



Practical Apple Mac Security Recommendation



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Background

- Why are we here?
- For a long time security was not a major problem on the platform
- Security through obscurity
- Well written Operating System
- Poor IP Stack

- Time has not stood still...

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The Macintosh of Today

- Operating System based on UNIX/BSD
- Widening User Base
- Mac OS X for Intel
- Security aware information age
- Number of threats increasing
- Popular software ported

- Still no need to worry?

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Default Macintosh

- Out of the box
- Nothing listening by default
- Difficult to compromise
- A very big advantage

- Local exploits are a different matter!

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Local Exploits

- A big problem
- A locked down machine, becomes...

- Fully patched 10.4.8
- Bill of Materials
- /Library/Receipts
- Processing BOM files via diskutil

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Anti Virus Software

- Still essential
- There are Macintosh viruses
- Acting as a carrier
- Loosing data, Word Macro Virus

- Currently around 50 specific threats, but growing.

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Malware Issues

- Ad/Spy/Malware – Are they a problem?
- No is the common misconception!
- Tracking Cookies
- Office related vulnerabilities
- Rootkits; Opener, osxrk, Togroot and WeaponX
- It is only time before there is a serious threat to Mac OS X!

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Password Protection

- Ensure your machine is Password Protected
- The use of Auto-login is not recommended
- Ensure Screen Savers are password protected

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Operating System Patches

- Essential to ensure the machine is secured.
- Use Apple's Software Update utility to keep your machine updated.
- Other Applications need patching too!
- Microsoft Office updates are provided by a separate application.
- No equivalent to WSUS or SMS
- Radmin, Casper or Altiris?

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Sharing Services

- System Preferences -> Sharing
 - Personal File Sharing
 - Windows Sharing
 - Personal Web Sharing
 - Remote Login
 - FTP Access
 - Apple Remote Desktop
 - Remote Apple Events
 - Printer Sharing

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Steps to Security

- You need to take action, you can't be complacent
- Install Anti-Virus Software
- Patch your Operating System
- Patch Applications
- Only enable necessary services
- Secure with suitable passwords

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- Using Logfiles for Security
- Basic Networking
- Wireless LAN Fundamentals
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