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Setting up a VPS / Krack wifi exploit

November Meeting: Setting up a VPS / Krack wifi exploit

Date: November 2, 2017 at 7:15 p.m.
Location: Algonquin (Woodroffe) P201

Tonight's meeting is about setup and use of servers and a brief intro to the recently publicized Krack wifi exploit

NOTE: Due to picket lines apparently shutting down at 1900, the meeting start is delayed slightly to avoid OCLUG members having to deal with them.



Setting up an inexpensive VPS

Speaker: John C. Nash

Needing to be able to run Subversion to support my writing, with an existing need for static web pages and mail forwarding for two addresses, I took advice of both OCLUG members and the manager of my previous hosting (who could not support Subversion) and set up a VPS on ovh.com. I will walk through the process with the ups and downs. Some issues remain concerning hardening postfix for which discussion is welcome. While I've run a few servers over the years, this is my first time with postfix as well as some other aspects of server management, while other tasks were very straightforward for me. A lot of the information I found on the web offered multiple and different approaches to problems. My goal is to share my experiences and to write them up to streamline the job for others.

Topics for discussion relating to server setup and management are welcome. Please raise them on the list at linux@oclug.on.ca so they can be added as agenda items (and so I can hopefully find some people willing to provide advice).

Note that the Board is working on setting up a similar facility for OCLUG because our existing Tux is very old (about 15 years!) and, like all older systems, has accumulated a goodly amount of unused crud. We want to simplify while keeping useful functions for members. Ideas (and help!) welcome.

About the Speaker

Retired Professor of Management at U of Ottawa.

- 2006 - May – Pres. of OCLUG – Now I'll have to learn more about Linux!
- 2007 - Mar – have learned a lot, including how much still to learn.

Krack Wifi exploit

Speaker: Alex Pilon

Alex has agreed to lead a brief overview and discussion of the Krack wifi exploit recently publicized. Contributions to this discussion welcome depending on time and interest of the group.

About the Speaker

Alex is a 3rd year, software engineering student at Carleton. He has been using Linux since October of his first year. Vim over emacs, favours C, awk, shell scripting and Python. Started out on Arch although disillusioned now. His career interests are in networking and security and is currently doing a co-op term at GENBAND.

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