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### ***Digital attacks on Open Source systems soar***

**London, UK, 17:00 GMT 11 July 2002** – The latest figures compiled by the Intelligence Unit at **mi2g** indicate a significant rise in the number of attacks on Linux based open source third party web applications. The first six months of 2002 have seen 7,630 overt digital attacks (excluding viruses and worms) on Linux systems, already significantly higher than the total of 5,736 for the whole of 2001. On the other hand, overt attacks on Microsoft Windows/IIS based online systems taking place in the first half of 2002 have fallen by 20% to 9,404 from the 11,828 attacks that occurred in the first half of 2001. [Source: mi2g SIPS database]

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