Security Leftovers

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- **Security updates for Wednesday** [2]

  Security updates have been issued by Debian (cgal, exim4, and mediawiki), Fedora (axel, libmicrohttpd, libtpms, perl-Image-ExifTool, pngcheck, python-yara, and yara), Gentoo (exim), Mageia (kernel-linus), openSUSE (bind and postsrsd), SUSE (avahi, openexr, p7zip, python-Pygments, python36, samba, sca-patterns-sle11, and webkit2gtk3), and Ubuntu (nvidia-graphics-drivers-390, nvidia-graphics-drivers-418-server, nvidia-graphics-drivers-450, nvidia-graphics-drivers-450-server, nvidia-graphics-drivers-460, nvidia-graphics-drivers-460-server).

- **Drop telnet for OpenSSL | Opensource.com** [3]

  Due to telnet's lack of encryption, it has largely been replaced by OpenSSL for this job. Yet telnet's relevance persisted (and persists in some cases even today) as a sort of intelligent ping. While the ping command is a great way to probe a host for responsiveness, that's all it can do. Telnet, on the other hand, not only confirms an active port, but it can also interact with a service on that port. Even so, because most modern network services are encrypted, telnet can be far less useful depending on what you're trying to achieve.

- **2FA and Recycled Phone Numbers Are a Security Risk** [4] [Ed: 2FA is oftentimes just overhyped junk, as many security experts have long warned]

  Two-factor authorization is supposed to lead to increased security. That extra step is supposed to prevent spammers from breaking into your account. By just learning one access point, they
are still required to take an extra step that they most likely do not know.