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Subject: Re: SecurityFocus Article

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On Thu May 11 2006, Ed White wrote:

> A researcher of the french NSA discovered a scary vulnerability in modern  
> x86 cpus and chipsets that expose the kernel to direct tampering. The problem  
> is that a feature called System Management Mode could be used to bypass the  
> kernel and execute code at the highest level possible: ring zero.

Ring 0 kernel bad. KLOS good:

<http://crpit.com/confpapers/CRPITV38Vasudevan.pdf>

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