

Re: Alert: Microsoft Security Bulletin – MS03–039

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I thought there was an interesting subtle difference regarding Microsoft's treatment of legacy systems (such as NT4 WS, and W2K SP2) between MS03–26 and MS03–39.

There seems to be a notable shift in the 'all care, no responsibility' approach of MS02–36 to the fully tested support of MS03–39 (and even a separate download for NT4 Workstation). Testimony to the fact there is still so much NT4 still out there on the desks. I wonder where we will be in Dec 04 when NT4 server support runs out. I seem to remember it's already been given a year or more grace.

Here is a cut from the two separate bulletins and how they deal with NT4, win2000 SP2 treatment is similar.

MS03–26

This security patch will install on Windows NT 4.0 Workstation Service Pack 6a. However, Microsoft no longer supports this version, according to the Microsoft Support Lifecycle policy found at <http://support.microsoft.com/lifecycle>. In addition, this security patch has only received minimal testing on Windows NT 4.0 Workstation Service Pack 6a. Customers are strongly advised to upgrade to a supported version as soon as possible. Microsoft Product Support Services will support customers who have installed this patch on Windows NT 4.0 Workstation Service Pack 6a if a problem results from installation of the patch.

MS03–39

Windows NT 4.0 Workstation has reached its end of life as previously documented and Microsoft is not normally providing generally available patches. However, due to the nature of this vulnerability, the fact that the end-of-life occurred very recently, and the number of Windows NT 4.0 Workstations currently in active use, Microsoft has decided to make an exception for this vulnerability.

We do not anticipate doing this for future vulnerabilities, but reserve the right to produce and make available patches when necessary. It should be a priority for customers with existing Windows NT 4.0 Workstations to migrate those to supported platforms to prevent

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exposure to future vulnerabilities.

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