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Posted by u/cbstryker 11 hours ago

Copyright notice on login

I just logged in to my pfsense install for the first time in about 2 weeks. Upon logging in a banner modal came up about how pfsense is copyrighted in the United States and something about unauthorized usage of the pfsense name is prohibited. Then there was a button at the bottom of the modal that said "Accept".

My problem is that I have never seen this in the 1+ years I've running pfsense. Is this something that's standard on new installations that I somehow missed? While I'm sure it's innocuous I don't like the idea of my stuff phoning home. I use things like Linux and pfsense because I like to be in control. Has anyone else come across this before?

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↓ We restored a file on the back-end infrastructure, so the modification time on the tracking file got changed. pfSense checks for the mod time on that file, and fetches/displays it if it's newer than the recorded timestamp.

See: <https://github.com/pfsense/pfsense/blob/master/src/etc/inc/copyget.inc> for details.

Source:

https://www.reddit.com/r/PFSENSE/comments/bd8v3u/all_my_pfsense_installations_are_asking_to/ekwqw6d/

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↑ cbstryker 4 points · 4 hours ago

↓ Thank you for clarifying. The explanation makes complete sense. It's just surprising to see, and a bit disappointing that there is some external calls to a home server.

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↑ deadbunny 0 points · 9 hours ago

↓ Rather than actually solve the issue with people using their trademark against the TOS they just stuck something in to annoy all users (and have zero effect on the actual issue).

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Lawyers rarely do anything for free so there must be some loss and somewhere they are trying to protect against. Just because we don't see it plastered all over the news doesn't mean that this is having no effect on the trust we place on the pfSense name.

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↓ I decided to totally sidestep pfSense drama (and looming lack of support for processors without AES-NI) and use OPNSense instead.

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↓ Support for AES-NI comes with free broken updates!

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↓ I've had no issues upgrading at least three OPNSense routers between major and minor versions. It's using a standard package manager to update an OS, just like any other BSD or Linux operating system. No reason for it to be less reliable. pfSense uses the same mechanism.

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↑ [gstuartj](#) 1 point · 6 hours ago · *edited 6 hours ago*

↓ I have used and like both products. Admittedly, I have experienced more bugs after OPNSense upgrades than I have with pfSense. OPNSense 19.1.6 broke adding new aliases for me, for example, and I have concerns they don't do enough automated testing.

That said, I'm generally pleased with it for my home use and like how open development is.

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↓ This pop up has been around for years, even before opnsense started up.

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↓ The copyright popup [wasn't added to the WebUI until 2.4](#), a year and a half ago. OPNSense started up in 2015.

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