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- *From:* FatBytestard <FatBytestard@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx>
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On Sun, 19 Apr 2009 08:01:19 -0700 (PDT), MooseFET <kensmith@xxxxxxxx> wrote:

On Apr 17, 8:15 pm, FatBytestard
<FatBytest...@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx> wrote:

On Fri, 17 Apr 2009 09:37:36 -0700 (PDT), orion.osi...@xxxxxxxxxxx wrote:

On Apr 17, 3:09 am, MooseFET <kensm...@xxxxxxxx>
wrote:

On Apr 16, 2:45 pm,
orion.osi...@xxxxxxxxxxx wrote:

On Apr 16, 10:09 pm, Rich
Grise <r...@xxxxxxxx>
wrote:

On Wed, 15
Apr 2009
12:22:31
-0700, John
Larkin
wrote:

On
Wed,
15
Apr
2009
11:51:48
-0700
(PDT),
orion.osi...@xxxxxxxxxxx

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And
download
the
first
file
on
the
list.
Burn
it
as
an
image
to
a
blank
CD,
and
boot
from
it.
You
can
check
out
THE
most
user
friendly
and
up
to
date
Linux
distro
around
for
free,
without
installing
it
if
you
so
wish.
Forget
Windows,
Forget
Gates

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and
forget
M\$.

I
have
no
use
for
and
no
interest
in
operating
systems
for
PCs.
What
matters
to
me,
as
an
engineer,
is
engineering
applications.

As long as
your 'Doze
system isn't
plugged
directly into
the internet,
I see no
problem. If
you need
internet
connectivity
for your
Eng. apps,
then hire a
Linux geek
to put a
proper
firewall in
your

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gateway
box.

I use Linux
for all my
internet
stuff, but
when I need
to use
'Doze,
(Windows
2000
Professional,
FWIW), I
disconnect.

Cheers!
Rich

You tell 'm, Rich! BTW,
here's another important tip:
never run Linux
as Root whilst connected to
the internet. You'll likely as
not end up
with a rootkit installed and
never know about it...

I have run a Puppy linux CD as root for days
and days without anything
getting in.

If you're running from a live CD you're not going to get
anything,
anyway. It's read-only media and presumably doesn't mount
your HDD!

There is still a root environment to "attack", dipshit.

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Well I'll be gobsmacked! FatBytestard got something right.

Puppy Linux has a complete writable file system. The parts you write remain in RAM but there really is a file system that can be written.

Not only that (of course it would have to be in RAM), but note how all Live distros have the root password as an unknown, and one that can only be changed locally, so they boot as root as a rule, as it were. When the user changes that password, he can then go into the GUI as root if he so desires and get things done in x. Not the safest way to do things, but easier than sudo unless you want to go 'round editing rights files and other less than monkey user proof labors.

The same vulnerability IS there, however, as ANY file volumes that happen to be on the system, though not written to by the distro as a rule at boot time, CAN be mounted, made read-write active, and have files deleted on them or added to them, so the asswipe that was saying you cannot be attacked in such a setting, is an utter idiot.

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