

# Building Better Castles



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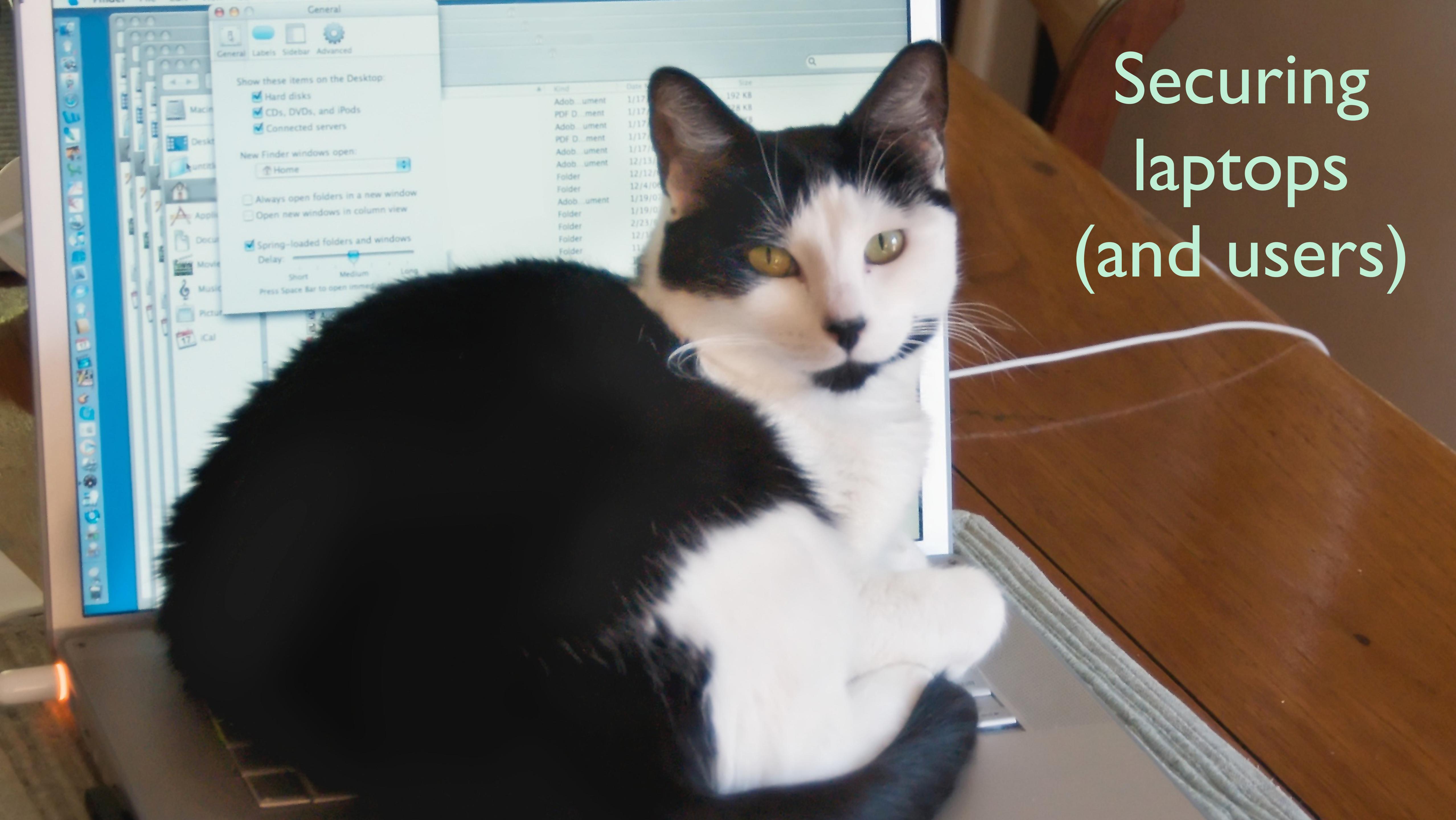
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- I work at Etsy, yes that Etsy.
- Yes we have a seemingly large security team.
- We do “some” webops, arguably devops some days too.
- My German is terrible.
- No one cares about this slide.

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- Intro (we're here)
- Users/laptops/the two people with “workstations”.
- Servers/systems.
- Data - that small topic.
- Conclusions

# Securing laptops (and users)



# The landscape has changed.





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For “TextWrangler”?!  
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Sink holes!

```
[ben@laptop:default][1]% grep -A 6 downloadfast.co named.sinkhole
```

```
zone "downloadfast.co" IN {  
    type master;  
    file "/etc/named.sinkhole.zone";  
    allow-update {  
        none;  
    };  
};
```

```
[ben@laptop:default][1]% cat named.sinkhole.zonefile
```

```
@ IN SOA localhost root ( 2 3H 15M 1W 1D )
```

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24H IN NS
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24H IN AAAA
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# IPv6

(it's big outside of America)

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- <http://labs.neohapsis.com/2013/07/30/picking-up-the-slaac-with-sudden-six/>
- <http://www.cisco.com/c/en/us/td/docs/ios-xml/ios/ipv6/configuration/15-2mt/ip6-15-2mt-book/ip6-ra-guard.html>
- <http://resources.infosecinstitute.com/slaac-attack/>
- <https://github.com/Neohapsis/suddensix>

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Oprah says “And you get an IDS....”

- On most desktop OSes (Linux/OSX/Windows... I have no idea about Windows) you can use the firewall like an IDS.
- PF example:

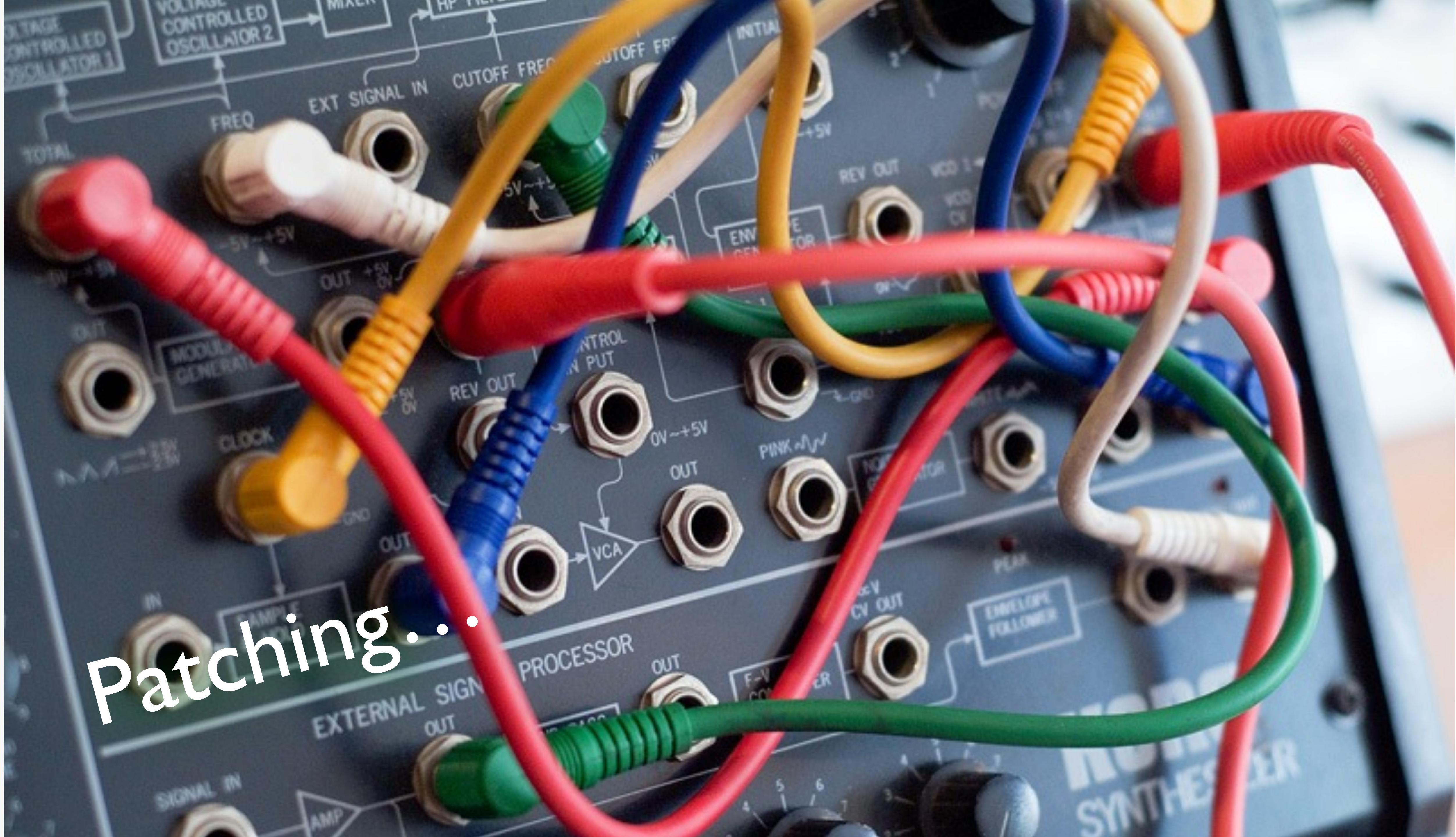
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pass log quick proto { tcp, udp } to any port { 6881, 31337, $badport }
```



# Servers!



Patching...





**TimDenike**

@TimDenike



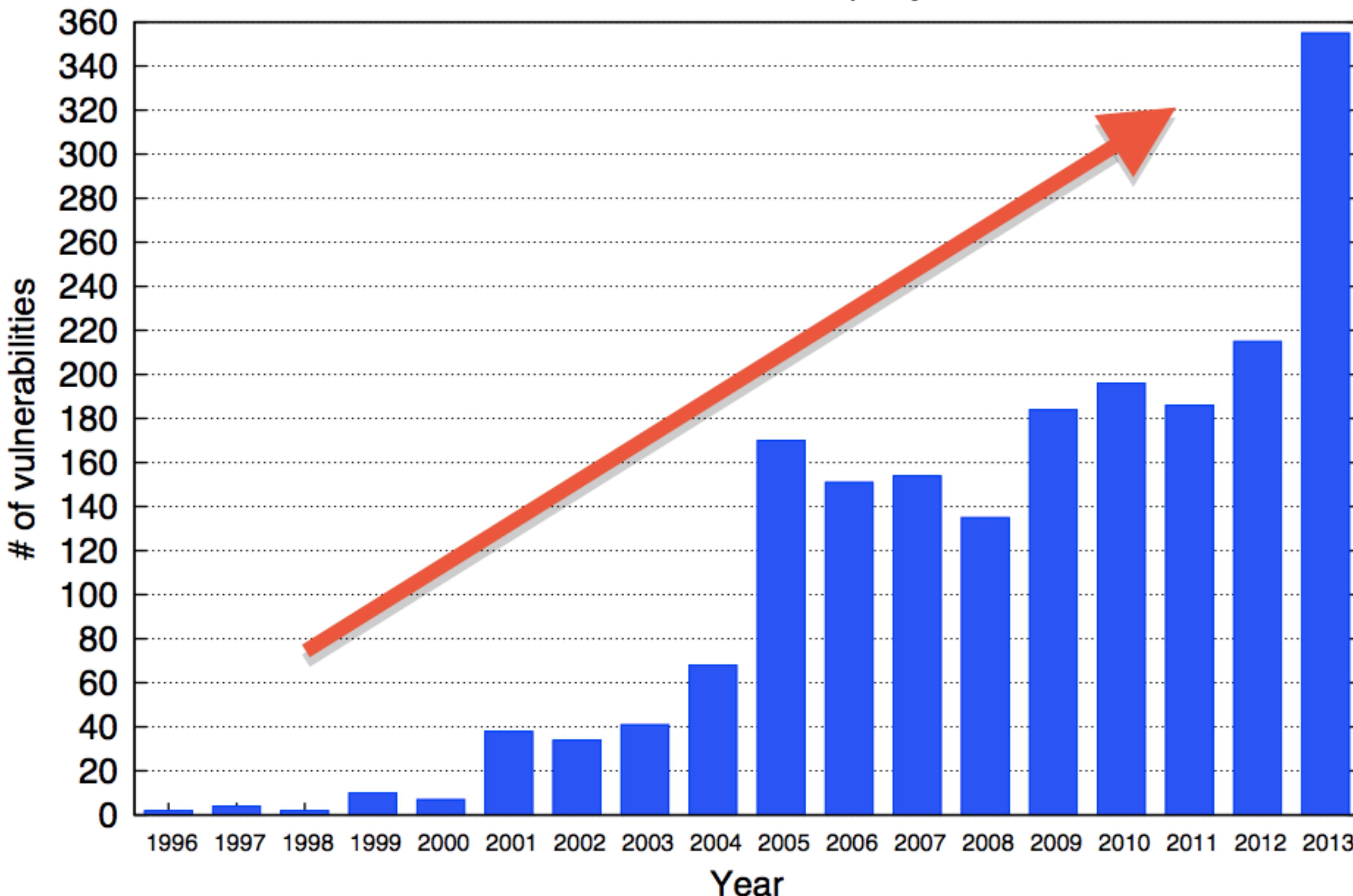
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```
(MUD:timmy@dbticket1:~)$ uptime  
18:53:09 up 2129 days, 16:32, 3 users,  
load average: 0.33, 0.28, 0.21  
10:53
```



...

## Kernel vulnerabilities per year



Source: National Vulnerability Database (<http://nvd.nist.gov>)

<https://www.blackhat.com/docs/eu-14/materials/eu-14-Kemerlis-Ret2dir-Deconstructing-Kernel-Isolation.pdf>



# “Zero-Day” Attack

& timthumb.php



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- Ksplice - <https://www.kslice.com/> scariest fix ever.

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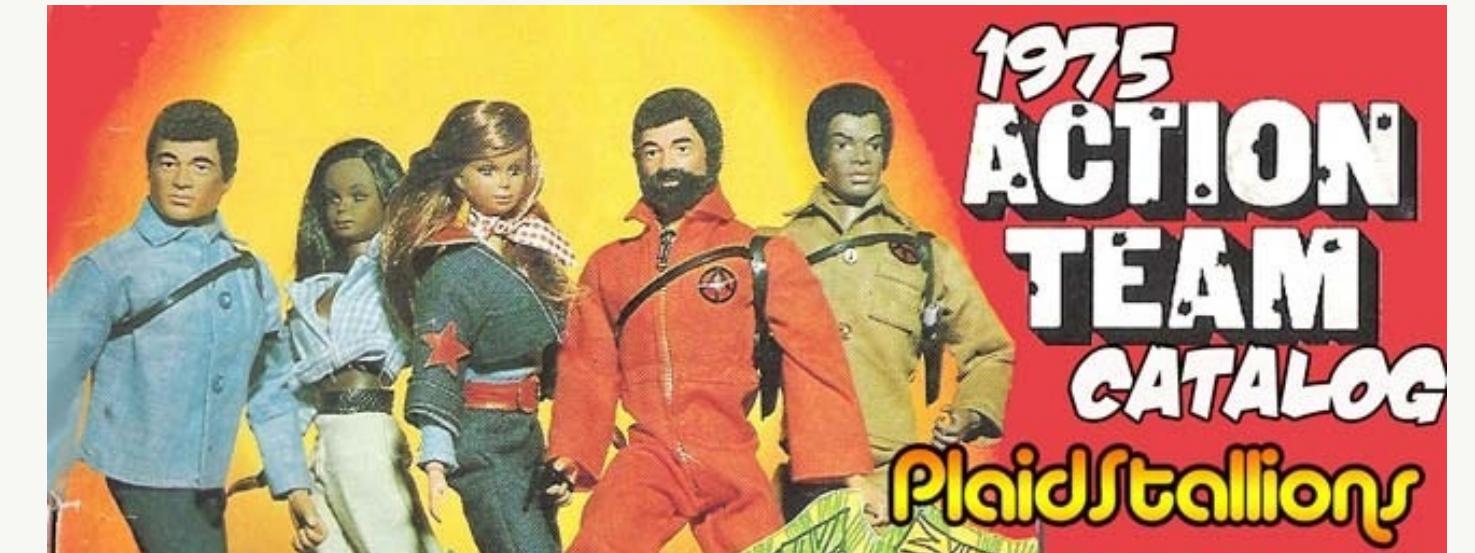
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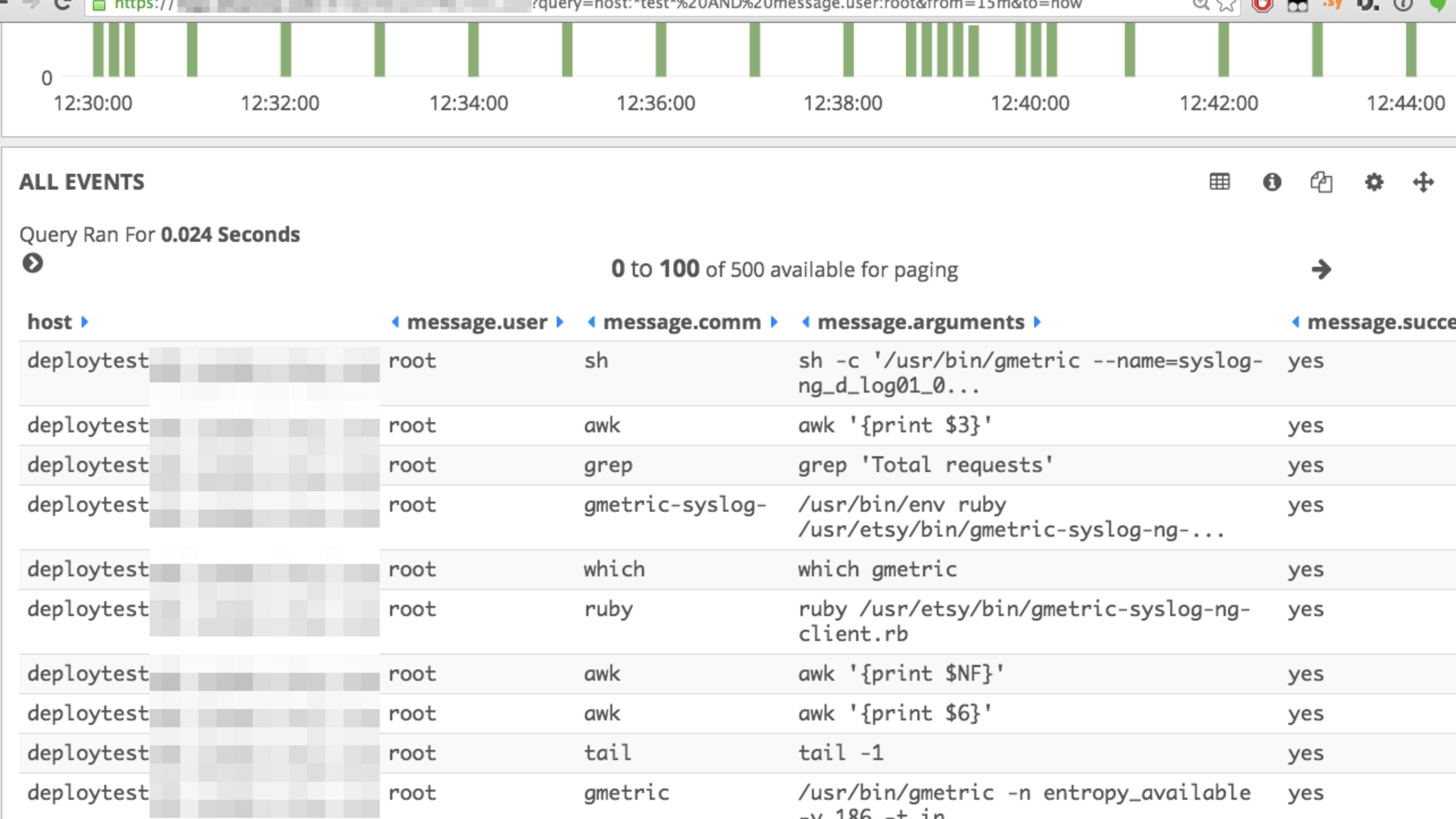
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- Knowing they happened is much better than not knowing.





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# Bundesdatenschutzgesetz warning!



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- Linux kernel auditd events.
  - <http://people.redhat.com/sgrubb/audit/> (driest page ever)
- Mangled with some python because auditd is awful.
  - (will open source this, once the bugs are out. Pinkie swear)
  - Use Mozilla's <https://github.com/mozilla-it/audit-cef>
  - Pay <https://www.threatstack.com/> if you "Cloud".
- Throw in ELK/syslog/giant file to grep through.

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More awesome auditd stuff purely for people  
downloading the slides:

- <http://security.blogoverflow.com/2013/01/a-brief-introduction-to-auditd/>
- <http://blog.threatstack.com/labs/2014/8/21/threat-stack-vs-redhat-auditd-showdown>
- <http://www.slideshare.net/MarkEllzeyThomas/>

# Data



# Backups

A dark, grainy image showing a hallway with several doors. A person's silhouette is visible on the left side, facing away from the camera. The scene is dimly lit, with some light coming from the doors and ceiling fixtures.

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## Backups

- Don't ship your DB backups off unencrypted.
- Don't use symmetric encryption, because the key will live with the backup (probably).

# Canaries



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- Load Balancer Canary

# To Conclude



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- Be careful with data. Help it be careful with you.

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## Questions?

(Hah! As if we have time...)

<https://www.codeascraft.com/>

<https://github.com/etsy/>

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