

Solution to Breaking Windows

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The first clue to the puzzle is the title. Although the flavortext somehow tries to confuse the user by linking the Windows part to real glass windows, the idea is that the puzzle is about Windows security.

The flavortext actually contains several hints. Important keywords that were capitalized were: Windows, Security, Response, Center, Knowledge and Base.

Windows Security Response Center were all in a single paragraph and was suppose to be used as the first lookup table using the numbers on the puzzle as the index.

The blanks are dates and were to be filled with the dates from the article. From the second paragraph, the word Knowledge Base was hinting at the second lookup table. To find what KB article to use, the hint was in the last paragraph: "Months down the road." Taking the months and looking up the number in the KB we find that it's an article about a computer worm known as Blaster.

02-041	<u>8</u> / 07 / 08
02-004	<u>2</u> / 07 / 02
01-033	<u>6</u> / 18 / 01
02-053	<u>9</u> / 25 / 02
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01-023	<u>5</u> / 01 / 01

KB article: [826955](#)

"Virus alert about Blaster Worm and its variants"

Solution: **BLASTER**

