Subject: Re: IDL and RedHat version 7.0
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fyi, my 6.1 firewall underwent numerous port-scans earlier this year by one or more people trying to get a way in. they didn't. the simple rules are,

1. don't use nfs/nis and sendmail unless you know what you're doing. it takes approximately 3 clicks to turn these services off.

2. be aware of security updates on redhat or other distro sites. hell - at least redhat (and other distros) get them out within a day or two of a known flaw. i think we all know what the proprietory security model of the alternative is like.

> A word to the wise!
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> And a reply from another colleague
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> Telnet is a notorious weak point. Better to always use the more secure SSH.

this is highly misleading - the reason for your colleague's comment is that telnet, ftp, pop3, etc. all transfer passwords as plain text which may be very easilly sniffed by someone on the same subnet. ssh doesn't because of its public key encryption. telnet isn't some flakey door that lets people in more easilly.

nick