
Subject: Re: IDL and RedHat version 7.0

Posted by [Paul van Delst](#) on Thu, 07 Dec 2000 08:00:00 GMT

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Richard French wrote:

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- > On the topic of Linux and RedHat, just got this alert from two colleagues:
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- > just got the following messages from colleagues at other institutions
- > using RedHat Linux 6:

<snip desc of crackers getting into system>

This isn't just an issue for linux. Just recently a Sun system I work on had been cracked (via the ftp server). It's happened to big SGI boxes too. I would be amazed if **any** system **hasn't** been cracked into. I can't comment on whether linux is more susceptible but I doubt it (on a per capita basis).

- > 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.

Good lord. Doesn't **everyone** use SSH nowadays??? :o) If you are at some sort of institution that has any sort of number crunching capability (that can be used for breaking into even more secure machines) I hope that there are people employed just to watch out for this sort of thing.

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