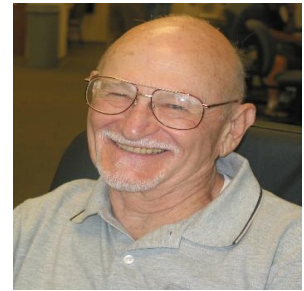


NOBODY ASKED ME BUT.....

By Matt Schwartz



With great regret the LWPCUG Board of Directors and staff of the Leisure Bytes report the retirement of our favorite columnist, Matt Schwartz. After writing this column for several years, Matt has decided to put away his pen (or keyboard) and participate in other leisure activities. We will miss his dedication, humor, knowledge and writing style. Good luck and happiness in your new endeavors.

Thanks Matt.

The Board of Directors & LB Staff

REPORT from APCUG (The Association of Personal Computer User Groups)

Eudora open to multiple high risk flaws. Windows version of popular email client at risk

Security consultancy firm **Next Generation Security Software (NGSS)** has discovered "multiple high risk vulnerabilities" in the Windows version of the popular Eudora email client. According to NGSS representative John Heasman, versions affected include Eudora 6.2.0 and below.

Heasman warned that the flaws permit hackers to execute arbitrary code on victims' PCs via pre-viewing or opening a specially crafted email. Hackers can also run malicious programs by opening specially crafted stationary or mailbox files. Testing by NGSS suggested that these issues have been resolved in Eudora 6.2.1 as detailed at

<http://www.eudora.com/security.html>

Version 6.2.1 can be downloaded at

<http://www.vnunet.com/downloads/1135434>

NGSS said that it was going to withhold details of the flaws for three months in a bid to prevent hackers exploiting them. The company promised to publish full details on May 2. "This three-month window will allow users of Eudora to apply the patch before the details are released to the general public. This reflects our approach to responsible disclosure," said Heasman.



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