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Subject: OT: Just our luck

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Apparently, according to this article, the very security update that had been screwing up gmax and 3DSM programs would be the best defense against "a broad Internet attack that would target enormous numbers of computers from a flaw in Windows software...", other than staying offline, of course.

Quote:

DHS: Hackers could exploit flaw in Windows software...

Ingevaldson, an engineering director for Atlanta-based Internet Security Systems Inc. He

Of course, I had to go through a lot of trouble to find out the cause of the dreaded gmax save corruption error, so I'm not going to reinstall this update. Supposedly this vulnerability marks all of the Windows operating systems.

And according to this thread, this "security update" is in fact the culprit behind the increased instability of gmax/3dSM. The update, XP kb823980 which is also included in MS 2000 Service Pack 4, has caused much frustration among Discreet modelers (I know it has for me). Supposedly, Discreet is working together with Microsoft for a fix.

Am I worried? Not really, I just find this a rather ironic twist in events--the very update that made me think my computer was broken might actually save it should such an attack on my computer occur. Should you be worried? Not if you don't use gmax. And there are plenty of workarounds, suggested by this MS Technet bulletin, which range from disabling DCOM on your computer to simply using the default XP firewall.

And there is a way to live with XP kb823980, by simply merging over and over again with gmax, but to quote Aircraftkiller's thoughts on a previous thread on this issue, "How fucking annoying."

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