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In <KOedneLLgbjmf8PfRVn-vQ@xxxxxxxxxxxxx>, on 04/14/05 at 05:36 PM, "Charles Schuler" <charleschuler@xxxxxxxxxxxxx> said: >Bill Gates is just a human being. His big mistake was in becoming too >successful. America (don't know about other cultures) applauds a little >success but boos too much of it.

It was the illegal and unethical methods he used to become successful that seem to strike the nerve in a lot of people. I don't begrudge people success, but he broke the law in a major way, and by the time anyone moved to stop him, the damage was done.

Kudos for being a smart criminal, but not for being a good man with a quality product.

>And when Linux becomes as popular, the virus writers will go after that >OS and bring it to it's knees. Damned unfortunate that some folks can't >understand that the biggest kid is the target.

No. Linux cannot be "taken over" by a virus and used to propagate itself across a network. It can be infected, but it will not give control to a virus. Damn shame some folks just don't understand that without the ability to move the virus across the network, its pretty much dead in the water.

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>> other operating systems such as Linux, I'm confident that they would >> successfully be able to find plenty of exploitable security holes in those >> as well (especially since they have source code to look at). The reason >> these problems don't seem so relevant with regards to Linux is because the >> makers of these exploits don't design for Linux. Partly Linux is an >> operating system that is fond to them personally, so many of them might >> not >> ever even conceive of something so malicious. Additionally there just >> aren't enough users of Linux to be as juicy a target as MS products. And >> then we go back to the "coolness" factor.

Wrong..... Windows is a prime target because its design does most of the

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work of passing the virus along.

>Microsoft has "stepped up to the plate" when it comes to security. And
>Linux would/could do the same?

Microsoft only steps up, after a virus hits.

>Topple, bruise, embarrass the big guy ... it's just that Microsoft is an
>attractive target.

I ain't flaming you, but I think you need to see how viruses work before
you can declare every OS to be vulnerable to hackers. Its one thing to
break into a computer, its another to be able to take it over. Can't do
that with a MAC, linux, OS/2, or actually, any other OS. Just windows.

JB

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