

Open Source Phishing: A Call To Arms

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Recently consumer auction giant eBay announced that nearly 1,200 registered eBay users information was stolen via phishing attacks. That's not shocking. What's shocking is that it's very likely the phishers were using rootkitted Linux boxes. They expected the attacks to come from Microsoft boxes. This time that's not the case.

It was only a matter of time. As Linux becomes more and more popular, the spread of more nefarious uses for the operating system will only grow. And grow. And grow. And what will more than likely happen is the threats will only get worse. Because of the flexibility and power of the OS the criminals creating the attacks will be able to push the boundaries even farther than what we've seen when the Windows OS is used. The mere thought of this should make those in the business of security quake in their boots. But ultimately what it should do is open the eyes of the Linux developers.

Say, those who develop Sendmail.

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