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Subject: Re: [Full-disclosure] Reuters: Microsoft to give holes info to UncleSam first – responsible vendor notification may not be a goodidea any more...

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> On Sat, 12 Mar 2005 13:41:26 +0100, Tamas Feher <etomcat@freemail.hu> wrote:

> > <http://www.reuters.com/newsArticle.jhtml?type=technologyNews&storyID=7>

> > 876004&src=rss/technologyNews

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> > Microsoft to Offer Patches to U.S. Govt. First

> > by Reuters, 11 Mar 2005

> [snip]

> > Under a plan to take effect later this year, Microsoft will give the

> > U.S. Air Force versions of software "patches" to fix serious security

> > vulnerabilities up to a month before they are available to others,

> > the paper said.

> [snip]

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> Isn't the real issue we're trying to address, is that the US Govt's

> advance knowledge of this information, does not serve the masses?

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> My strongest opinion is to provide it for everyone at the same time.

> This advance notice has some indication that someone does not have the

> (wo)man power and action plan on how to handle these updates. Seems

> like what ever reason they have, is a complete cop-out (Feel free to

> enlighten me Uncle Sam, I honor thee, but why are thou so special?).

> Two words for Uncle Sam. "Cowboy up!". Sure MSFT says the updates

> will only be stalled to the public, "up to a month", but that could be

> any amount of time.

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> *And this whole nonsense of "black hats only find these holes from  
> updates" is just that, nonsense. How many times have we seen a  
> website turn a browser into a mushroom cloud? I mean, we've NEVER  
> seen a program crash by visiting websites, right? Reproduce that, and  
> you've got yourself the makings of an exploit. What if the next  
> discovered hole is a worm writer? (I'm not meaning to suggest that  
> internet/www are not the only "critical updates" of concern in this  
> topic, but it's the easiest to illustrate)*

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> *Thank you,*

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> *Scott Edwards*

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