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Thread: [Microsoft warns about flaw that makes hacking easier](#)

xSkilledx - January 3, 2011, 9:18 am

Quote:Microsoft has warned about a flaw on the Internet Explorer browser that could allow hackers to take control of unprotected computers .

The bug allows hackers to inject malware onto any system if they manage to trick users into visiting booby-trapped websites. Anyone with Internet Explorer (IE) 6 to 8 is potentially affected.

The code to exploit the bug has already been published. The computer giant said there was no evidence it was being used yet by criminals but they were "investigating" and working on a permanent fix, reports the Daily Mail.

Dave Forstrom, director of Microsoft's Trustworthy Computing group, said: "We're currently unaware of any attacks trying to use the claimed vulnerability or of customer impact."

The bug targets how the browser manages a computer's memory when it is processing Cascade Style Sheets - which are design instructions that determine how most web pages look.

Hackers can inject their own code into the stream of instructions and in this way hijack the PC. Although Microsoft has improved how memory management is protected, it does not work when some older parts of Windows are called on.

The bug first came to light on the seclists.org full disclosure mailing list earlier this month.

Rik Ferguson, security analyst at Trendo Micro, told the BBC: "As vulnerabilities go, this kind is the most serious as it allows remote execution of code.

"This means the attacker can run programmes, such as malware, directly on the victim's computer."

"It is highly reminiscent of a vulnerability at the same time two years ago which prompted several national governments to warn against using IE and to switch to an alternative browser."

Source: Daily Telegraph

w1ck3ds1n - January 3, 2011, 11:51 am

IE is just full of fail they should just give up.

Riseing - January 3, 2011, 11:55 am

(Jan 3, 2011 12:51 PM)w1ck3ds1n Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) IE is just full of fail they should just give up. The only thing IE is good for is downloading another browser, and it's not even good at that.

Genequil - January 3, 2011, 11:59 am

(Jan 3, 2011 12:55 PM)Riseing Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) The only thing IE is good for is downloading another browser, and it's not even good at that.

[IMG]http://i53.[censored].com/2cymeqf.jpg[/IMG]

Stay Plural - January 3, 2011, 12:00 pm

Hahahah I doubt anyone hacker uses Explorer:D

enK - January 3, 2011, 12:06 pm

(Jan 3, 2011 01:00 PM)G00D2bD3AD Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Hahahah I doubt anyone hacker uses Explorer:D

Ahh. Probably to test exploits, that's all. ;)

Zenko - January 4, 2011, 5:40 pm

Who still uses Internet Explorer? LOL

Nift - January 4, 2011, 9:00 pm

I pity the people that still use IE.

Chrome is where its at =)

Tello - January 4, 2011, 9:51 pm

I am gonna infect google.com and all other country endings!

Same as alot of games (populair)

(Paypal)

(Banking sites)

Who wanna join bitches :D?

hockey97 - January 4, 2011, 10:21 pm

(Jan 4, 2011 10:00 PM)Mr. Grey Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) I pity the people that still use IE.

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LMAO!!!! I agree... I know many people that still use it. When I asked them why don't you use firefox or chrome... they go what's that??? LMAO!!!?

I currently use google chrome. I also interchangeably use firefox and chrome on and off.

I haven't used IE since windows 98 and windows 2000 and me died out. Before xp came out.

It's been a long time. The only time I use it is when I have to reinstall windows and I have to go on the internet to download and install the other browsers. I then either delete IE or keep it for my college since my college uses 100% microsoft products like microsoft office. They won't allow me to use open office. So I had to buy microsoft office right from the college.

Nitros - January 4, 2011, 10:22 pm

Anyone know where we can find this code ?

The only one I could find was the one from early 2010

AnTxJeTs - January 5, 2011, 11:52 am

(Jan 3, 2011 12:55 PM)Riseing Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) The only thing IE is good for is downloading another browser, and it's not even good at that.

Lol @ that. I was thinking the same thing. My school uses chrome ftw.

.:Cordes.: - January 5, 2011, 11:57 am

(Jan 4, 2011 11:22 PM)bluebanana Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Anyone know where we can find this code ?

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Seclist.org should be the place. Just as the article tells.

Kool - January 5, 2011, 2:06 pm

(Jan 3, 2011 12:55 PM)Riseing Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) The only thing IE is good for is downloading another browser, and it's not even good at that.

Quoted for fucking truth.

The only thing I've ever used internet Explorer for is downloading Opera or Google Chrome.

Tbh IE is slow as shit. Even when my PC is hooked up to my router via ethernet.

killjaden - January 5, 2011, 5:39 pm

(Jan 3, 2011 12:55 PM)Riseing Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) The only thing IE is good for is downloading another browser, and it's not even good at that.Lmao, well said.

I've never ever used IE.. so terrible.

ULH4L - January 5, 2011, 9:09 pm

(Jan 4, 2011 10:00 PM)Mr. Grey Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) I pity the people that still use IE.

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Chrome = Win.

But my frined always argues that Internet Explorer is the best LOL. He fails hardcore. xD

TheFakeRush - January 9, 2011, 10:13 pm

YAY hACK EVERYTHING! this is the day we prevail.