

# The curious interaction between PAE and NX

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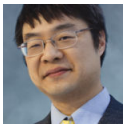
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Carmen Crincoli covered the interaction between PAE and NX on his own blog, so I'll merely incorporate his remarks by reference.

(And notice again the concession to backwards compatibility. Without the backwards compatibility work, XP SP2 would have shipped with NX support and an asterisk, "\*" and those of you who have device drivers that are not PAE-ready will not be able to take advantage of these new security enhancements. We could've done something to make your systems secure, but we decided not to do it in order to teach you a lesson.")



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