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S5E17: "X-Ray Specs"

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Quicklisten:

We talk about hardware specifications and how to choose them properly.

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Just the Tip

- Ransomware kills.
  - We've talked about ransomware a lot, but pro-tip: if you keep good backups and have config management or orchestration, **you do not need** to pay ransomware. The more that people pay ransoms for ransomware, the more proven lucrative it is, and **the worse the problem gets**. Stop paying. Get your DFIR solid.

Notes

Starts at **6m33s**.

I was drinking sangria. Paden was drinking cranberry juice and Buckeye vodka. Jthan was drinking Miller High Life Lite.

- Announcements!
  - We have a **two-day** game night ("night") coming up! The day before and the day of for Halloween. We'll be playing They Hunger and Afraid of Monsters (both co-op), see the link for details.
  - On November 7, I (r00t^2) will be doing Extra-Life! We'll be playing Unreal Gold Co-op plus maybe Doom if we finish Unreal.

- Hardware specs **(20m53s)**
  - As Jthan points out, "Nobody got fired for buying Dell."
    - SLA and vendor choice is important.
  - How do you choose which specs or product for your application/environment?
    - "What software/product/project/technology am I deploying? What resources does it consume?" are the **most** important questions.
    - Benchmarks/PoCs are important. As close as you can reasonably get to prod, the more ideal – but you will still most likely always be surprised by something you didn't (and/or couldn't!) plan for.
    - Getting a deep understanding of the nitty-gritty of computer hardware design will help a LOT in identifying specification/resource associations.
  - When gathering metrics for scaling, **always** use relative data. It needs to be contextualized.

15 Clams

In this segment, Jthan shares with you a little slice of life. The title is a reference to this video. (2m16s in)

Starts at **56m18s**.

Jthan is mad that he bought a shitty storage appliance and is mad at APIs that don't have server-side CAS ("check-and-set"). And he's also basically mad that other people aren't doing his work for him.

Errata

- Yeah, men actually **do** commit suicide more often than women despite women attempting/having ideation more often. Here you go, Paden.. The statistic is very well-sourced.
- Feel free to join our Extra-Life team (if you're participating in Extra-Life)!

Music

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