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been involved if she HAD chosen the multi-user route; she just knew it would take more time and involve more decisions. I expected more depth than that from someone of her experience.

She has reasonable knowledge of relational database concepts, and here answers here were quick and to the point.

Her attempt at a solution to the problem I gave her (determine whether or not two rectangles intersect and give the intersecting coordinates) was average; she didn't bound the problem at all but jumped right in, but did reasonably well (considering I made an error in setting it up for her!).

Overall, she was not stellar enough to warrant maintaining a contract in another state. It is difficult enough when the contractor is not on site; having them a plane flight away can be extremely difficult, and I would only do it, personally, if the person walked on water. She didn't.

From: Doug Hogarth
To: Brad Silverberg, Don Corbitt
Cc: Joseph Krawczak
Subject: RE: os/2 protection myth
Date: Monday, February 24, 1992 9:03am

Due to the sensitive nature of the "badapp", I'd prefer to demonstrate/discuss only in person. But these are architectural flaws, which I've highlighted below. Ballmer went on a press tour with this thing, and lots of the press perceived it as a "I can crash the OS/2 2 beta" when it really is a 1.3 style app. I can't stress enough how sensitive the code is considered - it is mean ONLY to point out what you said (that OS/2 is not bullet proof), and perhaps to say that NT has a more bullet proof architecture in some areas.

T III demonstrates the following OS/2 characteristics:

- o Incomplete parameter validation causing system and application data corruption
- o Deficiency of the PM synchronous messaging model
- o Vulnerability of OS/2 to direct and/or incorrect hardware access
- o Wild pointers that corrupt system causing data corruption and system crashes

>From bradsl Mon Feb 24 08:48:40 1992
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Cc: josephk

what are the things that T III exploits? These architectural flaws should definitely be part of our attack. when ibm leads people to believe os.2 is bullet proof, we should educate them.

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Our "T III" app still crashes 6.177h build, just like it crashed earlier builds, including OS/2 1.3.

I think IBM's reaction is that they are inventing 32-bit protected DLLs. However, our point is that those features aren't used for the default system.

From: Mark Zbikowski
To: Kent Diamond; Brad Silverberg
Subject: Re: Missing hard drive
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