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Thread: [Why does Zerodium pay so little for Adobe Reader?](#)

furryincel - June 11, 2023, 5:11 pm

Zerodium pays \$1 million for Windows Zero Click RCE, but \$80k for Adobe Reader RCE. I feel like in practice an Adobe Reader RCE would be almost as good as a Windows RCE. At the very least, it doesn't justify a 92% difference in price. Everyone checks emails and everyone feels safe with PDFs. The only thing would be perhaps not everyone uses Adobe Reader.

How hard do you think it would be to find an Adobe Reader RCE?

Dread.Reaper - June 11, 2023, 7:54 pm

Perhaps because Windows is an Operating system and Adobes only an application?

Interesting question... but I think it boils down to simple that Windows is an environment and all thats needed for the first example. Where you would have to have adobe installed for the second example.

DramaKing - June 12, 2023, 5:13 am

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Well sure, but all browsers support it now, Enterprise environments run an adobe management server that forces policies and a wide array of variables. Where, windows... well its just windows.

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[Video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hT7668VLjPM>]

Haters will say its fake, but its 100% real, I mean its video proof!