability

>> <http://www.net-security.org/vuln.php?id=2149>

PhpToNuke Arbitrary File Retrieving Vulnerability

>> <http://www.net-security.org/vuln.php?id=2148>

SkyStream EMR5000 DVB router Denial of Service Vulnerability

>> <http://www.net-security.org/vuln.php?id=2147>

Denial of Service in Sabre Desktop Reservation Client for Windows

>> <http://www.net-security.org/vuln.php?id=2146>

ZoneAlarm Pro 3.1 and 3.0 Denial of Service Vulnerability

>> <http://www.net-security.org/vuln.php?id=2145>

CoolForum Vulnerability Can Expose passwd File

>> <http://www.net-security.org/vuln.php?id=2144>

TheServer Log File Readable Password Vulnerability

>> <http://www.net-security.org/vuln.php?id=2143>

Account Vulnerability in Avaya Switches

>> <http://www.net-security.org/vuln.php?id=2142>

Internet Explorer: The D-Day
>> <http://www.net-security.org/vuln.php?id=2141>

Denial of Service and Directory Traversal Vulnerabilities
in WebServer 4 Everyone
>> <http://www.net-security.org/vuln.php?id=2140>

CoolForum v 0.5 beta PHP Files Disclosure vulnerability
>> <http://www.net-security.org/vuln.php?id=2139>

Meunity 1.1 Script Injection Vulnerability
>> <http://www.net-security.org/vuln.php?id=2138>

Symantec Enterprise Firewall Secure Webserver Information
Leak Vulnerability
>> <http://www.net-security.org/vuln.php?id=2137>

Multiple Symantec Firewall Secure Webserver Timeout
Denial of Service Vulnerabilities
>> <http://www.net-security.org/vuln.php?id=2136>

Polycom ViaVideo Web Component Multiple Security Vulnerabilities
>> <http://www.net-security.org/vuln.php?id=2135>

TelCondex SimpleWebServer Long URL Denial of Service Vulnerability
>> <http://www.net-security.org/vuln.php?id=2134>

Mini Server Directory Traversal Vulnerability
>> <http://www.net-security.org/vuln.php?id=2133>

[Advisories]

All advisories are located at:
http://www.net-security.org/archive_advi.php

Red Hat Security Advisory - New kernel fixes local security issues
>> <http://www.net-security.org/advisory.php?id=1172>

Red Hat Security Advisory - New kernel 2.2 packages fix
local vulnerabilities
>> <http://www.net-security.org/advisory.php?id=1171>

Red Hat Security Advisory - New kernel fixes local security issues
>> <http://www.net-security.org/advisory.php?id=1170>

Debian Security Advisory - New PAM packages fix serious security violation in Debian/unstable
>> <http://www.net-security.org/advisory.php?id=1169>

Debian Security Advisory - New Heimdal packages fix remote command execution
>> <http://www.net-security.org/advisory.php?id=1168>

Gentoo Linux Security Announcement - ggv
>> <http://www.net-security.org/advisory.php?id=1167>

EnGarde Secure Linux Advisory - syslog-ng buffer overflow in macro handling code
>> <http://www.net-security.org/advisory.php?id=1166>

Microsoft Security Bulletin MS02-061 - Elevation of Privilege in SQL Server Web Tasks
>> <http://www.net-security.org/advisory.php?id=1165>

Microsoft Security Bulletin MS02-060 - Flaw in Windows XP Help and Support Center Could Enable File Deletion
>> <http://www.net-security.org/advisory.php?id=1164>

Microsoft Security Bulletin MS02-059 - Flaw in Word Fields and Excel External Updates Could Lead to Information Disclosure
>> <http://www.net-security.org/advisory.php?id=1163>

Debian Security Advisory - New gv packages fix buffer overflow
>> <http://www.net-security.org/advisory.php?id=1162>

Trustix Security Advisory - python
>> <http://www.net-security.org/advisory.php?id=1161>

Trustix Security Advisory - postgresql
>> <http://www.net-security.org/advisory.php?id=1160>

Trustix Security Advisory - glibc
>> <http://www.net-security.org/advisory.php?id=1159>

Trustix Security Advisory - apache
>> <http://www.net-security.org/advisory.php?id=1158>

Trustix Security Advisory - kernel
>> <http://www.net-security.org/advisory.php?id=1157>

Conectiva Linux Security Announcement - XFree86
>> <http://www.net-security.org/advisory.php?id=1156>

Conectiva Linux Security Announcement - sendmail
>> <http://www.net-security.org/advisory.php?id=1155>

Conectiva Linux Security Announcement - fetchmail
>> <http://www.net-security.org/advisory.php?id=1154>

Cisco Security Advisory - Cisco CatOS Embedded HTTP
Server Buffer Overflow
>> <http://www.net-security.org/advisory.php?id=1153>

SGI Security Advisory - X Windows zlib/MIT-SHM/huge
font DoS vulnerabilities
>> <http://www.net-security.org/advisory.php?id=1152>

Compaq Security Bulletin - HP Tru64 UNIX V5.1A zlib
Potential Security Vulnerability
>> <http://www.net-security.org/advisory.php?id=1151>

Debian Security Advisory - New syslog-ng packages
fix buffer overflow
>> <http://www.net-security.org/advisory.php?id=1150>

Mandrake Linux Security Advisory - tar
>> <http://www.net-security.org/advisory.php?id=1149>

Mandrake Linux Security Advisory - unzip
>> <http://www.net-security.org/advisory.php?id=1148>

Gentoo Linux Security Announcement - apache
>> <http://www.net-security.org/advisory.php?id=1147>

Gentoo Linux Security Announcement - tomcat
>> <http://www.net-security.org/advisory.php?id=1146>

Red Hat Security Advisory - Updated xinetd packages
fix denial of service
>> <http://www.net-security.org/advisory.php?id=1145>

SGI Security Advisory - rpcbind/fsr_efs/mv/errhook/uux
vulnerabilities (update)
>> <http://www.net-security.org/advisory.php?id=1144>

Red Hat Security Advisory - Command execution
vulnerability in dvips
>> <http://www.net-security.org/advisory.php?id=1143>

SuSE Security Announcement - heartbeat
>> <http://www.net-security.org/advisory.php?id=1142>

Gentoo Linux Security Announcement - heimdal
>> <http://www.net-security.org/advisory.php?id=1141>

Debian Security Advisory - heartbeat
>> <http://www.net-security.org/advisory.php?id=1140>

Gentoo Linux Security Announcement - net-snmp
>> <http://www.net-security.org/advisory.php?id=1139>

Gentoo Linux Security Announcement - sendmail
>> <http://www.net-security.org/advisory.php?id=1138>

Gentoo Linux Security Announcement - nss_ldap
>> <http://www.net-security.org/advisory.php?id=1137>

[**Featured articles**]

All articles are located at:
http://www.net-security.org/articles_main.php

Articles can be contributed to staff@net-security.org

INTERVIEW WITH SAUMIL SHAH

Saumil Shah is a security researcher and is one of the authors of
"Web Hacking: Attacks and Defense."

>> <http://www.net-security.org/article.php?id=208>

SECURITY ONLINE - SOME BASIC IT HYGIENE TIPS

To stay on top of security when connected to the Internet, there
are several systems for finding out exactly what is happening to
your PC at any moment. If you have a personal firewall and an
up-to-date antivirus installed, much of this monitoring is carried
out automatically by these applications.

>> <http://www.net-security.org/article.php?id=209>

NETWORK ASSOCIATES LAUNCHES A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES ORGANIZATION

"Network Associates Expert Services" compiles together experts, that worked in Sniffer Technologies and on McAfee Security products, into one strengthened unified organization poised to address the growing convergence of network and security management.

>> <http://www.net-security.org/article.php?id=210>

INFOSECU ENTERPRISE LICENSING ANNOUNCED

Pittsburgh based, privately owned security company RedSiren Technologies, announced enterprise licensing for their online information security training courses Security University, better known as InfoSecU.

>> <http://www.net-security.org/article.php?id=211>

MICROSOFT RELEASES ANOTHER PACK OF SECURITY BULLETINS

In another combo pack, Microsoft released three security bulletins. The bulletins which are labeled from moderate to critical, deal with Microsoft Word and Excel, Microsoft Windows XP, Microsoft SQL Server 7.0 and 2000.

>> <http://www.net-security.org/article.php?id=212>

[Security world]

All press releases are located at:

http://www.net-security.org/press_main.php

Intrusion Inc. Elects James P. Buchanan to Board of Directors

>> <http://www.net-security.org/press.php?id=1067>

Diversinet Supplies SecureNet with Technology for Unique Trust Service Offering in Asia-Pacific

>> <http://www.net-security.org/press.php?id=1066>

Netegrity Addresses Web Services Security With Release of TransactionMinder

>> <http://www.net-security.org/press.php?id=1065>

Cyberguard Expands Presence In Northern Europe, Signs Distribution Agreement With Major European Partner

>> <http://www.net-security.org/press.php?id=1064>

Systems 2002: Utimaco Safeware Is Banking Close Cooperation With Its Partners

>> <http://www.net-security.org/press.php?id=1063>

Bear Stearns Selects Trend Micro Security Solutions for Full Virus Protection

>> <http://www.net-security.org/press.php?id=1062>

Daon's Biometric Identity Management Solution Tightens Financial Companies' Security

>> <http://www.net-security.org/press.php?id=1061>

F-Secure and Deutsche Telekom Announce New Security Services

>> <http://www.net-security.org/press.php?id=1060>

ProCheckUp Launches European Partner Program

>> <http://www.net-security.org/press.php?id=1059>

Prentice Hall PTR and HP Books Publish Second Edition of Computer Security Bestseller

>> <http://www.net-security.org/press.php?id=1058>

Abtrusion Security Releases Intrusion Protection Software

>> <http://www.net-security.org/press.php?id=1057>

Arcsight Introduces Next Generation Enterprise Security Management Software With ArcSight 2.0

>> <http://www.net-security.org/press.php?id=1056>

Sandia National Laboratories Selects Arcsight To Consolidate Security Infrastructure

>> <http://www.net-security.org/press.php?id=1055>

Corsa Network Technologies Selects Arcsight as its Preferred Security Management Solution

>> <http://www.net-security.org/press.php?id=1054>

[Review]

All reviews are located at:
<http://www.net-security.org/reviews.php>

INTERNET SITE SECURITY

This book manages to shade a new light on the problems of security implementation. It's a good idea to give it to both your IT manager and your system administrator, they will both learn from it and in the process start to understand each other on a new level.

>> <http://www.net-security.org/review.php?id=14>

[Security Software]

Windows software is located at:
http://net-security.org/software_main.php?cat=1

Linux software is located at:
http://net-security.org/software_main.php?cat=2

MICRO NET UTILITIES 0.15

Micro Net Utilities is a Multi threaded GUI application that contains lots of internet and network tools, including Whois, Finger, DNS, IP Monitor, Ping, Trace Route, Port Scan, IP Scan, Net Stat, and Time synchronization.

>> <http://www.net-security.org/software.php?id=315>

N.E.W.T. 99.2

N.E.W.T. scans all remote networked machines on single or all domains and attempts to retrieve a wealth of detailed information. It shows this data in a spreadsheet-like format for a concise, overall view of your network.

>> <http://www.net-security.org/software.php?id=316>

CATTOOLS 1.3.8

CatTools is a freeware Windows utility for managing Cisco routers, Catalyst switches, LightStream ATM switches and other network devices. It provides automated configuration backups, password changing and scripted configuration commands.

>> <http://www.net-security.org/software.php?id=317>

FOREMOST 0.64

Foremost is a Linux program to recover files based on their headers and footers. Foremost can work on image files, such as those generated by dd, Safeback, Encase, etc, or directly on a drive.

>> <http://www.net-security.org/software.php?id=318>

TCPVIEW 2.22

TCPView is a Windows program that will show you detailed listings of all TCP and UDP endpoints on your system, including the local and remote addresses and state of TCP connections.

>> <http://www.net-security.org/software.php?id=319>

1ST EMAIL ANTIVIRUS 3.0

Designed for discreet users who appreciate data integrity and privacy, 1st Email Anti-Virus is the only POP3-compatible content-filtering security software that copes with all threats of modern (HTML-based and MIME) email messages.

>> <http://www.net-security.org/software.php?id=320>

PINGER 1.10

Pinger is a program for ping and trace internet host. Ping host that you choice. Show results in graph mode. Change delay time for pinging. Store hosts in a file. Minimized to system tray and background mode ping. Trace route to host. Whois support with advanced futures. Write result to log file. Customize limit points for ping graph.

>> <http://www.net-security.org/software.php?id=321>

ACID 0.9.6

The Analysis Console for Intrusion Databases (ACID) is a PHP-based analysis engine to search and process a database of security events generated by various IDSes, firewalls, and network monitoring tools.

>> <http://www.net-security.org/software.php?id=322>

IPLOG 2.2.3

iplog is a TCP/IP traffic logger. Currently, it is capable of logging TCP, UDP and ICMP traffic. Adding support for other protocols should be relatively easy.

>> <http://www.net-security.org/software.php?id=323>

PATCHWORK 1.1

PatchWork checks for the vulnerabilities listed by the FBI, and if any are found, points you directly to the Microsoft patches. Then PatchWork allows you to verify that they were installed correctly.

>> <http://www.net-security.org/software.php?id=324>

[Virus News]

All virus news are located at:
<http://www.net-security.org/viruses.php>

Tips on protecting yourself from viruses
>> http://www.net-security.org/virus_news.php?id=103

New worm pretends to be a BugBear antidote
>> http://www.net-security.org/virus_news.php?id=102

Weekly Virus Report - Rodok and Bugbear Worms
>> http://www.net-security.org/virus_news.php?id=101

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http://www.net-security.org/newsletter_archive.php