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Subject: Re: IDL and RedHat version 7.0

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On the topic of Linux and RedHat, just got this alert from two colleagues:

just got the following messages from colleagues at other institutions using RedHat Linux 6:

I've just learned that my Linux box (Dell Optiplex running RedHat 6) has been hacked into twice in the last week. No damage seems to have been done, but they used my computer as a platform to hack into others which were damaged. A chemistry prof with the same system has also been hacked. Apparently it's a weakness in version 6, which is absent in 7 (not sure about 6.2). So this is just a warning to any of you with similar setups to be careful. One time might have been from on-campus here, but the second seems to have come from New Mexico State in Las Cruces. My hacking was done once through ftp, which we then disabled; the second was through telnet, which we have now also disabled. The cure is to offload everything onto another machine, install RH7, and then move it all back.

A word to the wise!

And a reply from another colleague

Telnet is a notorious weak point. Better to always use the more secure SSH.

I had a similar problem last summer.

Our computer center hardened up my RedHat unix system with a piece of software called Bastille.

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