

OS Security

Malware (Part 2) & Intrusion Detection and Prevention

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- ▶ Only reasonable recovery from intrusion:
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 - ▶ Analyze what was compromised and how (forensics)
 - ▶ Restore to a clean state (reinstall, restore clean data backup)