

## Re: Zotob worm patch?

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Leythos <[void@xxxxxxxxxxx](mailto:void@xxxxxxxxxxx)> wrote in  
[news:MPG.1d6ecc5f328d8c0b989c5a@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx](mailto:news:MPG.1d6ecc5f328d8c0b989c5a@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx):

> In article <[Xns96B69D488FAC6bobarcabca@xxxxxxxxxxxxxx](mailto:Xns96B69D488FAC6bobarcabca@xxxxxxxxxxxxxx)>,  
> bob@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx says...  
>> Leythos <[void@xxxxxxxxxxx](mailto:void@xxxxxxxxxxx)> wrote in  
>> [news:MPG.1d6ebd2091d6b8c8989c57@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx](mailto:news:MPG.1d6ebd2091d6b8c8989c57@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx):  
>>  
>>> In article <[Xns96B692EFF1FF6bobarcabca@xxxxxxxxxxxxxx](mailto:Xns96B692EFF1FF6bobarcabca@xxxxxxxxxxxxxx)>,  
>>> bob@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx says...  
>>>> PS I want to slap you upside the head! While there are often other  
>>>> ways to prevent attacks why not fix the problem? What happens if  
>>>> your firewall fails or you misconfigure it?  
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>>>> Are you serious? If the firewall fails you don't have any internet  
>>>> access in most cases. If you misconfigure it, most times you're still  
>>>> not exposed enough to cause a problem. Many people test their  
>>>> firewalls against intrusion, so it's easy to tell if one is  
>>>> "misconfigured" if the admin cares.  
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>>>> Yes I'm serious. Firewalls have bugs too! The original poster is  
>>>> relying ENTIRELY on his firewall (a software one at that) to protect  
>>>> him. Why not apply the patches and get the additional level of  
>>>> security? I can understand waiting a while or doing some testing  
>>>> beforehand but there is no good reason not to apply critical patches.  
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>>>> I think you will find that there have been many cases where a Patch has  
>>>> cause a custom application to fail or some cheap hardware device to fail  
>>>> or where a combination of apps/devices have failed due to service packs  
>>>> or updates.  
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>>>> Do you remember when Sp2 came out for XP? Many systems ran fine on SP1  
>>>> and didn't need SP2 to keep working, many things were impacted by SP2  
>>>> changes, and those same systems running Sp1 were just as safe without  
>>>> SP2 in a properly secured network.  
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>>>> I'm not advocating not installing SP's and critical updates, but  
>>>> critical is relative, so consider how updates that are untested could

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> impact others and not just yourself.

As I mentioned in another post on this subject I do user support for over 600 people in a research environment with diverse hardware and software and haven't had any serious issues with critical patches from Microsoft since the days of Windows NT.

It is interesting that most issues we have had with Microsoft updates occurred on laptops with ZoneAlarm. After certain updates ZoneAlarm will not let lsass.exe or services.exe through (new versions installed as part of the update). Easy fix is to remove the machine from the network during the reboot and ZoneAlarm will then ask whether or not to allow these applications through.

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