

Re: <+> Patch for MS04-007 Today!!!!<+>

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Thanks Jeff. This should help get the ball rolling for those who came late to the party. :-)

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"Jeff Middleton [SBS-MVP]" <jeff@cfisolutions.com> wrote in message news:esFmcfJ9DHA.1596@TK2MSFTNGP10.phx.gbl...

> *Do NOT DELAY!!*

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> *I've prepared a sample email you can use to forward to customer, family and*

> *friends to notify them to obtain and install this patch. I know all of us*

> *need something like to send people, so I'm sharing the one I wrote for my*

> *needs.*

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> *Feb 15, 2004*

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> *An ~extremely~ critical security software update was made available last*

> *week by Microsoft. Every Windows 2000/XP/NT computer has a design flaw*

> *vulnerability which Microsoft acknowledged by releasing this patch. Though*

> *there is no virus/worm known currently in circulation yet to attack this*

> *flaw, don't panic but you should protect your computer by installing the*

> *update in the next day or so. Go to WindowsUpdate if you are familiar with*

> *that method of update and install all currently offered "Critical Updates*

> *and Security Packs". Issue 828028 is the item involved in this matter.*

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> *The balance of this message expands more detailed information than stated*

> *above, so if the first paragraph made sense to you, you don't really need*

to

> *read the rest of this unless you are curious.*

> *If you want a news story, this one covers it:*

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> <http://www.cnn.com/2004/TECH/biztech/02/10/microsoft.flaw.reut/index.html>

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> *The nature of the vulnerability could be exploited to potentially gain*

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full

- > control of a system remotely, a firewall would not provide protection to
- > certain exploit methods, nor would anti-virus provide protection in such
- > cases. Installing this patch is the only appropriate defense because it
- > corrects the flaw itself. It's very important to understand that this is a
- > simple preventative step to take now while there is no virus/worm yet in
- > circulation attacking this flaw.
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- > This is a very unusual flaw of the most serious nature, arguably ranks in
- a
- > top 5 flaws in Windows history. What you need to do about it is pretty
- > simple, takes just a minute or two if your computer has high-speed web
- > access and is periodically being updated at WindowsUpdate.
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- > WindowsUpdate will provide the patch if you are familiar with that method
- of
- > updating. The patch is Q828028, aka: MS04-007 depending upon what resource
- > reference is being indicated. Your concern should be most specifically
- first
- > about protecting your home computer, or personal laptop. Tell your friends
- > to take these steps as well.
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- > For your business computers, check with whomever maintains them to
- determine
- > if you need to take any action to protect it, or if they will act on your
- > behalf.
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- > ** You should go to Microsoft's website to directly obtain and install
- this
- > patch. Never open an email claiming to be a patch from Microsoft because
- > Microsoft NEVER emails patch files or updates. **
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- > You can reach WindowsUpdate at www.microsoft.com/windowsupdate.
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- > Follow the screen prompt instructions to "Scan for Updates" on your system
- > for missing patches, then accept and install all "Critical Updates and
- > Security Packs" patches offered. If none are offered to you, then you
- likely
- > have the patch already installed by an automatic update method configured
- on
- > your computer. If you visit WindowsUpdate frequently, you should find this
- > patch to be small and install in a minute or two, then require a reboot.
- If
- > you do not frequently update your computer, you may find it takes an hour
- or
- > more to obtain the patches over high-speed connection.
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