

Linux acquitted in Samsung laptop UEFI deaths

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A bug in the BIOS of selected Samsung laptops which can lead to the device becoming unusable has been found to be exploitable under Windows, acquitting Linux as the culprit.

The flaw was first spotted late last month, when a Samsung laptop owner managed to brick two units in a row simply by booting the open-source Linux operating system on them. Indications pointed to a fault in a specific kernel module within Linux, based on code provided by Samsung itself, which was somehow corrupting the UEFI firmware and thus destroying the device until the firmware was re-flashed using factory equipment.

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