From: [ulTRAX@webtv.net](mailto:ulTRAX@webtv.net) Date: Thu, Jul 2, 1998, 9:42pm To:  
[n2play@webtv.net](mailto:n2play@webtv.net) Subject: Re: New way to force an upgrade?   
I know you said there was limited hacking prior to June 97... you could  
get into sigs etc. But you never said you contacted WTV about it. So  
they may not have known... or knew and lied to me.   
But if they knew hacking was possible this last time... they could have  
done a server side fix months ago. All I know is what I fins, what I'm  
told and what I can deduce   
  
   
   
From: [n2play@webtv.net](mailto:n2play@webtv.net) Date: Fri, Jul 3, 1998, 8:28pm (EDT-1) To:  
[ulTRAX@webtv.net](mailto:ulTRAX@webtv.net) Subject: Re: New way to force an upgrade?   
When Shawn and I were able to get into each other's set-up and change  
the name that appears in the (parenthesis) to the right of the e-mail  
address and change the password, we both did indeed inform folks at  
WebTV about it. As I was corresponding with someone at corp about  
another problem, I sent it to him and the "loophole" was quickly fixed  
before we got the chance to explore if it was possible to use that to go  
any further into each other's account. JavaScript in e-mail went quickly  
after that. I knew it was very important to let them know about this  
because there were some that had started putting the access user  
information into their sigs. As much as I would have liked to play  
around with the set-up, I knew that our having fun and exploring was not  
as important as what others were about to discover that they could  
possibly do, so I sent the guy at WebTV a link directly to my user info.  
Hindsight being 20/20, this was a very good thing to do because later  
on, folks discovered that if a mailbox was full, the returned mail would  
give the account ID. Someone could have easily used a fake mailer to  
bomb an account shut, then send a message from their WebTV account and  
get the ID. We both gave up our experiments shortly after that and any  
flaws or "loopholes" missed after that point were not our fault:)  
  
  
  
   
Saved e-mail message     
   
From: [ulTRAX@webtv.net](mailto:ulTRAX@webtv.net) Date: Fri, Jul 3, 1998, 10:12pm To:  
[n2play@webtv.net](mailto:n2play@webtv.net) Subject: Re: New way to force an upgrade?   
Having full access to hack accounts was fun while it lasted.... er, I  
mean as I fully tested the various techniques before contacting them  
(LOL).   
There really was nothing that could stop me.... I could bypass  
passwords, I could get into primary accounts from a secondary, I knew  
how to get account numbers.... though I think the some previewers were  
safe...   
I had every intention of telling WTV as soon as possible... and the day  
I did, I found someone had been playing with similar codes in demo. I  
could not get them to work... but they were obviously hot on the trail.  
I was stuck knowing that if I spiled the beans before WTV had a fix...  
it's only encourage others to accelerate their efforts. Yet people had  
to be warned. All I could do was post that everyone should get passwords  
ASAP.... but could not say why. That went over well.   
Oh well.... now there's the new upgrade to deal with. We shall  
overcome... though I wish we had umagumba's <listing> trick a few months  
ago. I just love checking out those WTV page codes.... it's such a rare  
treat. Too bad the downgrade prevents me from exploring what I'm  
finding.