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Jagster™ - March 28, 2014, 9:21 am

[img]http://4.bp.blogspot.com/-AJxcFqspKC4/UzEiKzAoYjI/AAAAAAAAAz8/S7TB8r_p5Lg/s728/Microsoft-Word-zero-day-exploit.jpg[/img]

Microsoft warned about a zero-day vulnerability in [Microsoft](#) Word that is being actively exploited in targeted attacks and discovered by the Google security team. "At this time, we are aware of limited, targeted attacks directed at Microsoft Word 2010..." company said.

According to Microsoft's [security advisory](#), Microsoft Word is vulnerable to a remote code execution vulnerability (CVE-2014-1761) that can be exploited by a specially crafted Rich Text Format (RTF). An Attacker can simply infect the victim's system with malware if a user opens a malicious Rich Text Format (RTF), or merely preview the message in Microsoft Outlook.

"The issue is caused when Microsoft Word parses specially crafted RTF-formatted data causing system memory to become corrupted in such a way that an attacker could execute arbitrary code."

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Microsoft is working on an official patch, which will be released with the next Patch Tuesday security updates on April 8.

But in the meantime, Windows users can use temporary 'Fix It' tool to patch this vulnerability and also can install Enhanced Mitigation Experience Toolkit (EMET) tool that can mitigate this vulnerability.

Do not download .RTF files from the suspicious websites, and do not open or preview .RTF email attachments from strangers.

[Sauce](#)

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These exploits are always being developed and patched quickly so not much to worry about in the long run, just a simple warning to users!

T e s s e r a c t - March 28, 2014, 9:59 am

What a fantastic warning computer security message. Remote code execution is a popular exploitation method.

Thanks for the heads up Jagster!!

Jagster™ - March 28, 2014, 10:03 am

Not a problem! I am always on the look out for these exploits being announced! I know they are always around and they usually become patched very quickly once released.

Aura - March 28, 2014, 10:28 am

Uh-oh, guess I'll have to download that Fix-It on my laptop who's running Office 2010. Good thing I'm running Office 2013 on my main computer ?

Mr. Re - March 28, 2014, 10:29 am

People will attempt anything to infect these days, thanks for the heads up!

Jagster™ - March 28, 2014, 1:38 pm

No problem! Always try to spread the warnings out, people easily accept .rtf files thinking they are safe.

Null Byte - March 28, 2014, 6:03 pm

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Aura - March 28, 2014, 7:25 pm

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BlackHoax - March 28, 2014, 9:38 pm

Thanks for the share, will really help out xD

Aura - March 28, 2014, 9:44 pm

(Mar 28, 2014 09:29 PM)Null Byte Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) I'm too poor to get Word and I really disagree with piracy in general, so I'm stuck here with OpenOffice ?

Get a hold of yourself Null, get a job, LOL.

Xycon - March 28, 2014, 10:06 pm

I find this news quite funny.

Not using Microsoft Office anyways.

I try to use as least Microsoft products where possible due to upgrading them or re-installing them or uninstalling them always seem to fuck up somewhere due to it being so fucked up deeply integrated inside the windows system itself. Being a pain to fix.

Where something like open Office is even available in a portable version and never has any trouble uninstalling.

Jagster™ - March 29, 2014, 10:04 am

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T e s s e r a c t - March 29, 2014, 11:26 am

(Mar 29, 2014 10:04 AM)Jagster Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) ^^

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Ooohhh son you're taking Env. Science course? Thats awesome! I am majoring in Env. Science! If you ever need help/ good sources (scientific journals) feel free to hit me up on skype! I just finished my term paper you would love it!

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Xycon - March 30, 2014, 8:54 am

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Well, I forgot to say, Microsoft Office also runs a few service's even while it is not in use, even when not using it for months they would still run unless manually disabled. These service's would then be utterly useless and only take up system resources for nothing.

Not that that matters with my system, but those two are the main reason I don't like MO. (Service's and irritating deep windows system integration, I have seen many people having issues with this.)

HeisenbergSM - March 31, 2014, 6:08 pm

Thanks for the alert Jagster, I will make sure to watch what documents I download in the next days even though I don't download much.

'Cynical - April 1, 2014, 10:21 pm

Another reason to switch to Libre Office... Just putting that out there.. :P

Jagster™ - April 2, 2014, 12:20 pm

Or google drive is another free alternative.

Cletus Kasady - April 2, 2014, 12:23 pm

What annoys me is that they set a date for the patch to be released instead of doing everything they can to have it out by tomorrow...

Agent Shark - April 2, 2014, 12:32 pm

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Jack the stripper - April 2, 2014, 1:51 pm

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Aura - April 2, 2014, 1:52 pm

(Apr 2, 2014 01:51 PM)dblue_one Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) "Microsoft acknowledged that remote code execution flaw also exists in Microsoft Word 2003, 2007, 2013, Word Viewer and Office for Mac 2011."

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Uh-ho, here comes a downgrade to Office 2010 I guess ?

Joke, Office 2010 was still pretty good compared to the older versions.