MS03−021 (819639) Patch Misinformation

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Russ:

with the recent release of MS03−021 (819639) we've been in another patch deployment flurry here. Among the things we've noticed already:

The bulletin at
http://www.microsoft.com/technet/security/bulletin/MS03−021.asp
says that a reg key HKEY_LOCAL_MACHINE\SOFTWARE\Microsoft\Updates\Windows Media Services\wm819639 will exist if you've installed this patch, which is erroneous. It's not Windows Media Services. If you extract the .inf from the .exe patch, you can see that the key is HKLM\SOFTWARE\Microsoft\Updates\Windows Media Player\wm819639.

To make matters worse, the KB article says the file version should be 9.0.0.3006 when in fact the version of the file in the patch, and the version recorded in the registry is actually 9.0.0.3008! File sizes do match up, so that's a plus.

We noticed this behavior on a clean install of Windows XP SP1 with WMP9 deployed with the Enterprise Deployment Pack. There is only one version of the patch, however, so I expect this behavior is the same on all platforms.

Is this really how a sysadmin has to work? Read everything microsoft says and then figure it out by hand anyway?

−Brad

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