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Speaker: Michael Richardson

The Advanced Maryland Automatic Network Disk Archiver (amanda) has been around for a long time. It has great features, and until recently, had major limitations that have caused multiple other projects to be created to solve those. Unfortunately, it has sometimes been the case that the baby was thrown out with the bathwater, and few other systems come up to the sophistication of Amanda. The Amanda system is not for everyone — historically it wasn't very useful for smaller installations, or for single hosts. New features in version 2.5 change the landscape a bit. This talk deals with Amanda as it historically was, and what the new features in version 2.5 are, and how to best exploit them.

Michael Richardson has been running Amanda on NetBSD and Linux systems for 9 years, and has had to restore from tape archives for various reasons five times in that period.

About the Speaker

Michael Richardson is a self-taught programmer and consultant, and has been involved with network security systems since 1988. After working in nearly every aspect of Ottawa hightech, Michael was a founding employee at Milkyway Networks in 1994, and Solidum Systems Corporation in 1998. While at Milkyway Networks, Michael was responsible for developing the VPN components of the BlackHole firewall, the policy engine, and all kernel components. Solidum designed and sold hardware - IPsec being an important target. Michael is a system software designer and protocol designer. Michael is involved on a daily basis with at the IETF. He is an author on RFC3586, RFC4025 and RFC4322.

Michael has architected a number of IPsec systems, including closed source systems at SSH, work on KAME code in BSD, and work on the Linux FreeS/WAN project. In 2003, Michael founded Xelerance Corporation to support Linux open source security products, including Openswan. In 2009, Michael joined CREDIL.org as a Founding Maker.

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