Subject: Re: Final release

Posted by guido on Fri, 25 Jul 2008 19:04:09 GMT

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Zardos wrote on Fri, 25 July 2008 20:35You have to wait for the mercy of the god like package maintainers until you can get an update

Not god like, rather like wardens.

People with no real skills in position of relative power.

The claim is added value by enhanced security and "integration".

How well that works we recently saw with the schmuck, who maintains openssl in Debian. He observed uninitialized memory in valgrind. Then went on to comment out the code responsible, with no idea what it does and no upstream talkback. Thereby leaving any Debian server exposed to be hacked in minutes, for years.

He had removed the entropy gatherer of the ssl key random number generator, reducing the factual range of keys to like 32k.